Yahoo Group Archive: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)

Yahoo Group summary: West Michigan Hams

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1. what I am thinking

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-12 02:14:49 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 1 Message: 1

Here is what I am thinking ... have all the reflectors go to haveing just there members on there reflector and then have this reflector for a joint refector ...so you send a email to your reflector and to this reflector if you want everone to see it then we get rid of the junk going on in the mcares and ocec and so forth .... What do you think .... Don

2. Welcome Mark

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-12 22:15:37 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 2 Message: 2

HI Mark and welcome to this group did you understand what I was talking about and what do you think ..... 73 Don ....

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3. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Welcome Mark

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-13 01:17:16 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 2 Message: 3

Want to try linking the two reflectors together until the transition is made? Just put mcares@yahoogroups.com as a member of WestMichiganHams and see what happens. After a period of time we will remove the link.

I think it's at least worth a try.

Thanks for taking the effort to start a new reflector.

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Don Meyer
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2006 5:15 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Welcome Mark

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4. NEW Reflector

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-13 23:47:51 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 4 Message: 4

Hello Everyone,

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This is a great move and I thank Don for taking the initiative to start the new list (list / reflector are one and the same). I see that there are already 12 members, myself included.

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Thanks and 73,

Mark K8MHZ

5. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEW Reflector

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-13 23:50:24 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 4 Message: 5

This will be a great place for all West Michigan Hams to chat about issues in West Michigan.

Jeff

----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; *MCARES Reflector
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2006 6:47 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] NEW Reflector

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6. Welcome to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-14 00:36:23 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 6 Message: 6

Hello .... Everyone and Welcome to West Michigan Hams... It is nice to see all the hams joining at about 5:00pm today we had 3 people and by 7:30 tonight I see we are already up to 12. I hope you injoy yourself reading the posts and want you to tell all hams you know about our site.. and that is just what it is a site for all hams in Western Michigan .. so if you know of other ham sites that you can post a message to go ahead and invite them to join .... 73 Don KB8ODB

7. Approval will happen just as fast as we can

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-14 02:58:36 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 7 Message: 7

Hello .. We are trying to do the Approvals as fast as we can so if one of us are on line you will get approved right away .. or as soon as we get back on line ... thanks and 73 Don KB8ODB

8. Waxing Poetic

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-14 23:54:20 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 8 Message: 8
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

To those of you getting this on the MCARES Reflector, please note that this is one of the last posts of general amateur interest that will be made to that reflector.

In the very near future, all posts of this nature will be placed on the fast growing, wildly popular WestMichiganHams Reflector.

If you are not a member yet, I urge you to join ASAP. We don't want anyone to get lost in the shuffle when we finally make the MCARES Reflector restricted only to MCARES messages.

Here is the form again to join:

Subscribe to WestMichiganHams

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Now on with the story....

Waxing Poetic

Finally, after over a decade in the hobby, I feel like a real ham. Not to say that I felt less than a ham before but since I joined the amateur radio hobby to get into emergency services I centered my interests around what it took to perform emergency communications. Last Fall, after having a license for over a decade, I decided to upgrade in order to take advantage of amateur HF privileges. I bought an HF rig and made some antennas.

Once I started not only hearing distant stations, but making contact with them, I soon wondered if I could improve my station's performance without sinking a ton of money into it. I originally just wanted a marginal station, one that would work if I needed it. I really had no interest in chatting with strangers. But to think that I could actually measure my skill as an antenna builder and erector by making contacts farther and farther away intrigued me. I was very surprised to see that my home made antennas were sufficient to make contacts in Florida, Texas, the Virginias....as far away as Calgary, Alberta. My radio is pretty average, it puts out 100 watts. A pair of car headlights puts more power into the air than my radio does. I was amazed to think that such a small signal could be heard that far away....but could it be better? I might not be able to shine my car's headlights on the QTH's that I have contacted, but I sure could drive my car there in a few hours.

I wanted to expand my horizons. I wanted to do it in a manner that I enjoy, making the most of what I had. I was not satisfied with the height of my home made bazooka antenna. So on Kid's day my 12 year old daughter KØLEY and I managed to gain about 12 feet of height by re-rigging the antenna to it's supporting tree. I also was not happy with my makeshift ground. It took punching a hole in the block in the basement wall to get the short connection I needed, but I managed to cut 10 feet or so out of my grounding electrode conductor making a very nice RF ground, with the length of the conductor to the earth itself now only 20 or so inches long. The result was a very quiet system. The static level

on all bands was reduced with 40 meters showing the best improvement.

But it was 20 meters that was really stretched out. I was now hearing stations in South America and Europe coming in...and actually moving the needle on my S-meter. What were the chances that any of them could hear me?

The voice coming in on 20 meters the day before yesterday was distinctly British. I listened as he spoke with a 9 call here in the states. They finished their QSO, said their 73's and I was wondering if there was a chance to make a contact. I called MØRAD and to my surprise he answered back.

It was that QSO that made me realize the true romance of HF communications. In a way that really is quite unforgettable. You see, the gentleman that answered my call was in England. Stratford-upon-Avon to be precise. The home of William Shakespeare, he said, writer of the most well known romance of all, Romeo and Juliet.

Michael, MØRAD and I had a very short QSO, most of which was getting my call to him correctly. He did manage to tell me about William Shakespeare. He also told me that it was one thing to make a long distance contact using a 1.5 kilowatt station and large beams, but doing it with a stock radio and a home brew antenna was part of the art of ham radio. The romance, if you will. The romance of HF radio had been presented to me from the home of the world's most famous romance itself, Stratford-upon-Avon, England. He also told me that he would 'give his right arm' to have a call like mine. That put a big smile on my face...they must not have vanity calls in England.

Others will use different measures, but making that trans-oceanic contact using an antenna that was built, tuned and hung by my ham daughter and myself was what made me feel like a real ham. The antenna was made from scrap pieces of coax, the radio was not connected to an amplifier and was powered by two car batteries being charged by a small power supply given to me by another ham, W8AMZ. I am sure smaller stations have made farther contacts, but this one, 3000 miles or so on less than an ampere of current was remarkable to me.

Although I don't have a home brew rig, I did get a taste of the accomplishment felt by those that do build their own. I think it is safe to say that the happiest hams go the farthest with the least.

The bands will start to open up soon. If you don't have an HF rig, it might be fun to get a small short-wave receiver and listen to what is out there. I am also planning on working HF into emergency communications. More on that later.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

9. New poll for WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-15 16:13:52 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 9 Message: 9

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
WestMichiganHams group:

Amateur radio operators in times of emergency have stepped up and provided communication were they were needed. When it comes to volunteering our skills as hams how do you feel ?.

o I do not want to volunteer for anything
o I am a communicator and should only do communications
o I am limited on what I can do and do not feel I would be of help
o I know all I need to know and will help when the time comes
o I will train for some things but I have very limited time to participate
o I want to train for as much as I can and help were I am trained
o I seen the poll but will not vote

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/surveys?id=1462968

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

10. Signup is good / Lets see how polls work

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-15 16:29:58 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 10 Message: 10

Hello and Welcome everyone to the West Michigan Hams Reflector.
We are having a great sign up, and this reflector is for all of
us here in West Michigan and any of the moderators will be glad to help
you out with any problems you have just keep in mind we are all
volunteers in this venture. As I like to try all bells and whistles out
on new toys I have put out a poll on here to try, so please take the
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73 and Thanks again for joining Don Meyer

11. 12v

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-15 16:45:44 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 11 Message: 11

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12. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 12v

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-15 17:03:29 UTC
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
Topic: 11 Message: 12

Paul,
If you have the question there are probably many more that have been thinking about it too or are interested in the answer.
Tom

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Date: Sun, 15 Jan 2006 16:45:44 -0000
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13. Re: 12v

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-15 17:04:33 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 11 Message: 13

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14. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Signup is good / Lets see how polls work

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-15 17:15:11 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 10 Message: 14

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15. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12v

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-15 17:22:00 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 11 Message: 15

If you have a power supply with an adjustable output, you can probably get away with adjusting it to about 13 volts. I am using 13.8 volts in my shack and it doesn't overheat my gel cell batteries that I keep connected in parallel with it.

If your charger puts out 14 volts, a diode will drop the voltage by about 0.7 volts, but I recommend putting a resistor in line to keep from burning out the diode if the battery needs a lot of charge.

Of course, a trickle charger specifically designed for the purpose is better.
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From: Don Meyer
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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16. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12v

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-15 19:13:44 UTC
From: KC8PCJ
Topic: 11 Message: 16

Mark had sent an e-mail a while back, that Harbor freight had a float charger for about 15 bucks. That would be the best option.

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Date: 2006-01-15 19:42:46 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 11 Message: 17

http://f2.grp.yahoofs.com/v1/sJvKQ5OqtObI5H-Dzzi8md2VJe4Yh2oDW-Q__qfUxOSKtchvIXG3GUkssev30KSqJrHcyXKHySpzQQgFG9iG3sALsss/Regulated%20PS.pdf

I just uploaded a regulated power supply diagram I drew.
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18. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Signup is good / Lets see how polls work

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 01:14:11 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 10 Message: 18

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19. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Signup is good / Lets see how polls work

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 02:42:09 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 10 Message: 19

What are you using to access your email, web mail, outlook, outlook express?.?

Does your ISP have some kind of spam blocker?

-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Tom VanderMel
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No virus found in this outgoing message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.371 / Virus Database: 267.14.18/230 - Release Date: 1/14/2006

20. Re: [WestMichiganHams] E-Mail filtering without extra software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 02:53:48 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 20 Message: 20

This is what I did. It's for Outlook Express:

1. Go to tools, choose Message Rules, and choose Mail.
2. Create a new rule by clicking NEW...
3. Choose "for All Messages." in the top window.
4. Choose "Move to the specified folder." in the second window.
5. Click on the word Specified in the third window.
6. Create a new folder and name it SPAM
7. Choose the new folder.
8. Click on OK.

The next thing to do is create rules that allow your desired incoming messages to stay in your inbox without being moved to the SPAM folder. This one gets most of them all at once:

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Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2006 8:14 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Signup is good / Lets see how polls work

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21. Another suggestion for cleaning up the e-mails

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 03:10:16 UTC
From: Andrew
Topic: 21 Message: 21

I made a PDF copy of the instructions from my last post and uploaded it to the Files section.

Sorry for being such a know-it-all web hog here, but I just had another thought (just trying to be helpful):

When you reply to a thread using e-mail, the program usually leaves the previous e-mail(s) appended at the end of your message. While this is helpful if you're only reading one copy, it kind of makes for a very long e-mail by the time it is passed around a few times.

This also causes multiple copies of the same text in the "daily Digest" if several people have replied to a topic.

I would like to suggest we make a practice of deleting all the information below the reply except for the post to which you are replying. It will sure save space in our inboxes as well as speeding up download times for those with dial-up connections.

Andrew

22. Fw: it cavitate, Celestyn in easternmost

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 03:04:36 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 22 Message: 22

I am using outlook Express and this is how they make it thro Tom

> Dear Home Owner,
>
> Your credit doesn't matter to us! If you OWN real estate
> and want IMMEDIATE cash to spend ANY way you like, or simply wish
> to LOWER your monthly payments by a third or more, here are the deals
> we have TODAY (hurry, these offers will expire TONIGHT) :
> Low as
> $443,000.00 at a 3.14,% fixed-rate
> $399,000.00 at a 3.91,% variable-rate
> $496,000.00 at a 3.52,% interest-only
> $252,000.00 at a 3.49,% fixed-rate
> $152,000.00 at a 3.24,% variable-rate
>
> Hurry, when these deals are gone, they are gone!
> Simply fill out this one-minute form...
>
> Don't worry about approval, your credit will not disqualify you!
>
>
>
> Sincerely,
> Torry Funamoto
> Approval Manager
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> to suggest anything else Do you care for taters said the waiter with an
> I was glad Lauren ideas of being a young man at my own disposal of the
> I WONT confine myself to four eight sixteen two and thirty rather
> than say anything
> and refolding the letter it would be insupportable to me to think of
> I sat revolving it still at past one oclock with my eyes on the monoid
> eaton
> Young gentlemen likes poultry in general have a fowl
> days in London if I liked it either on my way down into Suffolk or in
> coming back In a word
> nobler characterand more worthy altogether than anyone I have ever seen
> here must rise up before
> and gratitude to him for all his love and care in her beautiful look and
> there was such a fervent

23. Re: [WestMichiganHams] E-Mail filtering without extra software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 03:05:27 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 20 Message: 23

I will try it on Monday. Thanks Tom
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2006 9:53 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] E-Mail filtering without extra software

This is what I did. It's for Outlook Express:

1. Go to tools, choose Message Rules, and choose Mail.
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24. RE: [WestMichiganHams] E-Mail filtering with extra software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 04:24:37 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 20 Message: 24

Tom, I was using a program called Spamfighter (http://www.spamfighter.com/). If you look at my emails from last year you will see
Spamfighter?s little blurb at the end of my emails (you can get rid of the blurb by paying them $$). This program imbeds itself
into Outlook or Outlook Express and creates a folder named Spam. It ties via the net to a database of known spam. As you receive
emails, it puts known spam emails into the Spam Folder. You tell the program if a spam email makes it into your inbox and that
information is sent to their database via the net so other people don?t get the spam.

What is nice about this is that if email is sent to the Spam folder in error, you can simply move it to your inbox before you clear
out the Spam folder.

At the first of the year I stopped using the program and went back to another program that ?massages? my email and gives me the
option of ?bouncing? the email back to the sender. Removing Spamfighter was a snap.

With the amount of spam that you are getting, it seems to me that Spamfigher would be a better ?match? for you.

-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Tom VanderMel
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2006 10:05 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] E-Mail filtering without extra software

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25. Re: 12v

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 05:02:56 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 11 Message: 25

Any of the methods mentioned here will work, with proper application. The so-called trickle chargers may or may not properly trickle charge a battery for long periods of time. A battery requires the proper VOLTAGE, not a specific current, to be properly maintained. For gel bateries, it is typically 13.5-13.8 volts. For wet batteries, just a little lower, 13.4-13.6 volts. These trickle chargers are often no more than a transformer and a diode, and will work, but probably will kill your battery if left on for more than a few days because the voltage is too high.

I've had good luck with floating batteries across a regulated supply. Some of the repeater stuff in service here is powered this way.
1. the supply must be regulated, with the voltage adjusted to the above values
2. a diode, capable of carrying the full output of the supply, is put in series with the + output, which then feeds the battery and whatever you are powering, to prevent a fault within the supply from shorting the battery out, with resulting smoke emissions and maybe a fire
3. and I like a fuse on the battery + lead, rated somewhat above the supply output rating

A downside of this setup is that the supply will be very busy feeding a hungry battery after a power outage. If current regulated, the output voltage will fall to whatever is needed to regulate the current according to Ohm's law. Your connected equipment will have to deal with somewhat or much lower voltage during that time, until the battery charges to some level.

There are numerous ways to maintain batteries. This is one. I've floated deep-cycle marine-type batteries for 8-10 years this way. No matter which method, just watch the voltage across the battery during those long periods of <trickle> charge.

Laryn K8TVZ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@v...> wrote:
>
> Mark had sent an e-mail a while back, that Harbor freight had a float charger for about 15 bucks. That would be the best option.
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Andrew Young
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2006 12:22 PM
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12v
>

>
> If you have a power supply with an adjustable output, you can
probably get away with adjusting it to about 13 volts. I am using
13.8 volts in my shack and it doesn't overheat my gel cell batteries
that I keep connected in parallel with it.
>
> If your charger puts out 14 volts, a diode will drop the voltage
by about 0.7 volts, but I recommend putting a resistor in line to keep
from burning out the diode if the battery needs a lot of charge.
>
> Of course, a trickle charger specifically designed for the purpose
is better.
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Don Meyer
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2006 12:04 PM
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12v
>
>
> Hi Paul ... Here is a website that the ham has a kit out for a
tricle
> charger but he also tells how it is made and what it is made of
and I
> think it is what you are looking for ..hope it helps 73 ..Don KB8ODB
>
> http://www.qsl.net/ke3fl/htm/TRICKLE.HTM
>
>
> --- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "paul" <KD8CBJ@a...> wrote:
> >
> > Morning W.M.H.ers,
> > probably so simple its stupid,I need schematics for 12v car
battery
> > trickle charger.I know at least there is a diode involved.Have
many
> old
> > power supplies,i.e.phone charger,radio,etc etc.
> >
> >
> > 73 KD8CBJ A.K.A. paul
> >
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of Service.
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26. RE: [WestMichiganHams] E-Mail filtering

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 14:58:01 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 20 Message: 26

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e-mails.
I sent an e-mail to a repeater trustee with the repeater frequency and
city in the subject line. When I never got a reply, I called the guy.
He said it was probibly rejected as spam!!!
READ THE SUBJECT LINE PEOPLE!

Jack NY8D

----- Message from wb9jsr@... ---------
Date: Sun, 15 Jan 2006 23:24:37 -0500
From: "John Wehmer (WB9JSR)" <wb9jsr@...>
Reply-To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] E-Mail filtering with extra software
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com

> Tom, I was using a program called Spamfighter (http://www.spamfighter.com/).

27. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12v

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 15:48:59 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 11 Message: 27

While on the subject of 12V charging, here is something I've been wanting to do, but my research has so far come up blank. So any ideas would be welcome.

I would like to use a system of 3x 6V golf cart deep cycle batteies in series, total 18V, to be regulated down to 13.8V during a power failure. I use the normal 13.8V power supply until a power failure occurs. I need some way to automatically switch to the 18/13.8 back up. Also need a float charger for the 18V and a heavy duty charger for the 18V to use when running a generator. Anybody ever hear of such a thing?

73 Jack NY8D

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http://www.arch.com/cgi-bin/wwwpreproc.cgi?PIN=6163390802

28. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Signup is good / Lets see how polls work

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 15:51:10 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 10 Message: 28

For a long time now I've been using e-mail programs from the Mozilla project. Currently using Thunderbird 1.5, which is available for many different operating systems and has smart "trainable" spam filters: you mark as "junk" what you consider to be junk, and the program gradually learns what *you* consider to be junk -- unlike some over-enthusiastic filter that your ISP installs and will not let you turn off.

You decide what it should do with the "junk" messages: delete them automatically, move them to a specified folder for further processing, or leave them where they are.

It misses a few and very occasionally marks as "junk" a message that I actually wanted, but I am very satisfied with it.

http://www.mozilla.com/thunderbird/releases/1.5.html

73

Alan NV8A

On 01/15/06 08:14 pm Tom VanderMel wrote:

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29. Waxing Poetic, cont'd.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 15:51:26 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 29 Message: 29

I was looking for an address to send a QSL card to Michael MØRAD, when I ran across this:

http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/ZB%20Mar%202003.html

After reading the above, I do remember Michael saying "It's nice to shake hands with you".

Ham radio is so cool!

73,

Mark K8MHZ

30. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Signup is good / Lets see how polls work

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 15:43:37 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 10 Message: 30

Tom,

You will need a pay service. This one costs 2 or 3 dollars a month and is the best I have seen. I tried many, but most of them also blocked mail I wanted to come into my Inbox. http://www.thespameater.com/

You can pay by the year or the month and they have a 30 day free trial.

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Tom VanderMel
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2006 8:14 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Signup is good / Lets see how polls work

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----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2006 12:15 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Signup is good / Lets see how polls work

Since we are in the testing phase, I'll send something (this) to see if it gets copied to my "General Hams" folder in Outlook.

If anyone wants to know how to set their Outlook Express up for sending individual groups to certain folders, I can send instructions. It's great for weeding through all the Rolex, Cialis, and Viagra ads.

By the way, General Hams is a Brigadier General- Only one star.

Andrew
----- Original Message -----
From: Don Meyer
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2006 11:29 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Signup is good / Lets see how polls work

Hello and Welcome everyone to the West Michigan Hams Reflector.
We are having a great sign up, and this reflector is for all of
us here in West Michigan and any of the moderators will be glad to help
you out with any problems you have just keep in mind we are all
volunteers in this venture. As I like to try all bells and whistles out
on new toys I have put out a poll on here to try, so please take the
time to vote and check out how the voting is going . You can only vote
one time, but change your vote any time until the poll is closed. No

one will know how you voted unless you tell them ..
73 and Thanks again for joining Don Meyer.

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31. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: it cavitate, Celestyn in easternmost

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 16:07:47 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 22 Message: 31

Th smart filtering in Thunderbird (see my earlier response to another of your messages) marked your message as "Junk" based on the content that you quoted -- or maybe based on the nonsense subject line.

73

Alan NV8A

On 01/15/06 10:04 pm Tom VanderMel wrote:

> I am using outlook Express and this is how they make it thro Tom
>
> > Dear Home Owner,

<snip>

32. Re: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12v

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 18:13:58 UTC
From: kc8pcj@verizon.net
Topic: 11 Message: 32

Here is a link to a group of projects which include voltage regualtors and a lot more. I have use one of the circuits already.

www.zen22142.zen.co.uk/schematics.htm

From: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
Date: Mon Jan 16 09:48:59 CST 2006
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12v

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33. RE: [WestMichiganHams] E-Mail filtering

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 19:27:30 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 20 Message: 33

Both of the anti-spam methods I mentioned do not automatically delete anything. You always need to check the spam folders for good
email, some always squeaks thru the filters. Since I have SBC DSL, most of my email comes in from Yahoo Mail. Yahoo has pretty
good filtering, BUT good emails still get caught by the filters once in a while. I always browse the spam folder, especially the
sender?s name before emptying the spam folder.

73

John WB9JSR

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34. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Spam Filters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 21:57:56 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 34 Message: 34

Missing Legitimate e-mails:

That's why I opted for the manual method. For example, my method blocked two e-mails directed to me today. I simply added a rule for each sender to allow them through. They won't be blocked in the future. This approach is easier to manage than blocking 50 spammers a day.

All I have to do is scan through the "SPAM" folder for familiar addresses or subjects, not unlike what I was doing before with my inbox every time I checked my e-mail.

Nothing is deleted until I choose to delete it.

Andrew
----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2006 10:43 AM
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Mark K8MHZ

35. 12v responce

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-17 00:04:20 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 35 Message: 35

Thank you all for the recharging options.Just being a good new ham and setting up emergency power.Ive got a generator (installed by lic.electrition) solar charger,now a third.144 and 440 indoor yagis,Sky warn training next.Bring it on MaMa nature.

73 KD8CBJ A.K.A. paul

36. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12v

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-16 21:46:43 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 11 Message: 36

Check out the emitter-follower regulator I uploaded to the Files section. With a big enough transistor, it should do what you're asking about as far as regulating it.
----- Original Message -----
From: Jack Amelar
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2006 10:48 AM
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37. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-17 00:54:01 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 37 Message: 37

>I am very pleased to report that the proposed changes to the "Michigan
>Scanner
> Law" have moved to the next phase in the legislative process. A
> draft
> version has been completed which now includes a specific exemption for
> licensed radio amateurs. Members of the Michigan House and Senate have
> been
> working to produce this final version for several weeks. The next step is
> a
> review by the Senate Judiciary Committee and if no further changes are
> needed, it will be sent to the Senate with a recommendation for passage.
> It
> would then go to the Governor for her signature.
>
> This is the bill about which I testified before the House Judiciary
> Committee
> last fall and then, as recently as last week, debated again when I was
> informed that the amateur radio exclusion clause was going to be deleted.
> I
> advised the committee representative that we radio amateurs would oppose
> the
> bill if the clause were to be eliminated, as we already have an exemption
> based upon the existing federal preemption in PR docket 91-36. Based upon
> my
> communications about our concerns with the exemption being removed, Rep.
> Elsenheimer decided to keep the language in place.
>
> The intent of this law revision is to eliminate a significant workload in
> the
> issuance of scanner (receiver) permits and make legal the use and
> transportation of scanners by the general public. As an example, under
> present law, persons traveling to a motor sports event where they intend
> to
> monitor racecar driver conversations were in fact in violation. My
> personal
> thanks goes to Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer and his staff for their diligence in
> sponsoring and strongly supporting this bill.
>
> On Friday, December 16, the Steelcase Foundation informed The Grand Rapids
> Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) that they will be the recipient of a
> $5,000
> grant towards the rebuild of the W8DC Supersystem Repeater. This timely
> announcement brings to a total repeater fundraising amount of $15,000 for
> 2005! The Steelcase Foundation grant, in addition to a $10,000 Grand
> Rapids

> Community Foundation grant, well in obtaining the remaining funds for
> their
> project. As required by the terms of both grants, GRARA will issue press
> releases to the local press and the national Amateur Radio press as well.
> These releases will be issued for the first week of 2006.
>
> The Genesee County Radio Club held its elections at their annual Christmas
> dinner. The new club officers are: President K8KZB, Treasurer K8VW,
> Secretary K8LJG, Trustees W8ACW & K8LJG. 2006 Officers for the Central
> Michigan Amateur Radio Club are President KC8QZB, V.P. AB8RX, Sec'y KI8C,
> Treas W8EGI, Dir WD8BCS, Dir KC8FSK, Under 22 Director KC8QYO. The
> Michigan
> Amateur Radio Alliance held club elections at their December 14, 2005
> meeting. Elected for 2006 are Pres KI8JD, VP Lee W8ZP, Treas W8MSK and Sec
> K8JX, are returning for the coming year. Elected officers of the Michigan
> Area Repeater Council are: Pres WD8DFG, Sec KT8F, Treas WD8DJB, W8YUC Dir
> W8YUC, Dir WB8AZP. Muskegon Amateur Radio Council officers are: Pres
> AB8SC,
> Vice Pres AB8RD, Sec N8CTT, Treas N8IU, House Mgr WA7VLH, Dirs KD8AKC,
> KC8VTX, K8BP. Branch County ARC officers for 2006 are Pres WB8R,
> Sec'y/Treas
> KB8VWI, Dirs: NS8T, WD8MGF, and N8CTI.
>
> MiTN Needs Net Controls. The Michigan Traffic Net which meets daily at
> 7:00PM
> on 3952kHz has a need for additional NCS operators. If you have a few
> minutes you can devote to assisting one evening a week, check in and the
> net
> manager know of your interest. This is an excellent net for handling
> traffic
> and a great venue for public service.
>
> SARs for December, 2005: N8FPN 364, K8LJG 243, WD8USA 193, K8AE 136,
> WB8RCR
> 109, K8CQF 102, WB8TKL 68, K8ZJU 67, AA8SN 59, W8RNQ 49, KV8Z 43, W8QOI
> 36,
> KA8IXC 34, K8UPE 30, N8UN 23, KD8BGQ 18, K8FE 17, KC8ZCF 12, KC8MLD 10,
> WB8WJV 5, WA8OOH 4, KC8JLF 4, KC8RTW 2, KC8ZGB 1.
>
> PSHRs for December, 2005: KD8BGQ 143, K8ZJU 110, N8FPN 110, K8AE 100,
> WB8RCR
> 95, KA8IXC 84, KV8Z 72, KC8RTW 21.
>
> OES reports came in from K8COP, KC8ULE, KC8ZCF, and N8HA.
>
> 73, Dale
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> ARRL Michigan Section

> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
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38. cw casettes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-17 08:10:47 UTC
From: Gordon Stockhill
Topic: 38 Message: 38

I'm looking for a source of fast cw practice casette tapes (40-45) wpm

39. Re: cw casettes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-17 13:57:55 UTC
From: bill_fries_jr
Topic: 38 Message: 39

Gordon:

At that cw speed I'd suggest computer software. There are lots of options.

Also, how fast does W1AW send? The ARRL may not be an option at those speeds.

Nosebleed!

73

Bill, AB8SC

40. Re: [WestMichiganHams] cw casettes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-17 14:21:27 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 38 Message: 40

That's faster than I can type!
----- Original Message -----
From: Gordon Stockhill
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 3:10 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] cw casettes

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41. RE: [WestMichiganHams] cw casettes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-17 14:35:11 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 38 Message: 41

Yes, forty is flying. At that rate you hear words. And I thought I was having problems with individual letters. Now you need to get to hearing words and common phrases?!

There are great stories of fast cw types doing amazing things with and involving fast code. Hard to believe when I'm struggling with fifteen words in a minute.

Practice, practice, practice.

Bill, AB8SC

42. LoTW Will Award WAS!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-17 14:35:11 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 20 Message: 42

All:

You may know that the Logbook of The World was down for the past weekend. They started to add Worked All States support to the page. They say that this award can be applied for with LoTW contacts after they do a few more things before late February.

Bill, AB8SC

44. Re: [WestMichiganHams] cw casettes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-17 21:17:03 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 38 Message: 44

That's faster than I can TALK!
----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 9:21 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] cw casettes

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45. Re: [WestMichiganHams] LoTW Will Award WAS!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-17 22:42:49 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 20 Message: 45

Interesting. I'd like to use it, but I sent in the signup request on
December 24 and I'm still waiting for the postcard...

-Joe, KD8ATU

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> things before late February.
>
> Bill, AB8SC
>

46. Re: LoTW Will Award WAS!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-18 23:05:28 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 20 Message: 46

Joe:

Yes, getting "certified" by LoTW is sometimes painful. You should be very careful in how you apply and make sure you follow the steps faithfully. After this amount of time (from 12/24) I would suggest a quick e-mail to LoTW for clarification. They get busy and maybe things got misplaced.

The good news is that my previous certificate was good for a year (very short!). The recent renewal was for some three years (much more reasonable).

QSLs on LoTW are depressingly sparse. 1200 QSOs and only 220 QSLs. It took thousands of QSOs for a huge contest station to earn DXCC using only LoTW. So it's no panacea.

Bill, AB8SC

47. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12v

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-19 05:17:24 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 11 Message: 47

----Original Message Follows----
From: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
Reply-To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12v
Date: Mon, 16 Jan 2006 10:48:59 -0500

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I had something like that going once. I used relays. Simple and reliable.
Switch the unregulated source, whether from the rectifier or 18V string,
which then feeds the regulator. Power the relay coil from the rectifier.

Laryn K8TVZ

48. FARES E-Letter for January 18, 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-19 12:04:21 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 48 Message: 48

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> The ARES E-Letter
> January 18, 2006
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> Rick Palm, K1CE, Editor
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> ARES reports, other related contributions, editorial questions or
> comments: <k1ce@...>
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>
> + The View from Flagler County
>
> Last month, I glibly questioned our county's purchase of a new 800
> MHz trunking system, based on a report from Alabama SEC Jay Isbell,
> KA4KUN, that theirs was "the first to go in the hard hit areas of
> Katrina." This prompted emergency responder Scott Davis (no call sign
> given) to reply that similar systems in Gulfport and Biloxi "did not
> ever go down." In fact, said Davis, "ten additional channels were
> added to the Biloxi side to support the influx of users from Florida
> agencies that came to assist. Military and federal government
> agencies asked for radios, impressed with the robust nature of the
> system there. Federal agencies are still operating on the system
> today. These systems can adapt to the situation as it unfolds." Davis
> also added directly: "Your little county could not have made a better
> choice."
>
> And in re my quip about ARES job security: "ARES operators will
> always have job security in times of disaster. HF is a backup
> backbone. The infrastructure that will go is the telephone, cell
> sites, and satellite phones (due to response congestion). ARES can
> fill the gap when needed."
>
> It does seem our county planners are set on ramping up our
> capabilities: We're also getting a new EOC, including positions for
> Amateur Radio, of course.
>
> As for Flagler county ARES, we're about to implement the ARRL
> emergency communication course training for our volunteers, and a new
> ARES Plan, initiatives of county EC Merrill Musikar, KG4IDD.
>
> Lastly, I dined with veteran Connecticut Section Manager Betsey
> Doane, K1EIC, and her twin sister Barbara Lombardi, K1EIR, in Daytona
> Beach last week. What a pleasure to visit with two of the longest

> serving, and dedicated ARRL volunteers of all time. Over the years we
> haven't agreed on every issue, but we have always been great friends.
> Betsey and Barbara are two jewels in the crown of Amateur Radio. -
> K1CE
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> In This Issue:
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> + Closing Message from Alabama Section Manager
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> + ARES Versus Texan Grass Fires
>
> ARES ops from the West Texas Section, and especially the Abilene
> vicinity, assisted with communications during the last week of 2005
> when wildfires struck Cross Plains, Texas, in the southeastern
> portion of neighboring Callahan County.
>
> "There was no cell service because the connection to the cell tower
> was burned," said Taylor county EC Bill Shaw, KJ5DX. "There was one
> landline phone working at the church where the Cross Plains Red Cross
> shelter was set up."
>
> ARES operators established communication via UHF and VHF radios
> between the Cross Plains Shelter, Brownwood Red Cross Shelter, and
> Abilene Red Cross headquarters. A team of 14 radio amateurs was on
> hand during this emergency.
>
> "We kept up 24 hour communications for Wednesday, Thursday, and
> Friday until noon via ham radio," Shaw reported. "The fire started as
> a grass fire about noontime on December 27, and quickly escalated
> into a raging wildfire that was fed by 45 mph winds."
>
> Unfortunately, the fire quickly spread toward town about 3 miles
> away, and it burned the area that is about 4 to 6 miles east-west and
> 2 to 3 miles north-south in size.

>
> "About 31 fire departments fought fires until about 5:00 the next
> morning," Shaw said. As a result of this fire, almost 8,000 acres
> burned, 152 homes were damaged, and that represents 25 to 30 per cent
> of the homes in Cross Plains. Over a hundred of those homes were
> completely destroyed.
>
> Wildfires have also been burning in drought-stricken Oklahoma and New
> Mexico. - ARRL Letter
>
> + Mississippi "Lessons Learned" Meeting
>
> The ARRL Mississippi Section held a "Katrina Lessons Learned Meeting"
> on December 10, 2005, in Hattiesburg. SM Malcolm Keown, W5XX,
> presided. Many Katrina key players were present.
>
> The conferees felt that ARRL should coordinate needs with the section
> level well before the disaster event: "There is currently no ARRL
> national/regional emergency response plan in place; inundation of the
> Gulf Coast and south Mississippi with operators was unexpected,
> resulting in confusion and inefficiency. Some outside operators
> seemed to think they were in charge regardless of the fact that an
> ARES emergency response structure was already in operation. Bottom
> Line: The ARRL needs to develop a national/regional response plan,
> coordinated with the field before it is activated."
>
> Another recommendation was a pre-populated database of volunteers and
> rapid response teams (RRTs). "The on-line method used during Katrina
> resulted in enlisting many helpful operators, but some were
> ill-trained, unprepared for stressful assignment, and had personal
> characteristics incompatible with the disaster environment. The
> database should be actively updated. Volunteers approved for listing
> in the database also need to be credentialed at the federal level."
>
> The conferees believe ECs should be in charge of ARES operations in
> their county/jurisdiction provided they are coordinated with the
> county emergency management agency (EMA) director. "The EMA Director
> should be aware of all emergency nets in operation in his
> jurisdiction including an ARES net. There is no problem with separate
> ARES, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Baptist Men's Kitchen nets in
> operation; the key is that they must be coordinated with the EMA's
> director and Communications Officer so that communications resources
> are efficiently employed."
>
> The conference noted the "Red Cross has its own way of conducting
> business but it should not control ARES assets; that is the function
> of the EC. ARES is, of course, more than willing to help the Red
> Cross, but is not part of the Red Cross command structure."
>
> The important function of NTS is to assist agencies with outbound H/W

> traffic, the group noted. "When the National Red Cross took over
> local operations, outbound H/W from shelters was discontinued for
> privacy considerations. Given that conventional and cell phones were
> spotty, with many evacuees desperate to tell relatives that they were
> safe, this action should be reviewed."
>
> The group's bottom line recommendation was that the ARRL needs to
> reexamine its MOUs with disaster response agencies so that the chain
> of command and points of contact are clearly understood as well as
> what services the radio amateurs can and cannot render.
>
> Attendees: Amy Bullock, N5TBB, EC Benton County; Karl Bullock,
> WA5TMC, DEC Northeast Mississippi/EC Tippah County; Ron Brown, AB5WF,
> DEC West Central Mississippi/State RACES Officer; Tom Hammack, W4WLF,
> DEC Gulf Coast/EC Harrison County; Ken Johnson, W7BES, FEMA; Ben
> Jones, AC5SU, EC Metro Jackson; James Lee, KC5TYL, EC Lamar County;
> Tim Livengood, KC5EAK, EC Pearl River County; Lex Mason, KD5XG; Larry
> Morgan, AG5Z, EC Forrest County; Jimmy Myers, KD5FUY, OES; John
> Pinkard, KD5KXJ, EC Leake County; Mike Purvis, WZ5Y; Jimmy Ready,
> N5LRQ; and Sam Williams, W5SEW.
>
> + Eastern Pennsylvania EmComm Awards
>
> Eastern Pennsylvania's "EmComm Leader of the Year" was recently
> awarded to Kerry Smeltzer, KA3KAR, for exemplary service. As EC and
> RACES Officer for York County, Smeltzer drives the organizations'
> activities, including emcomm, SKYWARN and license classes, assembling
> a communications vehicle, and conducting operations during
> activations and drills.
>
> The "EmComm Volunteer of the Year" was awarded to Dan McMonigle,
> N3IXQ. He organized ARES Field Day operations, instructed emcomm
> courses, established the Delco ARES operations room, serving as RACES
> Officer and ARES Assistant EC for Delaware County.
>
> The "Served Agency of the Year" was awarded to the Chester County
> Department of Emergency Service, Edward J. Atkins, Director, in
> appreciation for the support provided to Chester County ARES/RACES.
> The agency provided meeting facilities, training opportunities, and
> assistance with funds to purchase equipment. It built a solid
> relationship with ARES/RACES, treating volunteers as part of the
> team.. - Chris Snyder, NG3F, Section Emergency Coordinator, Eastern
> Pennsylvania, and EC/RO, Snyder County
>
> + ARES at "Ham Radio University" in New York City-Long Island
>
> ARES members from the three districts of the New York City-Long
> Island section attended and participated in the ARES forum at the
> recent seventh annual "Ham Radio University - NLI Section
> Convention." Ham Radio University is a day of education to share

> ideas, experiences, knowledge, and fellowship among Amateur Radio
> operators. There were more than twenty forums, a special event
> station and a club room. Allen Pitts, W1AGP, from ARRL HQ, conducted
> a forum on the ARES response to Katrina. The SEC, along with each of
> the three DECs, presented oral reports, and a Q&A session followed.
> -- Tom Carrubba, KA2D, NLI SEC
>
> + Supporters for NIMS/ICS Training as an ARES Priority
>
> It is California state law that all emergency responder agencies use
> the Incident Command System (ICS). The California Department of
> Forestry and Fire Protection uses it on all wildland fire callouts
> and the state and local Offices of Emergency Services use it
> routinely. Every hospital in the state has an ICS-based plan in
> place.
>
> If you answer a disaster call from outside of California and you
> don't know ICS, you will be lost and look uneducated. The minimum
> qualification I would look for in an Amateur Radio disaster responder
> is the level 1 emcomm course from the ARRL and significant knowledge
> of ICS. -- John A. Amos, KC6TVM, ADEC, Hospital Net Coordinator,
> Santa Clara County, California
>
> A challenge for ARES/RACES organizations is being recognized as
> "professionals" by emergency services personnel. When a multi-agency
> incident occurs, local authorities assign an Incident Commander (IC)
> to take charge. The Incident Command System (ICS) and National
> Incident Management System (NIMS) protocol establishes an Incident
> Management Team (IMT).
>
> The IMT has no time for unknown players. Hence, we need to integrate
> ARES with the ICS/NIMS structure and training. Then, when we arrive
> on-scene with IMT credentials, ICs know who we are in a way that fits
> into their ICS structure.
>
> Our ARES/RACES group serves the County Sheriff and County Office Of
> Emergency Management. Many members are qualified, badged members of
> the County Type III IMT, trained as RADOs (radio operators), Comm
> Techs, Incident Communications Managers, and Communications Unit
> Leaders. All of these are formal positions with formal training
> requirements within the ICS system.
>
> There is a training commitment to be sure, but the results are worth
> the effort. Many of us have fought this legitimacy issue. ICS/NIMS
> training is one current way to solve it. -- Roger Krautkremer, K0YY,
> ARES/RACES, County IMT, County Search and Rescue, State ARES/RACES
> Disaster Response Team
>
> + 10-Meter ARES Net Open for Check-Ins
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> A bi-monthly 10-Meter ARES net is held on the second and fourth
> Mondays of the month at 2015 Eastern time on 28.480 MHz USB. It is an
> open net with ARES operators around the country invited to check-in
> with signal reports, traffic and comments. -- Jeff Fishman, KB3FIO,
> AEC, Frederick County, Maryland
>
> + Club Wins Large Grant for Emergency Communication Hardware
>
> The Tri State Amateur Radio Club of Cresco, Iowa, has been awarded a
> Homeland Security grant of $150,000 to purchase a 90 foot radio and
> lighting tower for emergency communications work. The club is
> seeking another grant of $220,000 to complete the project. - Ernie
> Martin, WA0AUU, Cresco, Iowa <leewalt@...>
>
> + Section Manager Calls for Input on Selling ARES to Served Agencies
>
> I would like to open a discussion of how different groups "sell"
> their EMCOMM services to served, and non-served, agencies. -- Sherri
> Brower, W4STB, Section Manager, Southern Florida and Chairman, ARRL
> Public Relations Committee
>
> [We'll publish responses in future issues. - ed.]
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> + TERT Certification Needed for ARES Ops
>
> ARES should work with the National Emergency Number Association
> (NENA) on the Telecommunicator Emergency Response Team (TERT) program
> and develop training/certification for ARES personnel. [NENA has a
> new task force for a national system of telecommunicator emergency
> response teams to safeguard 9-1-1 service during times of critical
> need]. See <http://www.nena.org/TERT/index.htm>
>
> An APCO Mission Critical Communicator (MCC) certification could
> potentially be worthwhile for ARES members, too. It's partnerships
> like these that are needed to ensure the viability of the ARES
> program for the future. It is becoming apparent to agencies that
> besides having the interoperable equipment and the NIMS/ICS
> structures, they need personnel that can jump in and augment staff or
> serve as tactical communicators. See
> <http://www.pstc911.com/classes/description/misssioncriticalarticle.h
> tml> -- Bryan Nehl, K0EMT, EC, Moniteau County, Missouri
>
> + Responses to ARES E-Letter and QST Editorial Policy
>
> [The following are samples of the responses received to last month's
> apparently controversial editorial comments on the functions of QST
> and this newsletter for post-event analysis-ed.]
>
> I would like to persuade you that the function of QST can go well
> beyond just "promote morale of our ARES volunteers and foster

> relationships with served agencies."
>
> There are lessons to be learned from Katrina/Rita that require a wide
> appreciation of both the good and poor performance aspects of ARES
> during those disasters, provided by suitable articles published in
> QST. Such articles may then be used as "levers" with which to move
> emergency response officials in the many jurisdictions involved, from
> local to county, to state, to federal level (including FEMA). I
> routinely forward extracts of the ARES E-Letter to a list of such
> officials in our city, county, and Council of Governments Region (in
> Texas the COGs handle the emergency response monies). If I had copies
> of suitable QST articles, I would forward them and they would be
> read. -- John Painter, W5LQS <johnpainter@...>
>
> The details of an after-event critique are for the eyes of those who
> responded and may be responding to the next event. A critique is an
> opportunity to learn from mistakes. Personally, I don't need to know
> names and other finger pointing details to accept the lesson learned
> by another's mistake. You should present the lessons in a way that's
> respectful to those involved. -- Doug Younker, N0LKK, DEC Kansas
> Third District, EC 3-C
>
> I must take exception with your viewpoint. You and the [ARRL]
> leadership have missed critical points: First, we in the affected
> areas know fully what happened and you have only the glowing reports.
> As I keep reading the whitewashed reports, I get even angrier. I am
> not going to take the company position that ARRL is the greatest and
> the effort by the volunteers was an overwhelming success.
>
> ARRL was supposed to have this magnificent plan of action that they
> implemented after Katrina hit. Now don't you guys think it might have
> been nice to tell us? Oh, communications down here were cut off? Did
> anyone try the NTS? It was fully functioning and waiting for traffic,
> but they were told that H/W traffic was not allowed. They were not
> even handling priority or emergency traffic because that function was
> preempted by the agencies that took over.
>
> We have an ARES/RACES organization that is well trained and
> operational and yet we were ignored, bypassed, and pushed aside
> because it was felt that an outsider could do the job better.
>
> You claim that the objective of QST and [the ARES E-Letter] is to
> recognize "positive aspects" and "address problem areas
> constructively." Our view from here is that any criticism of League
> policy or their handling of this event is to be construed as negative
> and thus not worthy of consideration or bad for membership morale.
>
> As for fostering better relationships with served agencies, someone
> had better convey [your goal] to those agencies that attempted to
> render the local organizations impotent. ARRL and those served

> agencies owe operators an explanation if not an apology.
>
> If ARES is to properly function, then the League needs to understand
> that to keep the organization viable, it cannot continue to assume
> that far away in New England, you know better than the rest of us. --
> Darryl J. Goldman, KD5CQT, EC, Jackson County, Mississippi
>
> I would like to compliment you on your position of printing only
> positive information about Katrina and other disasters. There is
> enough negativism in the press and other media these days and in my
> opinion it serves no purpose. However, there is no harm in learning
> from our mistakes and fine-tuning for the future. -- Ed Esborn, K1UQE
>
> Throughout the late 70's through the 90's the US Army made changes in
> training philosophy to ensure a professional Army would result. One
> change was the implementation of the "After Action Review" (AAR) as
> an integral part of every training exercise and actual operation.
> The successful AAR depends on the participation of all members, not
> just leadership. It also depends on brutal honesty.
>
> Your comments in your newsletter concern me because you are saying if
> an issue would be uncomfortable or cause embarrassment, then it
> should not be addressed. Not doing so would be a disservice to ARES
> as there would be no effective way to evaluate the operation and then
> plan training to address issues. - Rick Kruis, K8CAV
>
> I believe, like you, that our issues and problems should be discussed
> behind closed doors. Making problems, negative issues and criticism
> public is destructive. We will not get any help next time: why would
> amateurs travel hundreds of miles on their own dollar to be
> criticized; would you? Also, our served agencies should see a
> positive, supportive and helpful face from Amateur Radio. Our
> problems have to be solved internally. All it takes is for one
> instance or issue to wipe out years of work in building a
> relationship with a served agency. - Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, Alabama
> Section Manager
>
> + Oregon Likes "Break Tags"
>
> Re the continuing discussion about the system of "break tags," we
> gave it a trial run (on an operator-optional basis) at our
> community's 53rd Annual Christmas Parade and it was very helpful. I
> think we are sold on the concept. -- Bob Shelby, W7FPY, Oregon
>
> + WINLINK Documentation
>
> Thank you for the mention of Winlink 2000. I've been operating WL2K
> Telpac and Paclink stations for over a year, with good success, and
> have trained others in the use and/or setup of WL stations. A
> downside at this time is documentation. For the most part, the

> existing documentation is good, but it could be better organized, and
> made more user friendly when outlining the different segments of the
> WL network (CMS, PMBO, Telpac, Paclink) to those who need to
> understand what part they might want to implement, or get familiar
> with. I believe there are several dedicated people who would tackle
> such documentation, working with the WL developers and system
> administrators, but there's a need for actual printing resources. Do
> you think the ARRL might support such an effort and important emcomm
> mode by providing services for a WL2K manual? -- Brad Taylor, KW4USA,
> ASEC/Administration, Virginia ARES <kw4usa@...>
>
> + Response to "Local ECs Should Trump Outside Officials"
>
> [The following are responses to last month's opinion piece -ed.]
>
> I cannot believe that you're criticizing the Baptist Mens Kitchen
> relief efforts in the Katrina disaster. They were in the affected
> area quickly and fed thousands of people who had no other source of
> aid for many days. I applaud them for not hanging back and waiting
> for some bureaucratic knothead to "coordinate" their lifesaving aid.
> -- Brent Cater, W5FRG, Clarksville, Arkansas <w5frg@...>
>
> [I wrote back to Mr. Cater, "I think the point was to just try to
> have a little more coordination with the ARES EC in the involved
> county, that's all. I don't think we were criticizing the benevolent
> effort of the group." Mr. Cater replied: "The Baptist Mens Kitchen
> groups were set up and feeding people in the affected area almost
> before the hurricane winds faded away. I'm sure they would have
> welcomed any assistance that might have been offered by the local
> EC." - ed.]
>
> Having been inactive in ham radio for a few years, I swerved back
> into it after working with the Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief
> group. I spent six weeks in Covington, Slidell and Sulphur with the
> TBDR volunteers. The service provided by hams was multi-functional
> and widespread within the overall effort. ARRL and ARES influence,
> training and value extend beyond areas visible to the public and even
> to the ARRL organization. You have helped make other operations more
> successful without even knowing it. -- Frank Metcalfe, KA4AQN
>
> I've been on both sides of this issue. I think that while the served
> agency probably knows what it wants, the provider ARES EC/DEC knows
> the resources at hand. That EC/DEC needs to make him/herself known to
> the served agency prior to an event. However, when the resources are
> made available to the served agency, they do become the served
> agency's responsibility, NOT the EC's, IMHO. -- Ed Ryan, N7VEX,
> America Red Cross and Salvation Army volunteer; ex-Disaster
> Specialist, Grand Canyon Chapter, American Red Cross, Peoria, Arizona
>
> + Closing Message from the Alabama SM

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> Now is the time to improve the skills you used during the Hurricane
> Katrina disaster. We must continually prepare, train, practice and
> test ourselves to be effective in the next event. Prepare your
> personal Jump kit, equipment, manuals, provisions; join and build
> local ARES; get vaccinations. Train by taking the ARRL, FEMA, and Red
> Cross courses. Build your experience through Field Day, the Simulated
> Emergency Test, contests, nets, public service events, and drills.
> Pass traffic. Test your equipment in different configurations. Learn
> to operate it fully, efficiently and with other amateurs.
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> Your preparation will help ARES be ready, effective and successful
> when called on for the next emergency large or small. -- Greg
> Sarratt, W4OZK, Alabama Section Manager
>
> + K1CE for a Final
>
> A chance November Sweepstakes QSO with my old Elmer from the 70's
> prompted me to send him a letter of thanks for mentoring me into ham
> radio so long ago. I felt badly that it took me thirty years to
> express my appreciation to him, but I am now very glad that I did. I
> received a delightful three-page letter back along with his QSL card
> for the SS contact. He's now 79, with some health problems, but still
> sharp as a tack and radio-active. It is a wonderful life. - K1CE
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49. No 2M PSK31 net tonight

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-19 12:35:09 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 49 Message: 49

The wildly successful Thursday night 2 meter PSK31 net will not be held tonight, as I have other engagements. It will also be skipped next week due to the NOARC meeting. Actually, the net is gone for good.

I've decided that, as I'm doing it now, it's not going to work out, so beginning in February, the following changes will be made:

* New time: Wednesdays, 2000h (8 PM) eastern time
* New mode: FM
* It will be done through a repeater. Probably the NOARC 145.490 machine, if N8ARY gives me the "disable timeout" command...

-Joe, KD8ATU

50. Re: [WestMichiganHams] No 2M PSK31 net tonight

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-19 16:13:29 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 49 Message: 50

Joe
Any new nets on a repeater should be OKed with the club or the owner of the repeater. You may want to bring it up at the NOARC meeting and make sure they want that. The Tuesday night net has been down in numbers from what I understand. Just some thoughts. Tom KB8VEE

----- Original Message -----
From: "Joe Veldhuis" <kd8atu@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 7:35 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] No 2M PSK31 net tonight

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> -Joe, KD8ATU
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51. Emergency Communications Story

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-19 16:39:05 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 20 Message: 51

All:

Interesting reading on the topic of emergency communications in the areas affected by Katrina this past summer. Check this out:

http://www.conformity.com/0601/0601hams.html

Bill, AB8SC

52. Old programs can act like spyware

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-20 18:28:13 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 52 Message: 52

Hi All,

After fighting with a difficult problem with my computer I would like to share some information.

The problem I was having was intermittent. My computer's Internet access would just stop. No error codes or nothing. Sometimes it would just start up again, but more often than not I would have to re-boot.

The problem turned out to be part of a program, MusicMatch, that I thought I had un-installed. The part left wanted to check the Internet for updates, but was damaged when I removed MusicMatch. What was happenning was that this broken part of MusicMatch was taking over my Internet connection but could do nothing more and just sat there, blocking anything else from happenning.

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Since this was not spyware nor a virus, it was not detected by any software.

I would hazard to guess that this could happen with other programs as well. I think the tell tale sign would be that the problem exists after many updates of the best spyware and virus protection out is run.

I hope this helps someone with a hard to find access problem.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

53. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12v

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-20 21:49:15 UTC
From: KC8PCJ
Topic: 11 Message: 53

Use a relay with a drop out voaltge at around 11.5V. that will switch to the set of batteries. I have found that some 24Vdc relay will drop out close to that. You could also set up a relay system that would put the batteries in parallel and have them attached to a 12V float charger. When AC Power fails, The charger could be dropped from the system, the batteries put into seires for 19VDC and us a regulator to drop the power back down to 13.8VDC. I will look on the web, I know there is a voltage regulator circiut on the web that will drop 24VDC to 13.8VDC at 35 AMPS. I fond it.
www.mitedu.freeserve.co.uk/Circuits/Power/1230psu.htm
Sound like a fun project and a good idea. I will get my pendil out and see about putting togeather a circuit drawing. I my self use 3 deep cycle batteries in parallel but do not have a switcing circiut. I use them for all operations and when the voltage drops to about 11.5V. (when radio has a problem) I manualy switch to a power supply and charge the batteries.
There are many other projects on the web site.

73s KC8PCJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Laryn Lohman" <larynl@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 12:17 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12v

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> ----Original Message Follows----
> From: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
> Reply-To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12v
> Date: Mon, 16 Jan 2006 10:48:59 -0500
>
> While on the subject of 12V charging, here is something I've been
> wanting to do, but my research has so far come up blank. So any ideas
> would be welcome.
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> I would like to use a system of 3x 6V golf cart deep cycle batteies in
> series, total 18V, to be regulated down to 13.8V during a power
> failure. I use the normal 13.8V power supply until a power failure
> occurs. I need some way to automatically switch to the 18/13.8 back up.
> Also need a float charger for the 18V and a heavy duty charger for the
> 18V to use when running a generator. Anybody ever hear of such a thing?
>
> 73 Jack NY8D
>

> Jack Amelar
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> Lowell, MI 49331-9711
> Home: (616)897-6885
> Office: (616)493-8736
> mailto:jamelar@...
> Pager: (616)339-0802 mailto:6163390802@... or
> http://www.arch.com/cgi-bin/wwwpreproc.cgi?PIN=6163390802
>
>
> I had something like that going once. I used relays. Simple and
reliable.
> Switch the unregulated source, whether from the rectifier or 18V string,
> which then feeds the regulator. Power the relay coil from the rectifier.
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> Laryn K8TVZ
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54. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Old programs can act like spyware

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-20 22:28:32 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 52 Message: 54

I just uploaded a file to the group called "RegCleaner." It allows you to view the programs in your registry and remove the entries if you don't need them anymore. It also has an uninstall function and a utility to remove programs from your installed programs list.

It's quite useful for solving problems like Mark's.

Andrew
----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2006 1:28 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Old programs can act like spyware

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73,

Mark K8MHZ

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55. QMN MI - Snowfall reporting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-20 21:43:27 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 55 Message: 55

All Hams in Western Michigan
Please lets all help Jim and the NWS out with this storm snowfall reports Thanks Tom KB8VEE

Heavy Snow expected throughout much of Lower Michigan.

Radio Amateurs are encouraged to report snowfall via the Michigan Net, QMN. The schedule of observations is as follows:

Routine Observation: 7:00 PM EST Friday

12-hour update: 7:00 AM EST Saturday

Routine Observation: 7:00 PM Saturday

Observations may be taken within a half hour of the scheduled time to accommodate the usual variables.

Reports may be transmitted via any one of the following CW/SSB nets:

MITN 3952 KHz 7:00 PM Friday (NWS rep present about ten minutes early)

QMN 3663 KHz 7:30 PM Friday

QMN 3663 KHz 8:00 AM Saturday

QMN-SSB 3932 KHz 8:15 AM Saturday

MITN 3952 KHz 7:00 PM Saturday

QMN 3663 KHz 7:30 PM Saturday

Packet Radio:

Reports may be posted to the K8QMN-14 PBBS at Moline (near Grand Rapids). Please follow these procedures:

1.. At command prompt, type "ST K8QMN."
2.. For subject line type "QTC 1 NWS (or other quantity)
3.. At message prompt, type in your snowfall report in "all caps."

Some digipeaters/nodes providing extended connections include:

W8IHX (KA-Node W8IHX-7) at Muskegon

K8QMN-9 (digipeater) at Grand Haven

W8VY-7 (KA-Node) at Kalamazoo

Sample messages:

Typical routine (24-hour) reports

4 R W8IHX 3 HASTINGS MI 0001Z JAN 21

NWS-GRR

BARRY SNOW 100/100

W8IHX

a.. Message indicates time of observation: 0100Z
b.. Observation made at Hastings in Barry County (please use your city/ township and not your mailing address.
c.. 1.00 inch of snow has fallen in the past 24 hours.
d.. 1.00 inch of snow is on the ground.

Typical 12-hour update report:

5 R W8IHX 3 HASTINGS ME 1200Z JAN 21

NWS-GRR

BARRY 12 HOUR SNOW 600/700/700

W8IHX

a.. Message indicates time of observation: 1200Z
b.. Observation made at Hastings in Barry County
c.. 6.00 inches of snow has fallen in the past 12-hours.
d.. 7.00 inches of snow on the ground.
e.. Storm total is 7.00 inches.

Questions can be directed to Jim, WB8SIW at: wb8siw@charter.net

73,

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGENATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GRAND RAPIDS MI329 PM EST FRI JAN 20 2006 ...SIGNIFICANT SNOW ACCUMULATIONS EXPECTED TONIGHT... .AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE CURRENTLY OVER SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WILLCONTINUE TO MOVE RAPIDLY TOWARD THE NORTHEAST THROUGH TONIGHT.THIS AREA OF LOW PRESSURE WILL APPROACH THE AREA THIS EVENING ANDSHOULD BE OVER NORTHERN INDIANA BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. THE SYSTEMWILL THEN CONTINUE MOVING NORTHEAST AND SHOULD BE OVER LAKEONTARIO BY DAYBREAK SATURDAY MORNING. DEEP MOISTURE WILL MOVENORTH AHEAD OF THE SYSTEM...ALLOWING PRECIPITATION TO OVERSPREADTHE AREA THIS EVENING. PRECIPITATION WILL THEN END FROM WEST TOEAST EARLY SATURDAY MORNING. MIZ051-052-056>059-064>067-071-072-210430-/O.CON.KGRR.HS.W.0001.060121T0000Z-060121T1100Z/MONTCALM-GRATIOT-OTTAWA-KENT-IONIA-CLINTON-ALLEGAN-BARRY-EATON-INGHAM-VAN BUREN-KALAMAZOO-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...GREENVILLE...ALMA...JENISON...GRAND RAPIDS...IONIA...ST. JOHNS...HOLLAND...HASTINGS...CHARLOTTE...LANSING...SOUTH HAVEN...KALAMAZOO329 PM EST FRI JAN 20 2006 ...HEAVY SNOW WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 7 PM THIS EVENING TO6 AM EST SATURDAY... A HEAVY SNOW WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 7 PM THIS EVENING TO6 AM EST SATURDAY. SNOW WILL DEVELOP DURING THE EARLY EVENING HOURS ACROSS THE AREA.PRECIPITATION WILL INITIALLY BE MIXED WITH OR FALL AS PLAIN RAINALONG AND SOUTH OF A LINE FROM KALAMAZOO TO LANSING BEFORE QUICKLYCHANGING TO ALL SNOW DURING THE LATE EVENING HOURS. SNOW WILLBECOME HEAVY AT TIMES DURING THE LATE EVENING AND THE EARLYOVERNIGHT HOURS. THE SNOW WILL THEN GRADUALLY END EARLY SATURDAYMORNING. THE SNOW IS EXPECTED TO BE A WET AND HEAVY

SNOW. TOTALSNOW ACCUMULATIONS OF 5 TO 8 INCHES ARE EXPECTED ACROSS THEWARNING AREA. A HEAVY SNOW WARNING MEANS SEVERE WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS AREEXPECTED OR OCCURRING. SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF SNOW ARE FORECASTTHAT WILL MAKE TRAVEL DANGEROUS. ONLY TRAVEL IN AN EMERGENCY. IFYOU MUST...KEEP AN EXTRA FLASHLIGHT...FOOD...AND WATER IN YOURVEHICLE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. $$

Hazardous Weather Outlook

HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOKNATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GRAND RAPIDS MI1205 PM EST FRI JAN 20 2006 LMZ844>849-MIZ037>040-043>046-050>052-056>059-064>067-071>074-211100-ST JOSEPH TO SOUTH HAVEN-SOUTH HAVEN TO HOLLAND-HOLLAND TO GRAND HAVEN-GRAND HAVEN TO WHITEHALL-WHITEHALL TO PENTWATER-PENTWATER TO MANISTEE-MASON-LAKE-OSCEOLA-CLARE-OCEANA-NEW AYGO-MECOSTA-ISABELLA-MUSKEGON-MONTCALM-GRATIOT-OTTAWA-KENT-IONIA-CLINTON-ALLEGAN-BARRY-EA TON-INGHAM-VAN BUREN-KALAMAZOO-CALHOUN-JACKSON-1205 PM EST FRI JAN 20 2006 THIS HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK IS FOR PORTIONS OF SOUTHWEST LOWERMICHIGAN. .DAY ONE...THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT A FAST MOVING SYSTEM WILL BRING A QUICK HITTING HEAVY SNOW TOPORTIONS OF SOUTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN TONIGHT. THE SNOW WILL SPREADINTO SOUTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN FROM THE CHICAGO AREA EARLY THISEVENING...BECOMING HEAVY THROUGH THE COURSE OF THE EVENING. BYDAYBREAK ON SATURDAY A 4 TO 8 INCH SNOWFALL IS EXPECTED SOUTH OF ALINE FROM MUSKEGON TO ALMA. LOCALLY HIGHER AMOUNTS ARE POSSIBLE.THE HEAVIEST SNOW LOOKS AS THOUGH ITWILL STRETCH FROM HOLLAND THROUGH GRAND RAPIDS TO ST. JOHNS.SNOWFALL RATES OF 1 TO PERHAPS 2 INCHES PER HOUR ARE POSSIBLE AT THEHEIGHT OF THE STORM FROM ABOUT 8 PM TO 3 AM. FURTHER SOUTH NEARINTERSTATE 94 SOME RAIN WILL MIX IN THIS EVENING AND THAT ISEXPECTED TO CUT BACK AMOUNTS...ESPECIALLY NEAR JACKSON. WHERE THEHEAVY SNOW FALLS...TRAVEL WILL BECOME DIFFICULT TONIGHT WITHVISIBILITIES SIGNIFICANTLY LIMITED DUE TO THE FALLING SNOW. INADDITION THE SNOWFALL RATES WILL MAKE FOR SNOW COVERED AND SLIPPERYROADS. THE HEAVIER SNOW FORECAST IS TRENDING FURTHER NORTH WITH TIME...ANDADVISORIES HAVE BEEN ISSUED NORTH OF A MUSKEGON TO MOUNT PLEASANTLINE. THIS COUNTIES SHOULD STAY TUNED TO THE LATEST FORECASTS ASUPDATES MAY BE NEED AS WE HEAD THROUGH THE EVENING. .DAYS TWO THROUGH SEVEN...SATURDAY THROUGH THURSDAY NO HAZARDOUS WEATHER IS EXPECTED AT THIS TIME. .SPOTTER INFORMATION STATEMENT... SPOTTER ACTIVATION IS NOT ANTICIPATED...BUT SNOWFALL REPORTS WILL BEMUCH APPRECIATED TONIGHT AND AFTER THE EVENT TOMORROW. FEEL FREE TOSEND US A REPORT ONLINE AT WWW.WEATHER.GOV/GRANDRAPIDS $$ DUKE MJS

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.SHORT TERM...

WILL MAINTAIN CURRENT SET OF HEADLINES. UPSTREAM HEAVY SNOW HAS BEEN DEVELOPING IN IA WITH SOME THUNDERSTORMS INTO MO. RADAR FROM DSM SHOWS IMPRESSIVE BANDING GOING ON WITH THE STRONGEST BAND NEAR DSM. THIS BAND LINES UP WELL WITH THE 700 MB FGEN. AS FAR AS THE RAIN SNOW LINE...925 MB -1 DEG C WET BULB VALUES ARE WORKING OUT.

THE 18Z NAM SUGGESTS THE RAIN SNOW LINE WILL RUN THROUGH BEH TO NEAR LAN AT 00Z...MIGRATING TO JXN AFTER 06Z. 18Z NAM ALSO IMPLIES SOME ZR LAN ON SOUTH PRIOR TO 06Z. CONSIDERING THE NAM HAD INITIALIZATION ISSUES AT 850 MB WITH THE 12Z RUN...I DID NOT FORECAST ZR. ALSO TEMPS SOUTH OF LAN ARE IN THE LOW 40S...NOT TYPICAL OF WEATHER LEADING UP TO ZR EVENTS. THIS WILL BE SOMETHING WE NEED TO MONITOR THROUGH THE EVENING THOUGH. BASED ON THE DEEP UPRIGHT FGEN...WEAKNESS IN STABILITY AND FAVORABLE SOUNDINGS...COUNTIES WITHIN THE WARNING AREA SHOULD SEE A MINIMUM OF

6 INCHES. AM INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT MKG TO MOP BASED ON CURRENT TRENDS OF THE RADAR. WE HAVE ADVISORIES IN PLACE BUT STRONGER FGEN DOES CLIP THESE COUNTIES AND WE MAY NEED TO UPGRADE THEM. WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR TRENDS THROUGH THE REST OF THE LATE AFTERNOON CLOSELY.

BETWEEN 09Z AND 15Z THE SNOW WILL PULL RAPIDLY AWAY FORM THE AREA.

KEPT SOME SNOW IN THE FORECAST FOR SAT AM. MOISTURE DEPTH REALLY PLUMMETS BEHIND THE LOW FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON...WILL TREND THE FORECAST TOWARD PARTLY SUNNY. LITTLE OR NO MOISTURE AROUND FOR SATURDAY EVENING THUS MOSTLY CLEAR SHOULD WORK ANOTHER WAVE APPROACHES FROM THE WEST SUNDAY...WARM AIR ADVECTION HERE. WE SHOULD SEE TEMPS CLIMBING ABOVE FREEZING. WEAK COLD FRONT PUSHES THROUGH FOR SUNDAY NIGHT. WILL KEEP IT DRY AS THIS SYSTEM WILL BE LACKING MOISTURE.

.LONG TERM...

MON STARTS OUT THE LONG TERM PORTION OF THE FORECAST WITH A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE IN PLACE OVER LOWER MICHIGAN. THIS RIDGE WILL BE INBETWEEN A NRN STREAM SYSTEM THAT EXPECTED TO REMAIN JUST NORTH OF CWFA OVER UPPER MI...AND A SRN STREAM SYSTEM THAT IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN MAINLY SOUTH OF THE OHIO RIVER. DRY CONDITIONS AND SLIGHTLY ABOVE NORMAL TEMPS CAN BE EXPECTED FOR MON.

A NRN STREAM WAVE IS STILL EXPECTED TO BRING A FRONTAL SYSTEM INTO THE STATE DURING THE DAY ON TUE. THE THREAT OF SOME LIGHT SNOW WILL BE FOUND AS THIS SYSTEM MOVES THROUGH TUE AFTERNOON INTO TUE EVENING. THE MODELS HAVE BEEN TRENDING THE AIR BEHIND THIS FRONT A LITTLE COLDER...AS H850 TEMPS ARE NOW EXPECTED TO FALL TO OR BELOW -10C FOR TUE NIGHT THROUGH EARLY WED. THIS SHOULD BE COLD ENOUGH TO BRING AT LEAST A THREAT OF LAKE EFFECT TO THE CWFA.

FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK...THE LAST COUPLE RUNS OF MOST MEDIUM RANGE GUIDANCE SEEMS TO BE TRENDING FURTHER SOUTH WITH THE NRN STREAM JET. THIS IN TURN IS EXPECTED TO ALLOW NRN STREAM SYSTEMS TO HAVE MORE OF AN IMPACT ON LOWER MI. A BRIEF MODERATION IN TEMPS IS POSSIBLE WED NIGHT AND THU AS THE FLOW OUT AHEAD OF THE NEXT WAVE BRINGS IN A LITTLE MILDER AIR. THIS LOOKS TO BE TEMPORARY IN NATURE FOR NOW AS THE NEXT FRONT IS EXPECTED TO MOVE THROUGH DURING THE DAY ON THU. H850 TEMPS ARE EXPECTED TO DROP ONCE AGAIN TO AROUND AT LEAST -8C TO -10C BY FRI MORNING...ALLOWING FOR THE POTENTIAL OF AT LEAST A LITTLE LAKE EFFECT. WITH THIS TREND EXPECTED NOW...WE HAVE SHAVED A FEW DEGREES OFF OF THE PREVIOUS FORECAST...AND FUTURE SHIFTS MAY HAVE TO CONTINUE THIS TREND.

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.GRR WATCHES/WARNINGS/ADVISORIES...WINTER WEATHER HEADLINES IN EFFECT FOR ENTIRE FORECAST AREA TONIGHT.

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56. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Old programs can act like spyware

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-20 22:55:53 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 52 Message: 56

Ok I got it how do I know what to remove now that I have it?
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2006 5:28 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Old programs can act like spyware

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57. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Old programs can act like spyware

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-21 00:00:44 UTC
From: John Bok
Topic: 52 Message: 57

Hi Mark

The file mmtask.tsk is actually a Microsoft file. It is a multi-media task scheduler module. You can find out by doing a right click on the file, and clicking properties. In your case it may also be a damaged file. The original problem might be that something was damaged while an internet update, or music information request was scheduled and now it is looking for the program to run that is no longer there. I don't have much of a fix, but you might try doing a search on the internet for the offending filename to see what shows up.

John N8WVN
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From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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58. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Old programs can act like spyware

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-21 00:17:14 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 52 Message: 58

That's up to you. You can view what is installed to load when your Windows starts. You can probably remove a lot of items from that part since you aren't really removing anything from the computer.

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59. Re: Old programs can act like spyware

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-21 04:14:47 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 52 Message: 59

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wrote:
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but you can undo a removals because they get put into the Backups tab.

Here are a couple of sites than can be useful to determine what
programs and processes are doing or associated with:

<http://answersthatwork.com/Tasklist_pages/tasklist.htm>

<http://www.liutilities.com/products/wintaskspro/processlibrary/>

Laryn K8TVZ

60. Fw: FRUPAC: Update on Randal McCloy - SAGO Mine disaster

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-21 05:39:47 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 60 Message: 60

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----- Original Message -----
From: "frupac.net - Richard E Kerr Jr" <k8ctt@...>
To: <frupac@...>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2006 7:46
Subject: FRUPAC: Update on Randal McCloy - SAGO Mine disaster

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> DE W8ZT via W8XF
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> brother in law and I have positive news to report. News reports of him
> being in a coma are true, but, it is a very light coma. Today he was
> sitting up in bed and eating ice chips. He also was rubbing his knee
> and tugging at a piece of dried skin on his lip. His dialysis
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> The mail keeps his wife occupied and gives her consolation that so many
> think of her and her husband and family. Rick made the comment that he
> could paper the walls in the house with all of the cards and I then
> explained to him that that is what a lot of hams do with their cards.
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> he was in the process of looking for another radio to replace his
> shortly before the mine accident. I told his brother in law that I would
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> Anyway, thats all for now. I will check back with them in a week or so
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> friends, Rick. W8ZT
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> _____________________________________________
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61. Poll results for WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-21 09:14:43 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 61 Message: 61

The following WestMichiganHams poll is now closed. Here are the
final results:

POLL QUESTION: Amateur radio operators in times of emergency have stepped up and provided communication were they were needed. When it comes to volunteering our skills as hams how do you feel ?.

CHOICES AND RESULTS
- I do not want to volunteer for anything, 0 votes, 0.00%
- I am a communicator and should only do communications, 2 votes, 13.33%
- I am limited on what I can do and do not feel I would be of help, 0 votes, 0.00%
- I know all I need to know and will help when the time comes , 1 votes, 6.67%
- I will train for some things but I have very limited time to participate , 2 votes, 13.33%
- I want to train for as much as I can and help were I am trained, 10 votes, 66.67%
- I seen the poll but will not vote, 0 votes, 0.00%

For more information about this group, please visit
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/

62. Re: Old programs can act like spyware

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-21 13:07:16 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 52 Message: 62

Mark,

I have had problems similar to that with other programs, particularly Norton Antivirus. I tried removing it from my machine this past June when I got broadband and wanted to start using ZoneAlarm Security Suite for my antivirus software. It ended up corrupting the registry, so I ended up wiping the drive and starting over again. Up to that point I have never been a fan of doing that, but now must say it is true that the machine will run much better once it is done. Also, I no longer believe in backing up my data on optical. Instead, I went out and bought an external internal hard drive enclosure kit and a new internal drive and periodically back up all of my music, photos, and other personal stuff I don't want to lose. I have found this to be the answer to a lot of problems. Hard drive backup is more reliable than optical backup, plus, since I have 3 machines, I can take the drive from computer to computer and do file transfers and backups. I haven't set up home networking because every person I know who has has had a nightmare with it.

Scott
KD8CMK

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63. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: FRUPAC: Update on Randal McCloy - SAGO Mine disaster

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-21 13:25:14 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 60 Message: 63

I sent him a QSL with some money in it a week ago. There are a lot of hams doing that.

----- Original Message -----

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64. For Sale: Pocket Tracker APRS unit with GPS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-21 18:22:47 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 64 Message: 64

If anyone is interested I have a Pocket Tracker from Byonics I have one with the GPS I am selling for someone.

http://www.byonics.com/pockettracker/ for more info.

Contact me and I will take care of the sale..

thanx

Jeff

65. Jinxers!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-21 19:20:47 UTC
From: Andrew Young (N8ARY)
Topic: 65 Message: 65

Someone jinxed me. After all the discussion about malware/spyware, my computer rebooted with the "blue screen of death." I couldn't even get it into safe mode.

After spending the morning reloading it, I am probably better off. There were a few things that weren't working right anyway.

I only lost what I couldn't remember I had. The rest was on my d:\ partition, fortunately.

Andrew

66. guide

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-22 16:05:44 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 66 Message: 66

Is there a boat anchor buyers guide,I want to be an informed hamfester

73 KD8CBJ A.K.A. paul

67. RE: [WestMichiganHams] guide

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-22 16:59:35 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 66 Message: 67

Paul:

There must be tons of stuff on the internet, but I don't know the exact locations. There are folks in the radio club who enjoy boat anchors. I'm sure that they will surface here and drop a few hints. You could also visit a club meeting and get connected with these folks. Boat anchors are great fun. I was a SWL in the early 1980s using a Hallicrafters rig. Love the QSL cards, too. We even have a couple boat anchors at the clubhouse shack. The Drake twins are ready to be used but have not been powered up in an embarrassing number of years.

FYI, the next club meeting is February 2, 7:00 pm at the clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive in Muskegon. Check online for maps, give a call on the '94 repeater, or follow your nose to the log cabin in the woods.

73

Bill, AB8SC

68. iambic keyer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-25 01:53:17 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 68 Message: 68

Tom (W8AMZ) & Bill AB8SC) I found my hard copy of the schematic for the iambic keyer.I will try to get you the web site I found it at.

69. RE: [WestMichiganHams] iambic keyer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-25 03:22:32 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 68 Message: 69

Jim:

I'm not sure if Tom is sharing his searches. He has found a possible project keyer for our effort. It's basic, $20, kit, and, with a few tweaks might fit the bill.

On another subject, the club is doing a fox hunting antenna building seminar on Feb 18. Tape measure antenna, antenna analyzer, run the thing through a few tests, use it on a known source. Stuff like that.

Bill

70. Re: [WestMichiganHams] iambic keyer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-25 04:31:02 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 68 Message: 70

heres the tape measure beam I built.

http://home.att.net/~jleggio/projects/rdf/tape_bm.htm
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 10:22 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] iambic keyer

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71. Re: [WestMichiganHams] iambic keyer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-25 04:33:30 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 68 Message: 71

I may also have a couple of old 3/4" tape measures to donate. I will take a look around the new Quilt aka antenna building room.
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 10:22 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] iambic keyer

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72. Re: [WestMichiganHams] iambic keyer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-25 04:40:45 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 68 Message: 72

Sorry Bill The project needs 1" tape measure. I will still take a look around.
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74. Fw: Items For Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-25 16:16:40 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 74 Message: 74

All I am helping a fellow ham get rid of some gear..

Last items I have are:

VX7RB - 225.00
TM-261A - 100.00
Dual Band Mobile antenna - Comet SBB5 - 25.00
Optima Yellow Top Battery 100.00
Byonics Pocket Tracker with GPS 125.00
Dual band Mobile antenna Comet B-10 25.00
Heavy Duty Magnet Mount 15.00
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75. HARC Mini Swap..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-25 20:54:27 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 75 Message: 75

Just incase anyone in the area needs some goodies..

Jeff

HARC Monthly Swap Meet
January 21st, 2006
YOU'RE INVITED TO HOLLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS FIRST MONTHLY MINI - SWAP.

Come join us at our new Technology and Training building in downtown Holland. Bring the family and friends for a fun day. Parking available. All welcome.

DATE : SAT FEB 4th 2006 (Talk in : 147.060 94.8pl)
SET UP TIME : SAT 10 - 10h30
SWAP TIME : SAT 10h30 to 2.00pm
VENUE : 280 East 8th Street, Holland.

a.. HARC will provide * FREE table space
b.. FREE trunk swap parking space (weather permitting)
c.. FREE parking
d.. FREE entry
e.. FREE coffee
f.. 50/50 Draw
(To offset our new buildings upkeep, donations from sellers /visitors would however be very much appreciated!)

YOU need to bring what ever surplus equipment to sell / swap.

QUESTIONS? Contact:

Ken ZR5AAD/W8
The Aviator
Cell Ph: (616)726-3929

76. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Digest Number 12

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-25 21:55:04 UTC
From: jfischer@azulstar.com
Topic: 76 Message: 76

> The north ottawa arc has the te-ne-key iambeck keys for sale for 35.00
contact any one from noarc or go to noarc/qsl.net or send a post 73
kc8uny

There are 5 messages in this issue.
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> Topics in this digest:
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> 1. iambic keyer
> From: "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
> 2. RE: iambic keyer
> From: "Bill Fries" <bill_fries@...>
> 3. Re: iambic keyer
> From: "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
> 4. Re: iambic keyer
> From: "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
> 5. Re: iambic keyer
> From: "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
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> Message: 1
> Date: Tue, 24 Jan 2006 20:53:17 -0500
> From: "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
> Subject: iambic keyer
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> Tom (W8AMZ) & Bill AB8SC) I found my hard copy of the schematic for the
> iambic keyer.I will try to get you the web site I found it at.
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> [This message contained attachments]
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> Message: 2
> Date: Tue, 24 Jan 2006 22:22:32 -0500
> From: "Bill Fries" <bill_fries@...>
> Subject: RE: iambic keyer
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> Jim:
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> Message: 3
> Date: Tue, 24 Jan 2006 23:31:02 -0500
> From: "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
> Subject: Re: iambic keyer
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> heres the tape measure beam I built.
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> http://home.att.net/~jleggio/projects/rdf/tape_bm.htm
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Bill Fries
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 10:22 PM
> Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] iambic keyer
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> Message: 4
> Date: Tue, 24 Jan 2006 23:33:30 -0500
> From: "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
> Subject: Re: iambic keyer
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> I may also have a couple of old 3/4" tape measures to donate. I will take
> a look around the new Quilt aka antenna building room.
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Bill Fries
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 10:22 PM
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> Message: 5
> Date: Tue, 24 Jan 2006 23:40:45 -0500
> From: "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
> Subject: Re: iambic keyer
>
> Sorry Bill The project needs 1" tape measure. I will still take a look
> around.
> ----- Original Message -----

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77. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: Items For Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-25 21:54:29 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 74 Message: 77

Jeff When you have the GPS model number for sure Let me know. I may be interested.
----- Original Message -----
From: "Jeff's Lists" <lists@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 11:16 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: Items For Sale

> All I am helping a fellow ham get rid of some gear..
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78. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: Items For Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-26 23:01:42 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 74 Message: 78

Jeff, What comes with this radio? Manual, charger any other goodies? Thanks 73's Jason kc8ovs kc8ovs@...

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79. Crossband Radios

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-27 02:03:24 UTC
From: Randy
Topic: 79 Message: 79

Hi all, I am considering upgrading my mobile radio with a new dual bander. I have been looking at crossband radios and think that is the way I'm going. I have been looking hard at the Kenwood TM-V708A and the Icom 2720H. The Icom 2720H looks to me as the better radio as far as what it will for the money. I

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Thanks and I will be looking forward to reading your vast wealth of knowlegde on these subjects.

73, Randy Miller-
KC8WSD

80. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Crossband Radios

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-27 02:43:25 UTC
From: Andrew Young (N8ARY)
Topic: 79 Message: 80

Is the Kenwood TM-V7A still available? It's a very nice radio. It's probably similar to the Kenwood you're looking at. I use a Kenwood TM-733, which has been out of production for some time. The Alinco radios also seem to work fine. I haven't tried any Icoms for crossbanding.

Having crossband capability is very useful, especially in an emergency comms situation when you might be quite a distance from the repeater but not so far from your car.

I would recommend lots of practice with the crossbander before using it at an event or emergency.

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One thing you might not know but ought to check out-

Both of Grand Haven's repeaters transmit a CTCSS tone ONLY while the input frequency has a signal on it. This enhances the crossband experience because you don't have to wait for the carrier to drop if you use tone on both TX/RX (Encode/Decode) or however you want to say it on the crossbanding rig. This was done to improve the performance of the Echolink and IRLP stations but it is nice if you decide to crossband into them.

It's also nice for monitoring if you don't want to hear the time and ID announcements.
----- Original Message -----
From: Randy
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2006 9:03 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Crossband Radios

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82. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Crossband Radios

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-27 03:54:43 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 79 Message: 82

> Also, Kenwood seems
>to be the only company that makes true legal crossbanders, those which
>the control operator can be at an HT and not sitting in the car near
>the crossbander. Kenwoods have a full remote control feature.

Mark, that's interesting. What specifically does Kenwood do to make it a legal crossbander??

Also, Andrew had good advice--practice and rehearse with possible frequencies that you might be using during a real communications event. Sometimes you find frequency combinations that are not compatible.

Also, these guidelines come to mind for crossbanding--

1. use low power on your crossbander or you'll find it in ashes in a very short time
2. use tone squelch on BOTH sides, preferably DIFFERENT tones for each side

Also, someone mentioned that the GH repeaters transmit tone only during signal on the input. That's not a bad idea, and I will probably do the same thing for the Holland repeaters...

Laryn K8TVZ

85. Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-27 04:39:05 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 83 Message: 85

OK Mark, I understand. That would be the ideal and proper way to operate the crossbander. As far as IDing, what's wrong with IDing it yourself with voice?

Laryn K8TVZ

87. Re: Crossbanders

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-27 05:22:46 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 84 Message: 87

Mark, further thoughts on the legality of crossbanding with radios other than the Kenwood you speak about.

I don't think there is anything wrong with crossbanding (legally) if I am controlling (transmitting to) the crossbander on 222mc and above. This would be considered an Auxiliary station under the rules in 97.201. Remote control of another Amateur station is allowed there.

Having said that, we could discuss 97.205a:

(a) Any amateur station licensed to a holder of a Technician, General, Advanced or Amateur Extra Class operator license may be a repeater. A holder of a Technician, General, Advanced or Amateur Extra Class operator license may be the control operator of a repeater, subject to the privileges of the class of operator license held.

Maybe I'm over-simplifying, but as long as I stay in the legal repeater sub-bands with my crossbanding radio and associated handheld, I'm OK. Being careful, I could pick a clear repeater sub-band frequency and operate, no?

Laryn K8TVZ

88. Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-27 05:28:57 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 83 Message: 88

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89. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Crossband Radios

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-27 14:14:21 UTC
From: Andrew Young (N8ARY)
Topic: 79 Message: 89

I have to take part of my statement back. The V7A isn't so much a nice radio, but the crossbanding features are very convenient. The display wasn't so good if I remember right. It's blue, which looks really neat in the dark, but in sunlight, you can't see it. That's why I got rid of it and fixed my TM-733, which is also a Kenwood and I like it.

If you want to test different radios, eBay is a good place to get them at reduced cost, and you can resell them if you don't like them. That's how I have had so many radios.
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young (N8ARY)
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2006 9:43 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Crossband Radios

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92. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-27 14:53:10 UTC
From: Andrew Young (N8ARY)
Topic: 83 Message: 92

As long as we don't end up not being able to use them (like a recent over-illumination we had of a certain state law). Crossbanders are too useful for us to lose them. They're way more cool than frequency-controlled oscillating visible-spectrum electromagnetic wave signalling devices.

I do think this will fall under the "prudent use" category if it is a gray area because it is normally not even noticed by the other users. Mark- how many crossbanders did we have in use at the last AirFair? How many participants could even tell they were there? What would communications have been like without them?
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 9:32 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

All stations must ID to be legal. There are special rules for cross banders. If I can dig up something on this I will post it to the group.

All that being said, I use mine and don't worry too much about having it ID itself. I do plan on getting the digital CW id'er this year though.

This is a good topic. I will try to post some rulings if I can find them.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]
From: "Laryn Lohman" <larynl@...>
Date: Fri, January 27, 2006 12:28 am
To: WestMichiganHams@...m

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95. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: Items For Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-27 16:19:54 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 74 Message: 95

Jim, its a Garmin GPS 76

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From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 4:54 PM
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96. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Crossband Radios

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-27 16:35:45 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 79 Message: 96

Randy, I had a 708.. Dont buy it..

I am on my blackberry right now so I cant give tons of detail.. Just dont buy it

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97. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-27 19:17:30 UTC
From: Andrew Young (N8ARY)
Topic: 83 Message: 97

OK- so the station is controlled (not unattended) if you are resonably close and can intervene in a timely manner- This isn't the same as a full-time repeater, which I am sure there are times it is "unattended." It also isn't the same as letting an unlicensed person use your radio, so things wouldn't get out of hand very quickly.

You would normally be actively using the crossbander, and as such, be in control of it. If this means taking a minute or so to get to the controls, I think it's still OK, unless there's a smaller time limit.

A normal scenario would be having your vehicle in the area and operating with an HT. Most of the time, I'll bet you'd have your repeater within sight.

Like I said before, make sure you practice before going live with a net.

Good article, Mark. It has pretty good illustrations. I would say it might be a good learning tool for the next tech class.
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 10:20 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

Check out the 'legal considerations' paragraph at the end of this article:

http://www.qsl.net/wb3gck/cbr.htm

In fact, the whole article is pretty good.

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98. 2m digital net - Wed nights @ 8pm on 5.49

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-27 23:17:11 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 98 Message: 98

It's back, and hopefully better than ever. Starting this coming
Wednesday, February 1st at 8 PM, the 2 meter digital net will now be
held using FM, since very few people seem to have 2m SSB gear and that
was probably it failed before.

It will be done using the NOARC 145.490 +94.8 repeater in Grand Haven.
There is also a remote receiver in Grand Rapids with a PL of 91.5, and
an Echolink node (N8ARY-L).

This week's net will be done with PSK31, but in the future I do intend
to use other modes. MFSK16, RTTY, Olivia and any other modes that anyone
wants to try will have their nights. Also, at least once a month (and
possibly more), I want to use SSTV, or perhaps even HD-SSTV. Currently I
plan to do SSTV on the third Wednesday of each month.

A few things must be done differently due to the use of a repeater:

* Since it will timeout after 3 minutes, transmissions need to be kept
brief. PSK31 and MFSK16 should be kept to 500 words or less, faster
modes will permit more verbose transmissions.

* I will make a voice announcement every so often stating what's going on.

* A second or 2 should be left between transmissions on the off chance
that someone needs to make an emergency call.

Anyway, to get in on it, you need software and a soundcard interface.

For software I recommend:
Windoze:
- MixW (www.mixw.net) does everything but costs $50
- Free single-mode apps:
- PSK31/63: Digipan (www.digipan.net)
- RTTY: MMTTY (mmhamsoft.ham-radio.ch/mmtty)

Real OS's:
- gMFSK -hkj fork (www.w1hkj.com), free, does almost everything

The soundcard interface is just a simple device to carry audio between
the rig and soundcard. A simple one can be made by running a straight
cable from your rig's speaker jack to your soundcard's line-in jack,
cutting the cord off of a pair of headphones and connecting it to the
rig's mic or data in pins, and using a transistor switch for keying
(google "PTT interface"). If you can't find something to harvest them
out of I can send you the needed transistor, resistor and diode, I've
got a box of them. If you don't want to homebrew one, tons of
commercially-made ones are available, such as the Rigblaster or Rascal.

They go for around $50.

Some rigs might have an explicit "packet" mode, which causes them to use their data jack instead of the mic jack. If your rig has such a setting, and you are using the data jack, you should set it to this. If you are using an HF+VHF rig, it might also have a "digital" or "RTTY" setting. Don't use this setting, since that will put the rig in sideband mode. "Packet" will put it in FM mode. Most FM-only rigs, whether or not they have a data jack, probably do not have a "packet mode" setting, instead monitoring both the mic and data jacks all the time, and automatically taking audio from whichever side the PTT signal came from.

Hopefully I've supplied enough information here to get everyone started. I certainly hope to see everyone there!

73 de Joe KD8ATU SK . .

99. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2m digital net - Wed nights @ 8pm on 145.49

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-28 03:09:43 UTC
From: Andrew Young (N8ARY)
Topic: 99 Message: 99
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Attached in Adobe format is a good homemade interface circuit for HT's with
excellent isolation if needed.

Let's give it a try if you have time.

If you're using soundcard packet, you're already set up besides the
software.

I know there are quite a few packet guys in Muskegon who could get into
this.

Please join in and let Joe exercise his gear.

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: "Joe Veldhuis" <kd8atu@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 6:17 PM
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101. Packet on Computer Sound Card?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-29 16:33:20 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 83 Message: 101

All:

Over on the ARRL www site is a link to a www page devoted to doing packet using a computer sound card. The stuff looks interesting. I have heard some folks fighting a few issues with this goal. Perhaps this information will help you resolve a few issues. Check into:

http://www.soundcardpacket.info/

Bill, AB8SC

102. Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-29 18:44:17 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 83 Message: 102

Mark, just some further thoughts woven in below--

>The snag with cross banders is that the
control operator has to be in reach of the controls...pretty hard when you
are a half mile away on an HT. No prob when the controls have been
>transferred to your HT!

There's not a specific amount of time that a control operator must be
able to reach the controls if needed and take action, although
certainly a "reasonable" amount of time comes to mind, whatever that
might mean... And certainly, the sooner the better, but I don't
necessarily think that one must be sitting in front of the radio at
all times for that purpose. Repeaters are allowed to operate under
"automatic control" which means that procedures must be in place to
assure compliance with the rules without the control operator being
present. Often, a part of that is having the 3 minute timer in place
on a repeater. (Although there is no specific rule that a repeater
must have a 3 minute timer...) That point is that INSTANT access for
the purpose of controlling a transmitter is not necessary. Having
said that, most crossbanders are not capable of automatic control
without modifications. (I'm not saying that xbanders are repeaters,
but maybe... more on that later.)

>There is a feature (not in the manual except for the addendum) that
allows
the TMV7A to be controlled by an HT set up with the proper digital tones.
All functions of the TMV7A can be controlled by an HT. Kenwood touts this
as part of their Skycommand (FCC denied the technology) controls and says
>that only Kenwood HTs can control Kenwood mobile rigs.

The Skycommand features sound like a good way to go. What did you
mean that the "FCC denied the technology"?

>I think it has something to do with the cross banders re-transmission
of it's recieved signal back to you.

I agree that IDing that side of the operation is a problem...

>First, transmitting to a repeater is not the same as controlling it.

Agreed. I guess that comment was aimed more at the crossbanding
radio, where if you are transmitting above 222.15mc you could operate
as an Auxiliary station while transmitting TO your crossbander, but
that really doesn't address the <other> side of crossband operation.

>Also, with the exception of digital vs. phone, band plans are not
part of FCC law, they are voluntary agreements meant to reduce

interference between stations.

True, but ther are segments of the 2M band for example where repeaters are not allowed. 97.205b. One could make a case that these xbanders are repeaters, according to the Definitions in the rules. 97.3a

>All stations must ID to be legal. There are special rules for cross banders.

Where are the special rules?

>Kenwood was working on a system called Sky Command that allowed an HT to go through a mobile to control an HF rig. If I was at a picnic a half mile from my car, which was 10 miles from my home, I could do HF DX through the system with my HT on low power. The FCC for some reason did not allow it. Too bad, I thought it was a cool idea.

Hmmm... I think it is out there. One of the local hams was just last week talking about being able to control his HF rig via his handheld.

Mark, good link that you posted <http://www.qsl.net/wb3gck/cbr.htm>

Good discussion too.

Laryn K8TVZ

107. VE Testing this Saturday in Muskegon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-30 00:16:23 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 107 Message: 107

Hi All,

The Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council (M.A.A.R.C.) VE Team will be holding tests of all elements for all classes of license this Saturday February 4, 2006 Starting at 9:00AM at the American Red Cross, 313 W Webster Ave., (Corner of 3rd & Webster) in Muskegon.

For those that need direction talkin will be on the 146.940 Repeater with a PL of 94.8.

The following items are required for testing:

a.. A valid form of ID.

b.. A copy of your current license (if any). This must be sent in with your paperwork.

c.. A copy of any CSCE (Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination). This copy must also be sent in with your paperwork.
d.. Calculator (if needed) and 2 pencils.
e.. $14 cash. We are unable to accept checks or any form of payment other than cash. Correct change is appreciated.
Please check the M.A.A.R.C. website for further information.
http://www.qsl.net/w8zho/ve.html

Any questions contact me either at my e-mail of 231-744-4522 (home) or 231-670-1284(cell)

Denny N8CTT A proud member of the M.A.A.R.C. VE Team
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108. Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-30 05:23:39 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 83 Message: 108

Mark, I was not aware that the Skycommand system used 2M. That definitely tells the story, as explained very well in the segment in your last post. I suppose it might not be illegal to sell the radios, just illegal to use them.

>Unlike a phone patch, we have not personal control over who keys up on VHF with the proper tones. None of the access tones, even DTCSS, can be encrypted or hidden.

It would be a good idea to use an unusual tone (not 94.8 in this area if possible) or DCS from your handheld to the xbander. Using different tones for each side of the xbander also reduces the chance of intermod locking up your xbander, which is of course what you don't want. As mentioned before, I believe that CTCSS is very important, even mandatory for use during Emcomms.

> The timer on my cross bander was timing out while I was in the store and had no control over it.

Too bad you can't disable the TOT in your rig. Maybe you'll find how. My IC2350 has that option. It works very well for xbanding.

Yes, there are numerous ways to use these things. I've not personally tried the back to back in-band repeater trick. You'll have to separate the two rigs perhaps by several hundred feet or more, depending on the in/out frequency separation, to prevent desense.

These things are fun. I like the basement idea.

Laryn K8TVZ

109. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-30 15:46:11 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 83 Message: 109

I would like to see the repeaters get more cross band friendly.

If they are set up so the tone comes from the rigs transmitting into the repeater and drops when those rigs un key they are easier to work with cross banders. Some are and some aren't. I good test would be to see which repeaters hang the cross banders and which ones let them drop. Even if the TOT can be turned off, the extra heat building up in our crosss banders is not warranted.

Tone manipulation on the cross banders can help operations too, same as with the remote rigs we use. Many of us (I am one) forget that we can use the tones coming from the repeaters if we want to keep unwanted noise and other repeaters from opening up the squelch. They can also be tweaked to get the cross banders to drop out long enough to satisfy the TOTs.

It would be nice to have a list of repeaters that are already 'cross band friendly'

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Laryn Lohman" <larynl@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2006 12:23 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

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110. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-30 16:21:37 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 83 Message: 110

All:

I agree that repeaters should "pass" the CTCSS tone. From my perspective this might be handy if I want my personal radio to only open the squelch when called by someone who has the proper CTCSS to send. This way I can filter the chatter on a repeater to those who have the CTCSS tone coordinated with my personal radio. I do not use this feature in my radios right now. There is always the future.

Perhaps a group could put CTCSS tone squelch on their group's radios. Then all in the group could continuously monitor the repeater. When others in the group key the repeater all in the group have their squelch opened. I believe that there are other features associated with CTCSS or similar tones to allow simple paging?

So, using this with a cross band repeater is great. Using this to filter users on the repeater is also possible. Some food for thought. Today's radios have many features of interest.

Bill, AB8SC

111. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-30 17:27:59 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 83 Message: 111

The tones allow for a whole passle of cool features.

A read of our HT manuals about paging and tones will illustrate that. My Yaesu has not only the ability to use tones for privacy, but can use them as a sort of caller ID. The radio beeps, you look at the display to see which tone is being used, and then decide to take the call or not.

Too much for me, but I can see some may like the feature.

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2006 11:21 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

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112. Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-30 19:26:53 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 83 Message: 112

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Fries"
<bill_fries@n...> wrote:
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> when called by someone who has the proper CTCSS to send. This way I can
> filter the chatter on a repeater to those who have the CTCSS tone
> coordinated with my personal radio.

This has been done on the commercial two-way repeaters for 40+ years.
The repeaters don't really pass the tones, but decode a tone (if
enabled by the owner) then send "new" tone out, usually the same tone,
but can be configured for a different tone than the one received.
That way Joe's Plumbing doesn't bother Ray's Construction, sharing the
same repeater.

Obviously, most ham repeaters are not set up this way. But it is
quite possible.

Laryn K8TVZ

113. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-30 20:00:09 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 83 Message: 113

Bill,

Comments included within the text.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2006 11:21
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [FWD: Crossbanders]

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I asked Jim K8COP if the 82 and or 94 repeater put out a CTCSS ton and told that they both "pass through" the same same tone (94.8) that is required to bring up the repeater. Therefore, as Mark said, we can set up of receivers to only "open up" when the correct tone, in this case 94.8, is received. This would reduce or eleminate most of the "interference" we experence from the WI or Benton Harbor repeaters on 82 and the WI or Lansing repeater on the 94.

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This will only work if the repeater does not require a tone to activate it. As far as I know our radios are only capable of sending out my tone at a time, which would be required to activate the repeaters receiver. This can be used on simplex frequencies with the only requirement, being to not interfere with an ongoing QSO.

Bill, AB8SC

114. The ultimate portable

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-31 00:53:40 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 114 Message: 114

Emergency rig to die for!

http://www.w5kgt.com/ares.html

115. Interesting Links - KPH

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-31 01:08:30 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 115 Message: 115

I got the first link from the FRUPAC List, another ham list.
The 2nd & 3rd links are to different sections of the same website.

I think our former broadcast hams will find this very interesting.

http://www.radiomarine.org/kph-today-1.html

http://www.radiomarine.org/kph-proj.html

http://www.radiomarine.org/index.html This is the Maritime Radio Historical Society Main Page.

Enjoy

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
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116. SuitSat on 2M

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-31 04:45:10 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 116 Message: 116

Check this link, it should be interesting. Within this article, check out JPass and when you are there, JPass 3D.

<http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2006/26jan_suitsat.htm>

Laryn K8TVZ

117. Holland Mini-Swap

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-01-31 15:10:42 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 117 Message: 117

All
Lets help support this Swap in Holland. Tom

YOU'RE INVITED TO HOLLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS FIRST MONTHLY MINI -
SWAP.

Come join us at our new Technology and Training building in downtown
Holland. Bring the family and friends for a fun day. Parking
available. All
welcome.

DATE : SAT FEB 4th 2006 (Talk in : 147.060 94.8pl)
SET UP TIME : SAT 10 - 10:30
SWAP TIME : SAT 10:30 to 2:00pm
VENUE : 280 East 8th Street, Holland.

a.. HARC will provide * FREE table space
b.. FREE trunk swap parking space (weather permitting)
c.. FREE parking
d.. FREE entry
e.. FREE coffee
f.. 50/50 Draw
(To offset our new buildings upkeep, donations from
sellers /visitors
would
however be very much appreciated!)

YOU need to bring what ever surplus equipment to sell / swap.

QUESTIONS? Contact:

Ken ZR5AAD/W8
The Aviator
Cell Ph: (616)726-3929

118. New rig to come out soon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-01 19:03:50 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 118 Message: 118

Here is the rig we need for the portable tower:

http://www.foxtango.org/FTDX9000.htm

119. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New rig to come out soon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-01 22:30:03 UTC
From: Andrew Young (N8ARY)
Topic: 118 Message: 119

All for only $13,500.

Both my cars aren't worth that much combined.
----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2006 2:03 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] New rig to come out soon

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120. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New rig to come out soon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-01 23:24:55 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 118 Message: 120

"Both my cars aren't worth that much combined."

Then I would not combine them.

What did they cost NEW?

Anyway...

13 grand for the most expensive rig in our hobby.

Compare that to the most expensive rigs in other hobbies. Drag racing? 50 k and up. Heck, I know guys that spend $60,000 on a Harley. There are skeet guns in the 25 k range. How many friends in Lithuania can you make with a $25,000 skeet gun? And what of poker? 13 grand? One hand!

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2006 5:30 PM
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All for only $13,500.

Both my cars aren't worth that much combined.
----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2006 2:03 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] New rig to come out soon

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121. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New rig to come out soon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-02 00:16:52 UTC
From: Andrew Young (N8ARY)
Topic: 118 Message: 121

I guess I'll take the duct tape off and un-combine my cars.

I know what you're saying.
----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2006 6:24 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] New rig to come out soon

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122. Amateur Radio Test Session - February

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-02 13:34:30 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 122 Message: 122

Hi All,

The Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council (M.A.A.R.C.) VE Team will be holding tests of all elements for all classes of license this Saturday February 4, 2006 Starting at 9:00AM at the American Red Cross, 313 W Webster Ave., (Corner of 3rd & Webster) in Muskegon.

For those that need direction talkin will be on the 146.940 Repeater with a PL of 94.8.

The following items are required for testing:

a.. A valid form of ID.

b.. A copy of your current license (if any). This must be sent in with your paperwork.

c.. A copy of any CSCE (Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination). This copy must also be sent in with your paperwork.
d.. Calculator (if needed) and 2 pencils.
e.. $14 cash. We are unable to accept checks or any form of payment other than cash. Correct change is appreciated.
Please check the M.A.A.R.C. website for further information.
http://www.qsl.net/w8zho/ve.html

Any questions contact me either at my e-mail of 231-744-4522 (home) or 231-670-1284(cell)

Denny N8CTT A proud member of the M.A.A.R.C. VE Team
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n8ctt@...

123. Re: Interesting Links - KPH

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-03 01:40:59 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 115 Message: 123

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Dennis Harriss" <n8ctt@...>
wrote:
>
> I got the first link from the FRUPAC List, another ham list.
> The 2nd & 3rd links are to different sections of the same website.
>
> I think our former broadcast hams will find this very interesting.

Dennis, thanks for the links. They are very interesting.

Laryn K8TVZ

124. Suit Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-03 13:22:33 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 124 Message: 124

Hi All, here ar some more links for suitsat...

Thought you might find this interesting...

Here is a "cut" from the latest issue of "NASA
Tech Briefs INSIDER" 02/02/06 issue... wherein,
more and more Amateur Radio is again being
mentioned quite a bit in the different
scientific journals.....

Tom KB8VEE 73......

SUIT SATELLITE
Currently aboard the International Space Station is an extra Russian
Orlan
space suit, which has reached the end of its lifespan and can no
longer be
worn. To dispose of it, the crew of the space station will send it
on one
final mission. During a spacewalk scheduled for tomorrow, the extra
suit will
be pushed into space, where it will become an independent satellite -
-
Suitsat-1.

Suitsat-1 will carry a radio transmitter, sensors, and materials
created by
students around the world, including voice recordings and artwork.
The suit
will broadcast on amateur radio frequencies, which are above the FM
broadcast
band. While Suitsat-1 remains in orbit, students, scouts, teachers,
ham radio
operators, and the general public are encouraged to tune into the
signal,
which will include the student recordings, information about the
condition
of the suit, and a special commemorative picture.

For photos and to listen to Suitsat-1, visit:
http://link.abpi.net/l.php?20060202A2

For the full story, visit:
http://link.abpi.net/l.php?20060202A3

125. WHERE TO GET COAX LOCALLY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-03 14:05:20 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 125 Message: 125

Good day everyone. I need some coax cable to complete wiring of my HF rigs to my antennas. Where is a good place to purchase coax at locally? I am thinking about picking up 100" of 9913 or RG-8U.

Thank you and 73
Doc, KD8BGQ

126. RE: [WestMichiganHams] WHERE TO GET COAX LOCALLY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-03 14:24:08 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 125 Message: 126

Doc:

If I were getting that much coax I'd mail order it from Texas Towers or similar. There is a hamfest this weekend in Holland and another one in Traverse City next weekend. And if you can wait there surely will be lots of options in Marshall in late March.

If you mail order I would put the intention out here on the list and see if others would like coax, too. Seems you never have too much of the good stuff and I'd wager that you could easily get the order up to four or five hundred feet without too much trouble. McARES purchased five hundred feet, used a hundred, and sold the rest in about fifty-four seconds at a club meeting. It's popular!

That said, I have not heard of any locally available 9913. And don't forget the PL-259 connectors while you are ordering.

I'm not familiar with RG-8U but have a couple hundred feet of 9913 in use, currently. I really like the 9913 and use it on VHF and HF. A little stiff but great stuff, low loss, decent size to work with the connectors, etc.

Bill, AB8SC

127. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WHERE TO GET COAX LOCALLY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-03 14:11:19 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 125 Message: 127

Doc
The Muskegon club bought a 500 ft roll. They may have some left. No good store in Muskegon to buy. Good luck Tom KB8VEE

----- Original Message -----
From: "ravennaelectronics" <ravennaelectronics@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 9:05 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] WHERE TO GET COAX LOCALLY

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> rigs to my antennas. Where is a good place to purchase coax at
> locally? I am thinking about picking up 100" of 9913 or RG-8U.
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128. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WHERE TO GET COAX LOCALLY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-03 14:49:57 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 125 Message: 128

I think it was WI8W who told me that he bought a 500' roll of Belden coax (don't know what variety) from a distributor in Grand Rapids, but I don't recall the name nor do I know whether they sell lesser quantities.

I am planning to buy Davis 9914F "Bury-Flex"
http://www.davisrf.com/ham1/coax.htm

Alan NV8A

On 02/03/06 09:05 am ravennaelectronics wrote:

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> <http://groups.yahoo.com/gads?t=ms&k=Craft+hobby&w1=Craft+hobby&w2=Hobby+and+craft+supply&w3=Ham+radio&c=3&s=60&.sig=YqiuyVwjnQFdynnsmMwVWg>
> Hobby and craft supply
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> <http://docs.yahoo.com/info/terms/>.
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130. Fw: Radar Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-03 19:24:10 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 130 Message: 130

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Brings New Weather Radar Graphics to the Internet:

On February 21, NOAA's National Weather Service introduced new weather radar graphics on its web pages. These graphics, called RIDGE (Radar Integrated Display with Geospatial Elements), allow the displayed radar image to be combined with geospatially referenced elements such as topography maps, highways, and county boundaries, along with polygons for Tornado, Severe Thunderstorm, Flash Flood, and Special Marine warnings. The graphics also allow users to turn different data layers on and off, adding city labels and political boundaries, for example. Users are now more easily able to identify their location in relation to severe weather threats. The new graphics are currently in a testing and public comment stage. The new graphics are on display at http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ridge/.

131. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: Radar Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-03 21:31:16 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 130 Message: 131

Tom,

Anyone you know have any luck with this as a layer for Google Earth?

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Tom VanderMel
To: West Michigan Hams
Cc: Holland Group
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 2:24 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: Radar Update

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133. Suit Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-04 00:46:53 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 125 Message: 133

All:

If Jim, KC8PCJ is able to copy the Suit Sat signal and record the message I would really enjoy hearing the transmission on the Sunday evening two meter net.

Agreement?

The suit's deployment was wonderfully presented on the NASA web television broadcast. Wow!

My radio is permanently tuned to the frequency while I fervently hope for success. This is way beyond cool.

Bill, AB8SC

135. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Suit Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-04 01:08:27 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 124 Message: 135

Suit Sat location can be found at www.suitsat.org/

73 de K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 7:46 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Suit Sat

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136. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Suitsat launch

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-04 01:19:15 UTC
From: Andrew Young (N8ARY)
Topic: 132 Message: 136
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

The frequency is also the International Space Station (ISS) uplink frequency. I bet you could listen to 145.800 in addition to 145.99 and hear it if the ISS is overhead but not suitsat. For those who don't know what I am talking about, the ISS carries a digipeater with 145.99 uplink and 145.800 downlink, meaning you need to offset your radio as if you are using a repeater. Tx on uplink, Rx on downlink.

Check out http://www.rac.ca/ariss/faqariss.htm for more information.
----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 7:49 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Suitsat launch

KOLEY and I got to watch the launch. It was too cool!

Ham radio has to be the greatest of hobbies! I hope to be able to copy a transmission on 145.990 as the suit passes over Michigan.

I still can't get over it. Pun intended, but to be a part of a hobby that gets the attention of the greatest adventurers of our time is phenomenal. And to bridge the gap of space, attitudes and politics makes it even more incredible.

73 to all,

Mark K8MHZ

137. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Suit Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-04 01:24:42 UTC
From: Andrew Young (N8ARY)
Topic: 124 Message: 137

Oh- it's phone? Disregard my e-mail about packet.
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138. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Suit Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-04 01:53:18 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 124 Message: 138

As I read this I am picking up a packet signal of some sort 40 over on 145.99

K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young (N8ARY)
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Suit Sat

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139. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Suit Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-04 02:07:34 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 124 Message: 139

This signal from Suit Sat is phone. Actually, a greeting in several languages. Some key words in each language can be "collected" by listeners and special recognition (wallpaper?) is available. There will be telemetry (suit sat temp., voltage, and mission time) transmitted in English. And there is a special slow scan image transmitted. It's all on a tape loop running nine or so minutes. An optimum pass lasts around ten minutes?

I would hope that nobody tries to mask the signal with other transmissions. Let's keep the frequency clear for the listeners. Reports, on suitsat.org are that the received signal strength is very light. Sounds like a good time to turn down the squelch control. Personally I'm hoping the signal strength will improve.

Bill, AB8SC

140. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Suit Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-04 02:36:28 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 124 Message: 140

145.990 is the packet uplink freq for the iss digi. My station was beaconing untill 4pm today it was then turned off. There may be other station that try to beacon the ISS, and that may be what you here. I have tuned my packet recieve to the 5.99. I will see if I can here the station.
----- Original Message -----
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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 8:53 PM
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141. Fw: The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 05

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-04 06:50:42 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 141 Message: 141

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Letter Mailing List" <letter-dlvy@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2006 8:32 PM
Subject: The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 05

> ***************
> The ARRL Letter
> Vol. 25, No. 05
> February 3, 2006
> ***************
>
> IN THIS EDITION:
> * +SuitSat-1 is in orbit!
> * +League members in New York urged to protest state grant for BPL pilot
> * +Two hams will be next ISS inhabitants
> * +ARRL asks FCC to deny Part 15 rule waiver
> * +Mississippi, Vermont considering ham radio antenna bills
> * +League invites nominations for 2005 technical awards
> * Solar Update
> * IN BRIEF:
> This weekend on the radio: The North American Sprint (SSB)!
> ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration
> +ARRL Contest Advisory Committee releases white paper
> Injured miner Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ, moved to rehab facility
> +Scarborough Reef tops The DX Magazine's 2005 "Most Wanted" list
> AMSAT Space Symposium set for October
> DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit
>
> +Available on ARRL Audio News <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/audio/>
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> ==>"SUITSAT-1" LAUNCHED FROM ISS
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> "SuitSat-1" is orbiting Earth! ISS Expedition 13 flight engineer Valery
> Tokarev released the unique and enthusiastically anticipated satellite
> into
> orbit February 3 at 2303 UTC as he and ISS Expedition 12 Commander Bill
> McArthur, KC5ACR, began a six-hour space walk. SuitSat-1 consists of a
> discarded Russian Orlan spacesuit reconfigured to function as a
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> free-floating Amateur Radio transmit-only satellite. Activated at 2259
> UTC,
> the satellite was programmed to come to life some 16 minutes later on
> 145.99
> MHz. The 16-minute delay is said to be a crew safety measure. SuitSat-1's
> deployment over the south-central Pacific Ocean was the first task of the
> space walk.
>
> "Dosvidanya! Good-bye, Mr Smith!" Tokarev said in Russian as SuitSat,
> unhooked from its tether and pushed away from the space station, tumbled
> slowly away into the void. "It's moving at the specified acceleration." A
> project of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS)
> program <http://www.rac.ca/ariss>, SuitSat drifted off until it appeared
> as
> a mere speck silhouetted against brightly illuminated Earth below.
>
> The NASA trajectory operations officer at Mission Control called it "a
> good
> deploy within the cone for safety to ensure no re-contact with the
> International Space Station." NASA-TV provided live coverage of the space
> walk and SuitSat-1's release.
>
> The Amateur Radio community, students, scanner enthusiasts, space fans and
> others have been eagerly awaiting the launch of the most novel satellite
> ever to orbit Earth. SuitSat-1 will transmit its voice message "This is
> SuitSat-1 RS0RS!" in several languages plus telemetry and an SSTV image on
> an eight-minute cycle as it orbits Earth. The three batteries powering the
> satellite are expected to last about a week, and SuitSat-1 should re-enter
> Earth's atmosphere after several weeks of circling the globe.
>
> SuitSat-1's 500 mW transmitter will report mission time, suit temperature
> and battery voltage (28 V is nominal) down to Earth. Its single Robot
> 36-format SSTV image is said to be similar in resolution to a cell-phone
> quality picture. SuitSat-1's signal should be strong enough to hear using
> a
> VHF transceiver or scanner and a simple antenna. Its payload also includes
> a
> CD containing hundreds of school pictures, artwork, poems and student
> signatures. JH3XCU/1 in Japan posted the first reception reports, noting a
> weak signal.
>
> Those who copy the SuitSat-1 transmissions on 145.99 MHz are asked to post
> a
> real-time report on the SuitSat Web site <http://www.suitsat.org/>, which
> contains additional informational links. Initially, its orbit will
> approximately coincide with that of the ISS. Later, as SuitSat-1's orbit
> begins to decay, it may show up a few minutes earlier than the space
> station. The AMSAT Web site offers a listing of ISS passes
> <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/tools/predict/> and a graph showing the
> position of the ISS

> <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/tools/predict/satloc.php?lang=en&satellite=I
> SS>. ARISS invites schools and other educational groups--formal or
> otherwise--to post educational outreach reports and SSTV images via e-mail
> <suitsat@...>
>
> ARISS International Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, credits ARISS-Russia's
> Sergei Samburov, RV3DR, and his colleagues with coming up with the
> spacesuit-cum-satellite concept. SuitSat-1--called Radioskaf or Radio
> Sputnik in Russian--is a first test of that idea, he says. If successful,
> there's another unneeded Orlan spacesuit still aboard the ISS.
>
> For a SuitSat-1 QSL, send signal reports accompanied by a large (9x12
> inch)
> self-addressed, stamped envelope to the appropriate address:
>
> * USA: ARRL, SuitSat QSL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111-1494 USA
>
> * Canada: Radio Amateurs of Canada, SuitSat QSL, 720 Belfast Rd--Suite
> 217, Ottawa, ON K1G 0Z5 Canada
>
> * Europe: F1MOJ - Mr CANDEBAT Christophe, SuitSat Europe QSL Manager,
> 7
> Rue Roger Bernard, 30470 AIMARGUES FRANCE
>
> * Japan: SuitSat Japan QSL, JARL International Section, Tokyo 170-8073
> JAPAN
>
> * Russia: Alexander Davydov, RN3DK Novo-Mytishchinsky prospekt 52-111
> Mytishchi 18, Moskovskaya obl. 141018, RUSSIA
>
> * Other countries: Use the US or Canadian address above.
>
> Students will receive a certificate commemorating their reception. Those
> who
> receive the SSTV picture or copy the "special words" will get a special
> endorsement on their certificate. The special words--in English, French,
> German, Spanish, Russian and Japanese--are embedded in the pre-recorded
> greetings in multiple languages from students around the globe.
>
> SuitSat-1 has piqued the imagination of the news media over the past
> couple
> of weeks. In addition to articles in The New York Times, the Houston
> Chronicle and Associated Press, National Public Radio, Fox News, CNN, the
> Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, MSNBC and others also produced
> broadcast
> or cable news reports. A magazine article is set to appear in Aviation
> Week
> and Space Technology.
>
> Additional information about SuitSat on the AMSAT Web site

> <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/articles/SuitSat/>. See "This is SuitSat-1
> RS0RS!" by Frank Bauer, KA3HDO
> <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/articles/BauerSuitsat/index.php>.
>
> ARISS is an international educational outreach with US participation from
> ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.
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> ==>LEAGUE URGES NEW YORK MEMBERS TO PROTEST STATE GRANT TO TROUBLESOME BPL
> TRIAL
>
> ARRL Directors Frank Fallon, N2FF, of the Hudson Division and Bill Edgar,
> N3LLR, of the Atlantic Division have called on the League's New York
> membership to protest a state grant to help fund a problematic BPL pilot
> project. ARRL learned this week that the New York State Energy Research
> and
> Development Authority (NYSERDA) has contracted with electric utility
> Consolidated Edison (ConEd) and BPL manufacturer Ambient to provide up to
> $200,000 in funding for a BPL pilot in the Westchester County community of
> Briarcliff Manor.
>
> "If you share our dismay that NYSERDA's funds are being used to support a
> known source of radio spectrum pollution, write to Gov Pataki and NYSERDA
> President Peter Smith to demand that the State of New York use its
> influence
> to ensure that the Briarcliff Manor BPL project is either brought into
> compliance with the FCC rules immediately or shut down," Fallon and Edgar
> said in a joint statement to New York ARRL members.
>
> The Briarcliff Manor project has been the subject of a string of
> complaints
> to the FCC, including several requests from the ARRL--the last filed just
> last month--to shut down the project until it complies with FCC rules.
>
> Fallon and Edgar called on ARRL members in the Empire State to write Gov
> George E. Pataki, State Capitol, Albany, NY 12224 and Peter R. Smith,
> President, NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203-6399. Pataki is a
> former Amateur Radio licensee, K2ZCZ (since reissued).
>
> ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, points out that the League's concerns
> regarding
> the public grant have been on record with NYSERDA since June 2004, when
> Ambient prematurely announced a funding grant. Sumner said John Love, the
> NYSERDA project manager for the BPL grant, this week confirmed that a
> contract had been signed.
>
> "I shared with him our disappointment at Ambient's involvement, given
> their
> miserable track record in Briarcliff Manor," Sumner said. In his
> conversation with Love, Sumner said he explained that Ambient was
> violating

> FCC rules in Briarcliff Manor by exceeding Part 15 emission limits,
> causing
> harmful interference in the amateur bands and failing to post required
> information in the public BPL system database.
>
> Love "clearly didn't know much about the interference issue," Sumner said,
> adding that the official indicated NYSERDA's interest in BPL was as a
> means
> to improve the quality of electric power delivery. "However, he said the
> contract requires the parties to monitor and report on interference and
> its
> mitigation," Sumner noted. "I offered ARRL's technical resources to
> educate
> him."
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> On January 5, citing FCC inaction in response to previous complaints, the
> ARRL renewed its complaint to the Commission about the Ambient Corporation
> BPL project in Briarcliff Manor. The BPL system uses power lines owned and
> operated by ConEd under a Part 5 Experimental FCC authorization. The
> League
> requested that the FCC instruct the BPL facility's operators to shut it
> down
> immediately and not resume operation until it can demonstrate full
> compliance with all applicable FCC rules.
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> ==>NASA, INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS TAP TWO HAMS AS NEXT SPACE STATION CREW
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> NASA and its International Space Station partners have announced that
> astronaut Jeff Williams, KD5TVQ, and cosmonaut Pavel Vinogradov, RV3BS,
> will
> be the ISS Expedition 13 crew. They'll arrive aboard the orbiting outpost
> in
> early April to relieve the current crew of ISS Commander Bill McArthur,
> KC5ACR, and Valery Tokarev. Vinogradov will be the Expedition 13
> commander,
> while Williams, a US Army colonel who's logged one space flight, will
> serve
> as ISS flight engineer and NASA ISS science officer.
>
> Brazilian astronaut Marcos Pontes will join Williams and Vinogradov aboard
> the Russian Soyuz spacecraft that will transport the new crew to the ISS.
> Vinogradov and Williams will spend six months on the station, while Pontes
> will spend eight days conducting research under a commercial agreement
> between the Brazilian Space Agency and the Russian Federal Space Agency.
> Brazilian telecommunications authorities have granted Pontes the call sign
> PY0AEB for use on his space journey, and there are plans for him to do
> Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) school group
> contacts during his mission. He will return to Earth in April with
> McArthur
> and Tokarev, who have been in orbit since last October.

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> Scheduled to fly on the next NASA space shuttle mission is German
> astronaut
> Thomas Reiter, DF4TR. If NASA clears the shuttle for flight by June,
> Reiter
> would join Williams and Vinogradov aboard the ISS for the remainder of
> Expedition 13. It's considered likely that Reiter, who had been scheduled
> to
> be aboard the ISS for Expedition 12, will be active on Amateur Radio.
>
> Williams flew aboard the shuttle Atlantis in May 2000 on a 10-day space
> station assembly mission. During that mission, he performed a spacewalk
> lasting almost seven hours.
>
> Vinogradov, a veteran of one long-duration spaceflight, flew aboard a
> Soyuz
> spacecraft to the Russian Mir space station as flight engineer for the
> 24th
> resident crew in 1997. During the 198-day mission he performed five
> spacewalks.
>
> ISS veteran Mike Fincke, KB5UAC, and Russian cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin,
> RN3FI, have been designated as the Expedition 13 back-up crew.
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> ==>LEAGUE CALLS ON FCC TO DENY PART 15 RULE WAIVER REQUEST FOR 902-928 MHZ
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> Expressing concerns about interference potential and increased noise
> levels,
> the ARRL this week asked the FCC to deny an industry request to waive
> three
> sections of its Part 15 rules. Octatron Inc and Chang Industry Inc sought
> the waivers last November to accommodate unlicensed analog video and audio
> surveillance products they're developing that would operate in the 902-928
> MHz band--an Amateur Radio allocation. The FCC opened the proceeding, ET
> Docket 05-356, for comments in late December.
>
> "The manufacturer here has made a choice as to how to engineer its
> product,"
> the League said in comments filed January 30. "It now seeks to avoid a
> series of rules specifically intended to limit interference potential of
> analog devices in a band allocated to various licensed radio services
> simply
> because it deliberately engineered the device in a particular manner."
>
> The decision by Octatron and Chang Industry to employ analog, rather than
> digital, emissions at 1 W is at the heart of the waiver request. Section
> 15.247(b)(3) permits a 1 W power level for digital and spread-spectrum
> devices, but not for analog. The companies say they need 1 W to ensure
> reliable transmission. Digital devices still must meet the Part 15 power
> spectral density limitation, the League pointed out.

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> "Neither can either device meet the power spectral density requirement of
> Section 15.247(e), applicable to digital intentional radiators which
> engage
> in continuous transmissions," the League contended. "Finally, the devices
> cannot meet the specifications for high-power, point-to-point operation in
> certain bands using highly directional antennas set forth in Section
> 15.249
> of the Commission's rules."
>
> The League took issue with the manufacturers' unsupported assertion that
> the
> surveillance systems "will not create significant interference."
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> "Since the petitioners have apparently failed to determine, much less
> explain, the interference potential of their devices, it cannot be
> determined whether or not the underlying purposes of the rules limiting
> power and power spectral density for analog and digital devices in the
> 902-928 MHz band would be frustrated by a grant of the proposed waiver in
> this case," the League continued. "A waiver cannot be granted without such
> a
> finding."
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> The ARRL argued that given their potential to interfere with licensed
> services in the 902 to 928 MHz band, they should instead be operated in a
> Public Safety allocation, such as 2450 to 2483.5 MHz, and on a licensed
> basis.
>
> "The precise purpose of the rules sought to be waived here was to preclude
> interference before it arises," the League said. "The purpose of this rule
> would be directly frustrated by permitting, without rulemaking, high-power
> analog devices that cannot meet the power spectral density limitation of
> Section 15.247(e)."
>
> The petitioners fail to show that the devices could not have been designed
> to meet FCC rules, the League said, adding that it appears the lower cost
> of
> manufacturing analog devices is apparently the reason why they're seeking
> the waivers. "This is not a valid basis for a waiver grant," the ARRL
> said.
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> Granting "repeated waivers" for Part 15 analog devices that don't meet the
> fundamental interference-avoidance requirement of the power spectral
> density
> limit, the League concluded, "adds to the aggregate noise levels in the
> subject bands and contributes to the already prevalent 'tragedy of the
> commons' interference problems" in bands such as 902-928 MHz.
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> ==>AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA BILLS IN PLAY IN MISSISSIPPI, VERMONT
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> Legislation is under consideration in Mississippi and Vermont to
> incorporate
> the essence of the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1
> <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/PRB-1_Pkg/prb-1.pdf> into
> the
> statutes of those two states. Echoing the language of PRB-1, the measures
> call on localities establishing ordinances regulating antenna placement,
> screening or height to reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio communication
> and impose the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the
> municipality's legitimate purposes. ARRL Mississippi Section Manager
> Malcolm
> Keown, W5XX, reports similar bills were introduced this session in the
> House
> and Senate. The Senate version has already passed and been sent on to the
> House.
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> "Since 2001, Mississippi hams have been trying to get a bill through the
> Mississippi Legislature to provide for 'reasonable accommodation for the
> erection of antenna structures' by local zoning boards and to separate us
> from the cellular telephone tower interests," Keown says. The Senate
> version
> of the PRB-1 legislation, SB 2709, cleared the County Affairs and
> Municipalities committees January 31, and it passed the full Senate
> February
> 1. The House version, HB 736, is on the House General Calendar for a vote
> there by February 9.
>
> "We now have two horses in this race," Keown said this week, urging
> Mississippi ARRL members to urge their state senators and representatives
> to
> support the measures. "Keep your fingers crossed!" Assuming one of the
> PRB-1
> measures succeeds in the House, minor differences in wording would be
> worked
> out in committee, Keown speculates. In past years, he says, a PRB-1 bill
> has
> made it through one legislative chamber only to die in committee in the
> other.
>
> Both Mississippi PRB-1 bills leave it up to local governing authorities to
> determine "the types of reasonable accommodation to be made and the
> minimum
> practicable regulation necessary . . . within the parameters of the law."
> The House version includes an additional sentence: "This legislation
> supports the Amateur Radio Service in preparing for and providing
> emergency
> communications for the State of Mississippi and local emergency management
> agencies."
>
> In Vermont, meanwhile, the House Government Operations Committee on

> February
> 2 heard public testimony on a PRB-1 bill introduced in the House, H.12.
> Several Amateur Radio operators attended the session along with
> representatives from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, which opposes
> such legislation, and several public safety officials.
>
> The proposed Vermont antenna bill not only calls for community regulators
> to
> "reasonably accommodate" Amateur Radio communication, it includes a
> schedule
> of minimum regulatory heights, below which localities could not impose
> restrictions.
>
> On lots smaller than one acre, municipalities could not restrict the
> overall
> height of an Amateur Radio antenna and associated support structure to
> less
> than 75 feet above ground level "nor restrict the number of support
> structures."
>
> On parcels of one acre or larger, the bill, as written, would prohibit
> municipalities from restricting the height of an Amateur Radio antenna "to
> less than that specified in 47 CFR ?97.15(a) nor restrict the number of
> support structures." That section of the Amateur Service rules actually
> does
> not specify a height, but it does require antenna structures more than 200
> feet above ground to notify the Federal Aviation Administration and
> register
> the structure with the FCC.
>
> In historic or design control districts, the Vermont bill would permit
> localities to restrict the height of antennas and associated support
> structures to less than 75 feet but would not allow them to prohibit
> Amateur
> Radio antennas and support structures altogether nor to limit their height
> to less than that of the tallest permitted structure within such a
> district.
>
> The measure would grandfather existing Amateur radio antennas and support
> structures and provide for their repair or replacement "with comparable
> components" without further permitting or review.
>
> To date, 21 states have enacted Amateur Radio antenna bills that reflect
> the
> PRB-1 limited federal preemption.
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> ==>NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR 2005 ARRL TECHNICAL AWARDS
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> The League is accepting nominations from ARRL members and affiliated clubs
> for its three technical awards for the year 2005. The deadline is March 31

> to submit nominations for the ARRL Technical Service Award, the ARRL
> Technical Innovation Award and the ARRL Microwave Development Award.
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> The ARRL Technical Service Award goes annually to a radio amateur whose
> service to the amateur community and/or society at large is of the most
> exemplary nature within the framework of Amateur Radio technical
> activities.
> These include, but are not limited to:
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> * Leadership or participation in technically oriented organizational
> affairs at the local or national level.
>
> * Service as an ARRL technical volunteer.
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> * Service as a technical advisor to clubs sponsoring classes to obtain
> or upgrade amateur licenses.
>
> The Technical Service Award winner receives an engraved plaque. In
> addition,
> the winner may request ARRL publications of a value of up to $100.
>
> The ARRL Technical Innovation Award is presented each year to an Amateur
> Radio licensee whose accomplishments and contributions are the most
> exemplary nature within the framework of technical research, development
> and
> application of new ideas and future systems. These include, but are not
> limited to:
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> * Development of higher speed modems and improved protocols.
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> * Promotion of personal computers in Amateur Radio applications.
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> * Activities to increase efficient use of the amateur spectrum.
>
> * Digital voice experimentation
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> The technical innovation award winner receives a cash award of $500 and an
> engraved plaque.
>
> The ARRL Microwave Development Award is given each year to an individual
> radio amateur or group conducting research and activity and applying new
> and
> refined uses in the amateur microwave bands. This includes adaptation of
> new
> modes both in terrestrial formats and satellite techniques.
>
> The Microwave Development Award winner receives an engraved plaque. In
> addition, the winner may request ARRL publications of a value of up to
> $100.
>

> Full information on these awards appears on the ARRL Technical Awards page
> <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/instructor/instructor/awards.html>.
>
> Nominations should thoroughly document the nominee's record of technical
> service and accomplishments. Include basic contact information for both
> you
> and the nominee when making nominations for any of these technical awards.
> Submit all supporting documentation or information along with a letter of
> nomination that includes endorsements of ARRL affiliated clubs and League
> officials.
>
> Nomination forms for all three technical awards are available on the ARRL
> Web site <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/award/application.html>. Send
> completed forms to ARRL Technical Awards, 225 Main St, Newington, CT
> 06111.
> Nominations must be received at ARRL Headquarters by March 31, 2006.
> Supporting information must be received at ARRL Headquarters by April 15.
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> For more information, contact Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, <w3iz@...> at ARRL
> Headquarters.
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> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
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> Propagation prognosticator Tad "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" Cook,
> K7RA,
> Seattle, Washington, reports: Solar activity is very low! Average daily
> sunspot numbers for the week were down by more than 40 points to 9.1.
> Average daily solar flux dropped nearly 11 points to 80.6. Geomagnetic
> conditions, with the exception of January 26, were stable and quiet. On
> January 26 the interplanetary magnetic field, which can shield Earth from
> solar wind if it is pointing north, turned south, and the mid-latitudes
> experienced some moderate geomagnetic activity, with the A index for the
> day
> at 15. Polar regions saw a lot more activity, with the College A index in
> Alaska going to 36.
>
> The sun has been spotless since January 29, and daily readings of zero
> sunspots could continue for another week. We will observe more and longer
> periods such as this as we head toward the solar minimum, still expected
> about to occur about a year from now. Geomagnetic conditions should remain
> quiet and solar flux at around 77. It may not begin to rise again until
> February 10.
>
> Sunspot numbers for January 26 through February 1 were 24, 29, 11, 0, 0, 0
> and 0, with a mean of 9.1. The 10.7 cm flux was 86.9, 83.5, 80, 79.5,
> 78.8,
> 77.6, and 77.6, with a mean of 80.6. Estimated planetary A indices were
> 29,
> 8, 6, 3, 1, 2 and 4, with a mean of 7.6. Estimated mid-latitude A indices
> were 15, 7, 4, 1, 0, 1 and 3, with a mean of 4.4.

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> ==>IN BRIEF:
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> * This weekend on the radio: The North American Sprint (SSB), the Vermont,
> Delaware and Minnesota QSO parties, the YL-ISSB QSO Party, the 10-10
> International Winter Contest (SSB), the YLRL YL-OM Contest (CW), the AGCW
> Straight Key Party and the Mexico RTTY International Contest are the
> weekend
> of February 4-5. JUST AHEAD: The ARCI Winter Fireside SSB Sprint is
> February
> 6, the ARS Spartan Sprint is February 7 and the KCJ Topband Contest is
> February 9-10. The North American Sprint (CW), the YLRL YL-OM Contest
> (SSB),
> the CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest, the Louisiana and New Hampshire QSO parties,
> the
> SARL Field Day Contest, the Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint (CW), the Dutch
> PACC
> Contest, the OMISS QSO Party 1500Z, the FISTS Winter Sprint, the British
> Columbia QSO Challenge and the RSGB First 1.8 MHz Contest (CW) are the
> weekend of February 11-12. The ARRL School Club Roundup runs from February
> 13 to February 17. See the ARRL Contest Branch page
> <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the WA7BNM Contest Calendar
> <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> for more info.
>
> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Sunday, February 5, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) Program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002), Amateur Radio
> Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003), Antenna Modeling (EC-004),
> VHF/UHF Beyond the Repeater (EC-008), Radio Frequency Propagation (EC-011)
> and HF Digital Communications (EC-005). Classes begin Friday, February 17.
> To learn more, visit the CCE page <http://www.arrl.org/cce> or contact the
> CCE Department <cce@...>.
>
> * ARRL Contest Advisory Committee releases white paper: The ARRL Contest
> Advisory Committee (CAC) has released a white paper, "HF Contesting--Good
> Practices, Interpretations and Suggestions"
> <http://www.arrl.org/contests/hf-faq.html>. The document, which discusses
> common situations encountered during HF contesting, results from CAC work
> that arose over the course of an informal committee meeting at Dayton
> Hamvention. While not a comprehensive set of "Frequently Asked Questions"
> (FAQ), the white paper does address many issues that periodically arise
> related to HF contesting and even some that may apply to VHF/UHF
> contesting.
> The white paper operates from an HF perspective, however, recognizing that
> there are many differences between HF and VHF/UHF contest practices. ARRL
> Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, stresses that the white
> paper's

> interpretations do not supersede the rules for any contest but are
> intended
> to assist contesters by providing some interpretations and operating
> suggestions based on CAC members' accumulated experience.
>
> * Injured miner Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ, moved to rehab facility: Randy
> McCloy,
> KC8VKZ, the sole survivor of the January 2 Upshur County, West Virginia,
> coal mine tragedy, has been transferred from the hospital to a
> rehabilitation center. McCloy, 26, was moved to HealthSouth Mountainview
> Regional Rehabilitation Hospital in Morgantown on January 26. McCloy's
> condition remains fair. He is no longer in a coma, although he remains
> unable to speak, according to his physician, Dr Larry Roberts. McCloy's
> fever has dropped and he has not needed kidney dialysis in the past few
> days. The explosion at Sago Mine killed 12 other miners and left the mine
> filled with deadly carbon monoxide. McCloy has been hospitalized for the
> past three weeks at West Virginia University's Ruby Memorial Hospital.
> Well-wishers have been sending cards and QSLs to McCloy at PO Box 223,
> Philippi, WV 26435. A fund has been set up to accept donations for
> McCloy's
> benefit: The Randal McCloy Jr Fund, c/o Clear Mountain Bank, 1889 Earl
> Core
> Rd, Morgantown, WV 26505.
>
> * Scarborough Reef tops The DX Magazine's 2005 "Most Wanted" list:
> Scarborough Reef (BS7H) has replaced North Korea (P5) as the most-wanted
> DXCC entity, according to The DX Magazine's
> <http://www.dxpub.com/dx_mag.html> 2005 survey of DXers. The Daily DX
> <http://www.dailydx.com> (and QST's "How's DX?") Editor Bernie McClenny,
> W3UR, says several groups are working toward activating Scarborough Reef.
> "The problem is not obtaining a license or transportation to the rocks,"
> he
> reported this week. "There must be serious diplomacy between China and the
> Philippines in order for this one to be pulled off." The second
> most-wanted
> is Lakshadweep (VU7). Swapping spots with Scarborough Reef at number three
> is North Korea (P5), at four is Peter I (3Y/P), and at five is Yemen (7O).
> The 3Y0X DXpedition to Peter I <http://www.peterone.com/>, expected to
> begin
> as early as February 6, could move that entity down the list for this
> year's
> survey. McClenny notes that the imminent 3Y0X operation, which received a
> $7500 ARRL Colvin grant award, will be the most expensive DXpedition ever.
> Rounding out the top 10 most-wanted DXCC entities on The DX Magazine's
> 2005
> survey were: Navassa (KP1), Desecheo (KP5), South Sandwich (VP8/S),
> Glorioso
> (FR/G) and Andaman and Nicobar Islands (VU4). The Andamans, last activated
> in late 2004 during the VU4RBI/VU4NRO DXpedition cut short by the South
> Asia

> tsunami, are scheduled to be on the air again this April.
>
> * AMSAT Space Symposium set for October: The 2006 AMSAT Space Symposium
> will
> take place October 5-11 in the San Francisco Bay area (Crowne Plaza San
> Francisco Mid-Peninsula Hotel in Foster City). Registration will open and
> a
> first call for papers and presentations will be issued approximately April
> 1. This year's Symposium will include meetings of the AMSAT-NA Board of
> Directors, the AMSAT general membership, the Amateur Radio on the
> International Space Station (ARISS) international delegates, the
> International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Satellite Advisors Committee and
> the AMSAT international delegates. Additional information is available on
> the AMSAT Web site <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/>.
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> * DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit: The ARRL DXCC Desk has
> approved this operation for DXCC credit: YI9VCQ (Iraq), November 30, 2004
> through November 5, 2005. For more information, visit the DXCC Web page
> <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>. "DXCC Frequently Asked Questions" can
> answer most questions about the DXCC program. ARRL DX bulletins are
> available on the W1AW DX Bulletins page <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/dx/>.
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144. suitsat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-04 11:21:08 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 144 Message: 144

nasa reports that after 2 orbits suitsat froze and went silent .they dont know if it will thaw.but we can all hope .so keep monitering 73 kc8uny

146. Enhanced F Scale for Tornados change

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-04 18:15:13 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 146 Message: 146

Below is the web sight for changes to the F Scale for Tornados starting in 2007

http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2006/s2573.htm

147. Fw: [HARC] HARC'S 1st MINI SWAP - REPORT BACK.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-05 19:33:31 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 147 Message: 147

----- Original Message -----
From: "rafaviator" <rafaviator@...>
To: <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2006 12:50 PM
Subject: [HARC] HARC'S 1st MINI SWAP - REPORT BACK.

> Saturday February 4th saw HARC host it's first ever mini swap at our
> new building on 280 East 8th Street. For those who could not make it
> you missed a really great day. There were many good bargains to be
> had, refreshments and food. Joe Veldhuis KD8ATU walked off with the
> 50/50 draw cash prize.
>
> Was pleasing to see so many radio amateurs and visitors stop by, many
> of whom we had not seen or heard from in years.
>
> Thanks to all HARC members who worked hard and put in long hours to
> make this such a successful event.
>
> Next monthly mini swap will be first weekend in March. Make a note of
> it on your calendar now. More information will follow soon.
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> 73's and 88's,
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> KEN ZR5AAD/W8
> HARC Building Manager.
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148. Fw: [W8ZHO] VE Test Session

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-05 23:29:31 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 148 Message: 148

----- Original Message -----
From: Jon Plyler
To: w8zho@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2006 18:02
Subject: [W8ZHO] VE Test Session

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149. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: [W8ZHO] VE Test Session

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-06 00:14:43 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 148 Message: 149

Jon,

This is great news!

Did you invite any of them to join the WestMichHam reflector? I think the new hams especially would benefit.

Thanks and 73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
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No virus found in this incoming message.
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150. packet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-06 12:00:48 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 150 Message: 150

Mourning,I've got agw packet engine, running,agw term,running I see text come up I think I sent a beacon"test,test"now what?Other/easyer program?I dont think this will be an e-mail How to.

73 KD8CBJ

151. Re: [WestMichiganHams] packet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-06 12:36:46 UTC
From: ED
Topic: 150 Message: 151

Hi Paul,

You need to be more specific. i.e. equipment and your ultimate goal.
AGW allows multiple packet engines to run simultaneously using a single
serial port. AGWTERM is a simple packet program that can be one instance
running in under AGW.

As far as the "test, test" we need the entire line that you monitored to
determine if your station or some other station sent the text.

73

Ed KC8LBZ

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152. simplex repeater

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-06 13:06:57 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 152 Message: 152

Good morning everyone. I am looking for one of those simplex repeaters that you would connect to a hand held radio. I have some experimenting I want to do with one if I can find one for the right price. Anyone got one lying in the closet you want to get rid of?

Thanks!

73

Tim Deater

KC8MSE

153. Suit Sat recordings

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-06 16:52:42 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 153 Message: 153

It seems to be that SuitSat is still being heard.

This site has some recordings:

http://www.aj3u.com/blog/

Enjoy! And keep listening!

73,

Mark K8MHZ

154. Re: [WestMichiganHams] packet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-06 17:51:56 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 150 Message: 154

Ed,equipment Yaesu ft-7800 144/440,with mdin data jack I'm using for inter face,sony 1.50 ghz pentium 4. I know so little that I dont have a "get to"goal.Just looking for the easiest way to get my feet wet.Things like ax.25 protocol,pid=,<ua f> as of last week I had never heard of let alone what they mean.I just didn't want to put $100+ for a tnc and not like"digital".No pune on sv2agw-George,but it's all greek to me.Did somthing in agwterm saw my call sign and headers I think,pop up three times in a row,OH)$%&**$%.what did I do know.

73KD8CBJ A.K.A. paul

ps.so is awgterm a good starting point,using agwpe as engine?

155. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Suit Sat status from amsat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-06 18:37:34 UTC
From: kc8pcj@verizon.net
Topic: 155 Message: 155

Here is an update on suitsat from the amsat site.

SuitSat Status 4 February
Paraphrasing Mark Twain....the demise of SuitSat-1 is highly exaggerated!!

It is now nearly 24 hours since the successful deployment of the SuitSat-1 experiment. These past 24 hours have been a wild ride of emotions...tremendous highs...deep lows when people reported no signals and said SuitSat-1 was dead and now....some optimism.
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It is absolutely clear that SuitSat-1 is alive. It was successfully turned on by the ISS crew prior to deploy and the timing, micro-controller functions and audio appear to be operating nominally. The prime issue appears to be an extremely weak signal.

I have heard several recordings and have monitored two passes today. When the signal is above the noise level, you can clearly hear partials of the student voices, the station ID and the SSTV signal. One of the complicating factors in reception is the very deep fades that occur due to the spin of SuitSat.

Based on the information we know thus far, one can narrow down the issue to the antenna, the feedline, the transmitter output power and/or any of the connections in between. Through your help, we would like to narrow down the issue further and also gather some internal telemetry from the Suit.

If the transmitter is running at full power, we would expect the Suit to end operations in the next few days to a week. If it is not, then it will operate much longer. Since we do not know how long this experiment will last, we ask for those with powerful receive stations to listen for Suitsat---especially during direct overhead passes when the Suit is closest to your area. If you can record these passes and send the audio to us, it would be most appreciated. We will continue to be optimistic that this issue will right itself before the batteries are depleted. So please KEEP LISTENING!

Based on what we have learned, we would like to provide the following guidelines to save you time and facilitate gathering information:

1) You need as high a gain antenna as possible with mast mounted pre-amps. An arrow is the minimal set...it provides very brief snipets of the communications. HTs and scanners won't cut it.

2) I would not waste your time on passes below 40 degrees elevation. SuitSat is too far from your station to receive a reliable signal. We have found that closest approach provides several seconds of SuitSat communication with 22 element yagis.

3) The "gold" we are looking for right now is the telemetry information and how long the vehicle stays operational. So if you hear any of the telemetry, please let us know.

We are also working to get the voice repeater set up on ISS to downlink SuitSat audio on 437.80 in the event that the ISS Kenwood radio can receive the SuitSat transmissions. The

repeater may be operational as early as mid-day Sunday. Please do NOT transmit on 145.99, voice or packet, until we have confirmed that SuitSat is no longer transmitting. These transmissions interfere with our ability to hear SuitSat.

While the transmission part of the SuitSat experiment has not been stellar, SuitSat-1 has been tremendously successful in several areas. Some of these successes include:

- We have captured the imagination of students and the general public worldwide through this unique experiment.

- The media attention to the SuitSat project represents one of the biggest ever for amateur radio.

- We have had well over 2 million internet hits on http://www.suitsat.org today.

- Our student's creative artwork, signatures and voices have been carried in space and are on-board the spacesuit---the students are now space travelers as the Suit rotates and orbits the Earth.

- Carried in the spacesuit CD are pictures of Roy Neal, K6DUE, and Thomas Kieselbach, DL2MDE, two of our colleagues who have contributed to the ARISS program and have since passed away.

- We successfully deployed an amateur radio satellite in a Spacesuit from the ISS, demonstrating to the space agencies that this can be safely done.

- This ARISS international team was able to fabricate, test and deliver a safe ham radio system to the ISS team 3 weeks after the international space agencies agreed to allow SuitSat to happen. This was a tremendous feat in of itself.

SuitSat-1/Radioskaf is a space pioneering effort. Pioneering efforts are challenging. Risk is high. But the future payoff is tremendous. As you have seen, we have not had total success. But we have captured the imagination of the students and the general public. And we have already learned a lot from this activity. This will help us and others grow from this experience.

Keep your spirits up and let's continue to be optimistic. And please keep monitoring!!

73, Frank H. Bauer, KA3HDO
ARISS International Chairman
AMSAT-NA VP for Human Spaceflight Programs

156. Re: [WestMichiganHams] packet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-06 18:34:15 UTC
From: ED
Topic: 150 Message: 156

OK,

Are you using a sound for your interface or a TNC? (Sounds like a sound
card.)

Ed

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157. Re: [WestMichiganHams] packet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-06 21:37:57 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 150 Message: 157

yes, I dont know why my post double post,but yes I am doing the sound card thing.

KD8CBJ

158. WEAVER'S WORDS - WRITTEN, YET?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-06 22:10:15 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 158 Message: 158

All HAMS
Please pass on to your other groups and list

[Reply to: k8je@.... Do not click on REPLY.]

IF YOU CARE NOTHING ABOUT AMATEUR RADIO, DELETE THIS MESSAGE. IF YOU CARE ABOUT IT, READ ON, PLEASE.

Dear member,

A few days ago, I asked you to write to your US Representative (i.e. your member of the US House of Representatives, not your US Senators) urging them to co-sponsor H.Res. (this is a US House Resolution; not a H.R. which signifies a House bill) 230. This resolution calls on the FCC to review in depth the issues related to interference to police, fire, safety and Amateur radio communication and take appropriate action to safeguard these licensed services from QRM.

Many of you have written. Huge numbers of others of you have not. Very frankly, if we stick together and act together in asking our US Representatives to co-sponsor the resolution, we will get it passed and the FCC will be put into a position it cannot ignore. Writing is something that supports Amateur Radio . . . and your privilege to use your hard-earned Amateur Radio license. If you care about your license; if you care about the future of Amateur Radio; if you care about fair play from the FCC, you will send a letter. Amateur Radio needs you . . . now.

With your help and the help of all members in this Division, we can get the job done. The question comes down to a simple, "Do you care?"

I offer two ways for you to get the letter. You can go to: http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/filings/hres230/HRes230-SampleLtr.doc and download it. Or you can copy it from this message (below).

Put in the name and address of your US Representative as well as your name, address (include your call sign) and send it. PLEASE BE CERTAIN to send me a COPY OF THE LETTER you send so I can forward this copy to our lobbyist in Washington, DC. Doing this will enable us to nearly double the value of the letter you send.

How should you send the letter? It makes little difference PROVIDED you send me a copy of it. Send it by snail mail to the Representative at his Washington office or at his home office, send it by FAX, send it by E-mail (if he/she has a working E-mail (send it by special courier, send it by carrier pigeon?). The main thing is to SEND IT and to SEND

ME a copy.

Who is your US Representative? Go to arrl.org, click on MEMBERS ONLY in the top banner and you'll see the names and addresses of your US Representative and your US Senators. Ignore the Senators at this time (the resolution is in the House, not the Senate; therefore, your Senators probably don't even know a thing about it).

Thanks for your help. The 10 minutes you spend in following through on this action will be well worth your effort.

73,

Jim

Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
5065 Bethany Rd., Mason, OH 45040
E-mail: k8je@...; Tel: 513-459-0142
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SAMPLE LETTER TO CONGRESS

Rep. _____
Street address
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Dear Rep. _____

As a federally licensed Amateur Radio operator in your district and as a member of ARRL -- the national association for Amateur Radio, I ask you to support House Resolution 230. This resolution urges the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the potential of "broadband over power line" (BPL) systems to interfere with public safety and other licensed radio services.

BPL utilizes electric power lines to serve as the conductors of the broadband signals. Unfortunately, because the power lines are not shielded, they also act as antennas and radiate the signals into the air. These radiated signals will interfere with radio receivers tuned to the same frequency range. BPL has only been deployed to a very limited extent, but Amateur Radio already is experiencing severe BPL interference that the FCC has been unable or unwilling to correct. Unlike BPL, other methods of providing broadband Internet services to consumers, such as cable, DSL, wireless and Fiber to the Home, do not pollute the radio spectrum.

Last October 14, the FCC ignored the evidence that BPL systems will cause widespread interference and adopted rules for BPL deployment that provide inadequate protection to radio communication by First Responders and others who need reliable radio communication to ensure

our security. The FCC needs to do what it should have done in the first place: fairly and carefully review this evidence and adopt rules that will keep interference from BPL within reasonable bounds.

Because we need no infrastructure in order to communicate, the Amateur Radio Service is the only 100-percent fail-safe emergency communication capability in the world. Interference from BPL emissions will significantly disrupt this capability. Please cosponsor H. Res. 230 as soon as possible to express your concern over the interference potential of BPL to Amateur Radio operators and to public safety licensees.

Sincerely,

Name
Address
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159. Holland Exams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-07 04:03:12 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 159 Message: 159

> Exam update
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> Exams will be given by the Holland VE team on Saturday March 11, 2006 at
> 9:30 at the Zeeland Hospital. Be there at 9:30. Examiners will be Greg
> Caskey N8KUC, Dave Lamer WA8RSA, Scott Hansen AB8JS, and Bill King K8WLK.
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> Exams will also be given by the Holland VE team on Monday Feb 27,
> Allendale
> High School, room 308 at 7 pm. Examiners will be Scott AB8JS, Dave WA8RSA,
> Greg N8KUC, and Jim KC8KE.
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> Both exams are open to any one wanting to take the exams is welcome. The
> following items are required for testing,
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> A. a picture ID
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> B. A copy of your current license (if any) This must be sent in with your
> paperwork.
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> C. A copy of any CSCE (certificate Completion of Examination). This copy
> must also be sent in with your paperwork.
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> D. A calculator (if you need one) and 2 pencils.
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> E. There is a $14.00 charge for taking the exam, please try and have the
> cash.
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> Any question please e-mail me at KC8KE@... or phone me at 396-1431.
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> Thanks to the team for the work they are doing.
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> Jim KC8KE
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160. Re: Fw: [W8ZHO] VE Test Session

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-07 10:50:17 UTC
From: Jon, AB8RD
Topic: 148 Message: 160

Unforunately, I did not mention it to them. My only excuse being I just got into the group on Monday evening, Feb. 6. I'll have to see about adding something for the group on the web page.

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "K8MHZ" <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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161. Motorola Portables and Mobiles

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-07 18:49:30 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 161 Message: 161

WTS: Motorola Portables and Mobiles
I have the following to sell:

Motorola HT1250VHF (128 channel) 136-174 - Partial Keypad - 400.00 comes with Speaker Mic, Battery, Charger

Motorola HT1250LS+ 403-470 - Full Keypad - 325.00 Battery, Charger

Motorola UHF Maxtrac 450-470 - 120.00

Motorola HT750 UHF - Untested - 200.00

3 Motorola UHF Visars 1 dual pocket charger, 1 unit is full keypad, other 2 are partials, All 3 come with holsters antennas and batteries along with speaker mics. Untested Units 250.00

If you have questions please ask. You can email me direct. I ship via UPS actual shipping cost in the US lower 48. No out of country sales. I take Credit Cards Directly through my work or Money orders.

162. SuitSat Article - Ludington Daily News

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-07 20:17:01 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 162 Message: 162

An interesting SuitSat related article I found in the Ludington Daily News.

http://www.ludingtondailynews.com/news.php?story_id=30164

Also a picture and note about him on their front page in today's paper.
http://www.ludingtondailynews.com/

Jon AB8RD

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163. RE: simplex repeater

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-07 22:05:42 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 152 Message: 163

I had one but sold it when the price on e-bay exceeded what they were going for new.
If you're testing a radio on Amateur bands, you could download Echolink and connect to node 9999 in Sysop mode. It does the same thing.
----- Original Message -----
From: Deater, Tim
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 8:06 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] simplex repeater

Good morning everyone. I am looking for one of those simplex repeaters that you would connect to a hand held radio. I have some experimenting I want to do with one if I can find one for the right price. Anyone got one lying in the closet you want to get rid of?

Thanks!

73

Tim Deater

KC8MSE

164. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Holland Exams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 00:01:08 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 159 Message: 164

Denny and Tom
Thanks for the information on the exam testing. I am going to GR 6:30pm this friday and and test for upgrade, in the event that I am not successfull. These other options may be of use. Thank you for the extra effort on the letting me know about other exam times.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tom VanderMel" <kb8vee@...>
To: "West Michigan Hams" <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: "Jim Meyers KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 11:03 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Holland Exams

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> > Exam update
> >
> > Exams will be given by the Holland VE team on Saturday March 11, 2006 at
> > 9:30 at the Zeeland Hospital. Be there at 9:30. Examiners will be Greg
> > Caskey N8KUC, Dave Lamer WA8RSA, Scott Hansen AB8JS, and Bill King K8WLK.
> >
> > Exams will also be given by the Holland VE team on Monday Feb 27,
> > Allendale
> > High School, room 308 at 7 pm. Examiners will be Scott AB8JS, Dave WA8RSA,
> > Greg N8KUC, and Jim KC8KE.
> >
> > Both exams are open to any one wanting to take the exams is welcome. The
> > following items are required for testing,
> >
> > A. a picture ID
> >
> > B. A copy of your current license (if any) This must be sent in with your
> > paperwork.
> >
> > C. A copy of any CSCE (certificate Completion of Examination). This copy
> > must also be sent in with your paperwork.
> >
> > D. A calculator (if you need one) and 2 pencils.
> >
> > E. There is a $14.00 charge for taking the exam, please try and have the
> > cash.
> >

> > Any question please e-mail me at KC8KE@... or phone me at 396-1431.
> >
> > Thanks to the team for the work they are doing.
> >
> > Jim KC8KE
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> > Visit http://www.hollandarc.org for the latest Holland Amateur Radio
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165. GRARA VE Testing, 2/10/2006, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-07 23:36:11 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 165 Message: 165

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Reminder from the Calendar of NCEC

GRARA VE Testing

Friday February 10, 2006
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
This event repeats on the second Friday of every month.
Event Location: American Red Cross 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE
Notes:
On the second Friday of each month, at the Red Cross building (1050 Fuller Ave. NE, just South of Leonard Street) the VE team, led by Rich Douglas KC8NKA, holds their monthly VE testing sessions. Testing begins at 6:30 PM.
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166. Re: [WestMichiganHams] RE: simplex repeater

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 00:42:13 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 152 Message: 166

Does your handheld have to run Windows for Echolink to work on them? %-)
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2006 5:05 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] RE: simplex repeater

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----- Original Message -----
From: Deater, Tim
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 8:06 AM
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167. ISS AUDIO CIP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 01:06:57 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 167 Message: 167
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Here is a short audio clip I recorded Jan 21, 06 when Bill Mcartuhur (KB5ACR) was making contacts from NA1SS (International Space Station). I listened to this pass for over 10 min. Using a 10 el yagi with 0 elevation. This can be done with a J-pole. The trick is to be heard by him. He is an active ham. I have heard him on 3 different passes in the last 4 weeks. He has acquired his work all continents award. If we could all be so lucky to have our ham shacks fly over each continent for a contact.

168. Wed. night digital net - now with 75% more procedure

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 01:23:32 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 168 Message: 168

Well, last week I held the 2 meter digital net on the 145.49 repeater for the first time. I had one checkin (John KC8UNY), making this net infinitely more successful than the sideband nets I did last month.

Based on the experience, I've come up with a new procedure for the net:

Conversation modes (PSK31, RTTY and the like):
First, I will announce the net and ask for checkins using FM voice. When checking in with voice, be sure to specify whether or not you are equipped for the mode of the night. After that, I will switch to digital and ask for checkins from those who aren't able to use voice. With all the checkins taken, I will begin calling each station for a comment.

After that, I will switch back to voice, repeat the net announcement and ask for more voice checkins, then I will switch back to digital and ask for additional digital checkins. The calls for comments will then be repeated for any newly checked-in stations. That cycle repeats until there are no new checkins.

Image modes (slow-scan TV and related modes):
Pretty much the same as an HF SSTV net. I call for checkins with voice, then ask each station to make a voice comment and/or send an image. I will then offer advice as to any timing corrections that may need to be made.

One thing worth noting: keep your drive levels low. You should probably use considerably less drive for FM than you do with sideband. After last week's net, Skip K8RRA mentioned that the digital signals were an order of magnitude louder than the voice signals. If you don't have a deviation meter, just listen to your transmitted audio with another receiver to get an idea of how loud your signal is.

The next net is tomorrow (Feb 8) at 8 PM eastern, on the 145.49 -94.8 repeater. The mode will be PSK31. Next week I plan to do SSTV!

Questions? Comments? Complaints?
-Joe, KD8ATU

169. Simplex repeater program

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 02:31:36 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 169 Message: 169
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

EchoStation has a simplex repeater function

http://www.synergenics.com/sc/

Note: To protect against computer viruses, e-mail programs may prevent sending or receiving certain types of file attachments. Check your e-mail security settings to determine how attachments are handled.

170. More on xband repeating

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 03:27:49 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 169 Message: 170

The Holland repeater .06 has been modified as of last week. It now transmits tone on 94.8 only until the courtesy tone is finished, then the tone goes away, with the carrier staying on another 4 seconds or so. Tone is also present on the output while DVR tracks are playing. This should be more user-friendly.

While on the subject, you should be aware that the GH .49 does not transmit ANY tone while someone is using the Grand Rapids receiver with PL91.5. KB8ODB is now aware of that quirk. Until changed, xbanders need to keep this in mind and not use tone decode on the .49 side.

Laryn K8TVZ

171. Re: [WestMichiganHams] RE: simplex repeater

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 10:47:00 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 152 Message: 171

No but your computer does. I don't think WIndows would fit in most older radios.
----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2006 7:42 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] RE: simplex repeater

Does your handheld have to run Windows for Echolink to work on them? %-)
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Thanks!

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172. RE: [WestMichiganHams] RE: simplex repeater

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 13:18:53 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 152 Message: 172

Thanks for the tips and ideas. I have been playing with echo station a bit trying to make that work. Unfortunately most of the testing I will be doing is on a UHF Motorola HT1250ls+ radio on a commercial trunked radio system, so I don't think echo link would be a good idea. The echo station software will work if I can get an interface working.

Thanks again for the ideas!

Tim

KC8MSE

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of K8MHZ
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2006 7:42 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] RE: simplex repeater

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----- Original Message -----

From: Deater, Tim
<mailto:tdeater@...>

To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 8:06 AM

Subject: [WestMichiganHams] simplex
repeater

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173. Weekly Hazardous Weather Discussion - 02/08/06]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 20:50:54 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 173 Message: 173

This is right from the NWS.For all of you weather buffs We may get some snow in the next week. Tom KB8VEECentral Region Summary
Weekly Hazards Conference Call
Week of February 8, 2006
Valid for the assessment period: Saturday, February 11, through
Wednesday, February 22, 2006.

CPC began the discussion with the general weather pattern past and expected. CPC noted the lack of precipitation in the past seven days in the central part of the country as well as the retrograding ridge pattern expected during the assessment period.

CPC noted a couple short waves moving across the Great Lakes early in the assessment period, Saturday, February 11, through Tuesday, February 14. Given that cold air will be in place and parts of the Great Lakes remain unfrozen, CPC looks for periods of heavy lake effect snow at some locations in the Great Lakes area during this time.

CPC indicated they are planning to expand the much below normal temperature area into Nebraska, Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin.

Central Region participants showed concern for a potential storm affecting parts of Central Region sometime during the period of Friday, February 17, through Thursday, February 23. With the ridge expected to retrograde west into the eastern Pacific and Alaska, a trough would set up over the western United States. This would be a good pattern for a Colorado low to develop and move northeast. With the cold air remaining over the central part of the country, Central Region participants were concerned for heavy snow from such a low pressure system to fall from the Central Plains to the Great Lakes. CPC, while agreeing with the situation, did not feel strong enough to put a hazard area on the map this far in advance. CPC did seem more receptive to more strongly worded text discussion on this potential.

For more information, look at the following URL:

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/threats/
<http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/threats.html>

174. [WestMichiganHams] ISS AUDIO CIP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 22:07:39 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 167 Message: 174
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Here's one I recorded early this morning.

175. Fox Hunting Antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 22:46:43 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 167 Message: 175

All:

We are building a simple tape measure and pvc pipe yagi antenna for two meter fox hunting. This cheap and simple antenna can be used in transmitter hunts. The cost of the antenna is not yet set. It will be cheap because of the materials and the number of folks pitching in on the cost.

The event is scheduled for 10:00 am local time on Saturday February 18. We will construct the antennas at the MAARC clubhouse. Visit yahoo maps and insert the address, 2888 Scenic Drive in Muskegon. Basically the place is just south of the Red Rooster Restaurant and Tavern on Scenic, north of Muskegon and south of Whitehall.

We need a good head count so we don't end up short on, oh, say, tape measures. So please reply with an RSVP to let me count you in the head count.

It is suggested that we construct the antenna and attach a short length of coax. You will need to bring along the thingie that matches the coax to your radio. That thingie is the pl-259 or n connector or whatever.

We want to construct and tune the antenna. Then we want to use them to "find" a known fox location so you know how to actually use the antenna to do its designed job.

So, please pass this message around and let everyone know that all are welcome to enjoy this activity.

Bruce, WD8KPQ is heading this adventure. I am just passing the word, taking down participating names, and purchasing some of the material for the antenna. So, please come out and enjoy the event, bring along a friend, and we'll enjoy the day.

Let me know you will be participating. I need to purchase the material for all.

Bill, AB8SC
President of the Muskegon Radio Club

176. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunting Antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 23:04:52 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 167 Message: 176

Bill, thats funny, we had one scheduled for the same night we canceled it because of the new hams dinner one of clubs is having..

We are sponsoring a Fox hunt every month this year.. Its gonna be a blast.

Jeff

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Cc: refbc@...
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 5:46 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunting Antenna

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177. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunting Antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 23:34:07 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 167 Message: 177

I would also like to add that variations of these antennas, when protected by plastic conduit, can be used as permanent base station antennas.

A 3 element Yagi mounted at 20 feet should be able to work all the repeaters in your own and adjacent counties, most with an HT.

A great project.

73,

Mark K8MHZ
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178. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunting Antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-08 23:40:26 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 167 Message: 178

Copper pipe fits into cpvc couplings and tees, also.
----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 6:34 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunting Antenna

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Let me know you will be participating. I need to purchase the material for all.

Bill, AB8SC

President of the Muskegon Radio Club

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179. Re: [WestMichiganHams] ISS AUDIO CIP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-09 01:12:59 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 167 Message: 179

Now all we have to do is get him to talk to us...
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 5:07 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] ISS AUDIO CIP

Here's one I recorded early this morning.

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180. SuitSat Designated AMSAT-OSCAR-54

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-09 14:43:03 UTC
From: kc8pcj_1
Topic: 180 Message: 180

SuitSat Designated AMSAT-OSCAR-54
Bill Tynan, W3XO, former President of AMSAT-NA and the OSCAR number coordinator has issued this statement:

"From the information sent to me regarding the SuitSat project, it is clear that the SuitSat spacecraft IS qualified to receive an OSCAR number.

Therefore, by the authority vested in me by the AMSAT-NA President, I am pleased to issue this new amateur satellite the designation AMSAT-OSCAR-54, or AO-54.

Congratulations are in order to Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, Sergey Samburov, RV3DR and the entire Radioskaf/Suitsat team for mounting this exciting and attention-getting project. Seldom has an amateur radio event captured the public's imagination and evoked so much positive news media coverage as SuitSat has."

73,
Bill Tynan, W3XO

181. calm,cool,and collected

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-09 16:04:16 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 181 Message: 181

KC8WSE is my hero.When I grow up I want to be just like her.Because of unavoidable happenstance last nights packet training net we were left to fend for our selfs.Oh no not with Jean around.She took control and we had a "proper" net.Thank you

KD8CBJ

182. Re: [ocecwmsar] Weekly Hazardous Weather Discussion - 02/08/06

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-09 16:58:47 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 182 Message: 182

Speaking of Hazardous WX outlooks..

If anyone is interested we send out the HWO every day and anytime there updates through an automated system..

Its free and includes the Day 1 & 2 Graphics from the SPC..

Sign up here

http://lists.kcraces.net/mailman/listinfo/outlooks

The HWO comes out of the GRR NWS and covers anything in there CWA..

The SPC Graphics come from the SPC web site and covers the entire US..

183. Fox Hunt Antenna Seminar

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-09 17:01:04 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 180 Message: 183

All:

Just an update on the antenna building. Bruce, WD8KPQ is lining up all the things we need for this project. This includes the "thingie" to attach? the coax to your radio. We will have PL-259 "thingies" and N connectors. If your rig is different, you are building an antenna, and you don't have the "thingie" then you MUST let me know. Bruce is purchasing the connectors through AES and will have an adequate number. But YOU MUST let me know if the connector is unique. We will be ordering the items early next week and will put your request in with the order.

We will be making ten of these antennas. They will cost $20 or less each. So bring along the money you need to cover the cost of the antenna. The major expense is in the connector, so maybe your antenna will be a little more or a little less.

We MUST HAVE a hard head count. We will not build more than ten antennas without having a hard count ahead of time. So, if you're feeling lucky, want to build but don't want to let me know, or you?re ambivalent, then pass up this chance or show at the clubhouse with crossed fingers. Hi!

Ten in the morning a week from Saturday.

Questions? Drop me a line.

We may have five or so signed up for this class. Buy don?t count on your name being on the list. E-MAIL me, now, to ensure your RSVP.

Bill, AB8SC

184. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunt Antenna Seminar

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-09 17:35:20 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 180 Message: 184

Bill,

I don't know of many radios with N connectors. BNC and SMA for HT and 259 for mobile and base.

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 12:01 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunt Antenna Seminar

All:

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185. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunt Antenna Seminar

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-09 17:51:34 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 180 Message: 185

Mark:

You don't know many rigs with N connectors and I don't know what each of the connectors look like. I'm struggling here. I have sent Bruce a jpg of the connectors on my radio and attenuator box. He recognizes these things. It's just difficult not knowing the "lingo."

Bruce is really knowledgeable on the subject and will be a great leader on this topic. He has successfully fox hunted with this antenna.

It will be a fun time, combining radio and learning.

Bill, AB8SC

186. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunt Antenna Seminar (thingies and doojobbies)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-10 00:26:57 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 186 Message: 186

Cheap Thingies:

Many HT's use BNC thingies.

Most use SMA; hovever,

Computers and More (Lakewood Dr. Holland) sells BNC connectors (RG58) for $.99 each- both crimp-on and twist-on.

They also sell other connectors- just not SMA or PL259.

You can then buy the appropriate adapter for your rig be it PL-259 or SMA.

Another good place for cheap connectors is wavehunter.com.

I put BNC's on a lot of my lines and use adapters everywhere.

The BNC's are very convenient for quick connect/disconnects and it saves my rig's connectors (I mean thingamabobs).

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 12:01 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunt Antenna Seminar

All:

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187. Connector reference

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-10 12:56:38 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 187 Message: 187
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This may help everyone. I put it together here at work a couple of years ago to help illustrate the different connectors and why there are so many of them. Not sure if the list will support attachments. If the PDF not attached I will put it on my website for download and send along the link.

Tim

KC8MSE

188. 73 Magazine Article

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-10 15:02:38 UTC
From: Craig Christilaw
Topic: 188 Message: 188

Hello fellow Radio Operators...
I am looking for an article from the old Ham Radio magazine "73", and was hoping someone might have it in their stack of treasures in the garage. It is the November 1972 issue of "73" that I am looking for, and I would gladly buy, borrow, or copy the article. The article in question is regarding modifications to the Heathkit HR-10 receiver.
My email is k8crc@..., or you can reach me on the Grand Haven 145.49 repeater. Thanks for your help...
73
Craig Christilaw
K8CRC

189. Annual New Hams Dinner, Sat Feb 18

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-10 16:20:04 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 189 Message: 189

> GRAND RAPIDS AREA AMATEUR RADIO BANQUET
>
> Announcing the ELEVENTH ANNUAL
> WELCOME NEW HAMS,
> NEW TO THE AREA HAMS, and the rest of us,
> GET OUTTA THE CABIN DINNER
> SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2006, 6PM
> Jointly sponsored by:
> Lowell Amateur Radio Club W8LRC http://www.qsl.net/w8lrc
> Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association http://www.w8dc.org
> Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance http://www.w8usa.org
>
> EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
>
> At OLD COUNTRY BUFFET,
> 785 Center Dr NW, Grand Rapids-Walker / Alpine Twp.
>>From the I-96 expressway, exit Alpine Ave Hwy M-37 north (exit 30). Go
>>first traffic light
> (Center Dr), turn right / east. When arriving, go through the normal line,
> then go directly
> to the L shape area in the back unless you are a new ham or new area
> move-in ham since last
> year's dinner. If you are new, meet with club representative at the
> entrance, sponsoring
> organizations want this to be our treat without regard if you are a club
> member or not!
>
> BRING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER, FRIENDS, and the KIDS can come too! Dress
> casual.
> LET THE NEW ONES KNOW WE WELCOME THEM, and enjoy each other's company
> without the need to
> split so not to miss that hamfest deal! And you don't want to miss out on
> the door prizes,
> nothing spectacular like a new rig, but a prize is a prize. We'll have a
> good time!
>
> Buffet style. Cost is about $10. No reservations, just show up.
> Questions, contact Doug KC8EGM kc8egm@... (616)363-4692
>
> The annual WEST MICHIGAN HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD, recognizing someone in the
> area for
> exceptional service to the ham community and public service, is presented
> at this dinner.
> For more information and/or to make a nomination, visit
> http://www.w8usa.org/HOYINTRO.htm

>
> Don't be snooty, show up! :)
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> Version: 7.1.371 / Virus Database: 267.14.9/217 - Release Date: 12/30/05
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> MIham mailing list
> MIham@...
> http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/miham

191. Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-10 20:20:08 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 188 Message: 191

All:

Has anyone gotten through the pile-up and gotten into the log for Peter I Island? They now have two days of logs uploaded to the site. There are also great pictures from Peter I on the site.

I've been pounding on the pile-up for three days without success. I'm starting to have second thoughts about my signal.

The upside is I've scored two new countries while hanging around looking for some joy.

Hope the word is better for you!

Bill, AB8SC

192. 2006 CBRNE CONFERENCE (1).doc

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-10 22:19:46 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 192 Message: 192
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193. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-10 21:53:26 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 188 Message: 193

What Freq are they on Bill. I will get through to them. Tom KB8VEE
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 3:20 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

All:

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194. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-10 22:51:26 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 188 Message: 194

The best bet to find 3Y0X is to visit their www page. See peterone.com and you will find the list of frequencies. Then find the dx spots on either packet or the internet. There are thousands of spots with new ones spilling in by the minute. There really is not problem finding the dx.

They are operating cw, phone, and rtty. And they seem to be found more frequently on twenty, seventeen, and fifteen meters. Linda is trying now on fifteen phone. I'm hopeful that a female voice is worth an s unit or two. Wishful thinking? It has worked in the past.

One thing I have relearned in this experience is that there are other dx stations on the bands and their pile-ups are less severe. Seems Everyone is pounding on Peter I and leaving others with lots less attention. I got a FO and an A6 during moments of frustration on the 3Y0X. So, silver lining? Or just fodder for another Flashovers article? Win ? win? I'm trying to remain optimistic.

Bill, AB8SC

195. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-10 23:43:11 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 188 Message: 195
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Tom,

Here are the freqs.

I think 15 is the best bet and during the day at that. Transmit on 21.300 and listen on 21.295.

Do not transmit on the frequencies below. Listen for the split and go there.

Put some fire in the wire!

BAND SSB CW Digital
10 28475 28023 28092 (Listening up!)
12 24987 24893 24928 (Listening down only!)
15 21295 21023 21102 (Listening down!)
17 18145 18073 18108 (listening down only!)
20 14190 14023 14084 (Listening up!)
30 n/a 10103 10135 (Listening up!)
40 7093 7023
80 3750 3523
160 1842.5 1822.5

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Tom VanderMel
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 4:53 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

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----- Original Message -----
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Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

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196. Fw: The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 06

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-11 04:29:02 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 196 Message: 196

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Letter Mailing List" <letter-dlvy@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 6:01 PM
Subject: The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 06

> ***************
> The ARRL Letter
> Vol. 25, No. 06
> February 10, 2006
> ***************
>
> IN THIS EDITION:
>
> * +SuitSat-1 a success, ARISS says
> * +Radio amateurs hailed as "true heroes" on US House floor
> * +USMA cadets, Florida high schoolers enjoy successful QSOs with NA1SS
> * +Telecoms attorney poised to be fifth FCC member
> * +ARRL EXPO will return at Dayton Hamvention 2006
> * +ARRL Field Day 2006 info now available
> * +AD5X captures Bill Orr Award
> * Solar Update
> * IN BRIEF:
> This weekend on the radio: The North American Sprint (CW)!
> ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration
> 3Y0X Peter I Island DXpedition is on the air!
> +ARRL announces DeSoto Cup winners, DXCC Challenge Top 10
> ARRL advisory committees to consider contesting, DXCC changes
> ARRL teams named for WRTC-2006
> DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit
> Correction
>
> +Available on ARRL Audio News <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/audio/>
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> ==>Delivery problems (ARRL member direct delivery only!):
> letter-dlvy@...
> ==>Editorial questions or comments: Rick Lindquist, N1RL, n1rl@...
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> ==>"SUITSAT-1" DESIGNATED AO-54, SPONSORS CALL IT "TREMENDOUSLY
> SUCCESSFUL"
>
> Released into Earth orbit February 3, the novel SuitSat-1 Amateur Radio
> transmit-only spacesuit turned satellite has been heard around the globe,
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> but those hoping to hear it using a hand-held transceiver or scanner have
> been disappointed. From the start, SuitSat-1 has been quite weak, and
> reports this week indicate its already-puny 145.99 MHz FM signal may be
> getting even weaker. Amateur Radio on the International Space Station
> (ARISS), the project's sponsor, remains very interested in obtaining any
> valid voice telemetry reports (post to SAREX@...).
>
> "The telemetry is transmitted about 30 seconds after the SSTV image
> stops,"
> explains ARISS Ham Radio Project Engineer Kenneth Ransom, N5VHO. Ransom
> says
> the transmission order is SSTV image, 30 seconds of silence, voice
> identification, mission time, temperature and battery voltage. "The
> battery
> voltage is of most importance," he added.
>
> At week's end, SuitSat-1 was reporting a battery voltage of 26.7 V. Based
> on
> that figure, Lou McFadin, W5DID, of ARISS and AMSAT, has calculated that
> SuitSat-1 is likely to last a little more than nine days total. That means
> it could stop transmitting as early as February 12. ARISS Secretary
> Rosalie
> White, K1STO, says the ARISS team is especially interested in telemetry
> reports "near what we think may be the end, to help us track battery power
> and how the suit will finish up life."
>
> Consisting of a discarded Russian Orlan spacesuit equipped with ham radio
> gear, SuitSat-1 was released by International Space Station (ISS)
> Expedition
> 12 Flight Engineer Valery Tokarev as he and Expedition 12 Commander Bill
> McArthur, KC5ACR, began a spacewalk. The crew had stuffed some of its
> laundry into the spacesuit to help it to keep its form as it orbits Earth.
> AMSAT-NA has designated SuitSat-1 as AMSAT OSCAR 54 (AO-54).
>
> "Seldom has an Amateur Radio event captured the public's imagination and
> evoked so much positive news media coverage as SuitSat has," said
> AMSAT-NA's
> Bill Tynan in announcing the AO-54 designation.
>
> Several reception reports on the SuitSat Web site
> <http://www.suitsat.org/>
> indicate SuitSat-1 audio has been retransmitted via the NA1SS crossband
> repeater aboard the ISS. While the NA1SS Phase 2 station has been
> configured
> to retransmit SuitSat's 145.99 MHz signal on 437.800 MHz, Ransom says he
> tends to discount the validity of the signals heard via the UHF repeater.
> "Since it hears everything, people are reporting every little squeak and
> whistle," he said, adding that any reports posted are "very hard to
> verify"
> at this stage. Several reports mention hearing packet signals, but

> SuitSat-1
> carries no packet gear. All telemetry transmissions are by digital voice.
>
> Ransom urged all Earth stations not to transmit on SuitSat-1's 145.99 MHz
> frequency--which is also the normal packet uplink channel--until the
> SuitSat-1 experiment ends.
>
> ISS Commander McArthur remained upbeat about a future SuitSat mission.
> "Where there's a will there's a way," he philosophized during a
> post-spacewalk contact recorded by Scott Avery, WA6LIE. "We've got more
> suits that need to be jettisoned."
>
> ARISS International Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, proclaimed SuitSat-1
> "tremendously successful," its weak signal notwithstanding. "We have
> captured the imagination of students and the general public worldwide
> through this unique experiment," he said, adding that the media attention
> alone has been some of the best ever for Amateur Radio.
>
> Bauer further notes that SuitSat-1 has successfully carried student
> artwork,
> signatures and voices into space, and "the students are now space
> travelers
> as the suit rotates and orbits the earth." SuitSat-1 also has shown that a
> spacesuit could be deployed and orbited from the ISS, "demonstrating to
> the
> space agencies that this can be safely done," Bauer noted.
>
> "Pioneering efforts are challenging. Risk is high. But the future payoff
> is
> tremendous," Bauer concluded. He was able to hear one overhead pass that
> included at least part of the English-language ID, recorded by his
> daughter,
> Michelle. "Keep your spirits up, and let's continue to be optimistic," he
> urged later in an official SuitSat-1 status report. "And please keep
> monitoring!"
>
> More information on the SuitSat-1 project, including QSL information, is
> available on the AMSAT Web site
> <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/index.php>.
>
> ==>HAM RADIO OPERATORS "TRUE HEROES," REP MIKE ROSS, WD5DVR, SAYS IN
> "SALUTE"
>
> US Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR), this week offered "A Salute to Ham Radio
> Operators" on the floor of the US House. Ross, one of two Amateur Radio
> licensees in the House of Representatives (the other is Rep Greg Walden,
> W7EQI, R-OR), addressed his colleagues February 8 to recognize the
> contributions of the Amateur Radio community in the wake of last year's
> devastating hurricane season.
>

> "Citizens throughout America dedicated to this hobby--a hobby that some
> people consider old fashioned or obsolete--were true heroes in the
> aftermath
> of Hurricane Katrina as they were often the only line of communication
> available into the storm ravaged areas," Ross said.
>
> He noted that while ham radio is often overlooked "in favor of flashier
> means of communication," Gulf Coast communities learned after the 2005
> hurricanes that technology can be "highly vulnerable" to storm damage.
> "Ham
> radios, entirely self- contained transmitters, require no cell towers or
> satellites, simply a battery and a strip of wire as an antenna," Ross
> explained.
>
> Because of the "critical intervention" of radio amateurs across the US,
> Ross
> said, many lives were saved following Hurricane Katrina.
>
> "The dedication displayed by ham radio operators in the aftermath of
> Hurricane Katrina sets a tremendous example for us all," Ross concluded,
> noting that "now more than ever" he's proud to be an Amateur Radio
> operator.
> "The people whose lives were rescued as a result of the tireless
> dedication
> of ham radio operators will forever be grateful to these selfless public
> servants."
>
> ==>VERY FULL SCHEDULE KEEPS SPACE STATION CREW HOPPING, CADETS TOLD
>
> International Space Station Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR,
> spoke recently via ham radio with cadets at his alma mater, the US
> Military
> Academy at West Point, New York, and with high schoolers in Orlando,
> Florida. The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS)
> program arranged both on-the-air events. During a January 26 direct VHF
> contact between NA1SS and W2KGY at West Point, one cadet asked McArthur's
> opinion regarding the most important design factors for a future lunar
> base.
> McArthur responded by expressing his frustration with the ISS crew's lack
> of
> control over its work schedule.
>
> "We have a daily list of tasks that we're scheduled out for," McArthur
> told
> the cadets. "The bottom line is the schedule is very full, and you really
> need to maintain the timeline." Unfortunately, he went on, various factors
> come into play that cause the crew to under-schedule the time needed for
> each task.
>
> "So, I think the most important thing to do," McArthur concluded, "is to

> give a crew on the lunar base more time to actually plan out their own
> activities, and give them adequate time to execute them."
>
> Answering another question, McArthur told the West Pointers that the crew
> sometimes finds itself wasting time on non-productive activities.
>
> "The things that waste most of our time on orbit are all related to
> stowage," he said. "We have limited stowage volume up here. Over time
> things
> migrate from place to place, and even though we have a fairly
> sophisticated
> inventory-management system, it's very frustrating--it takes a lot of
> time--to find the tools and supplies that you need."
>
> On a more mundane subject, McArthur discussed the art of shaving in space.
> He said he uses a safety razor and shaving gel, but since he cannot rinse
> off the razor, blades have to be replaced more frequently. He said he
> sometimes uses an electric razor but doesn't believe he gets as smooth a
> shave.
>
> Audio of the approximately six and one-half minute contact between NA1SS
> and
> W2KGY was fed via closed circuit to the academy's 4000 cadets could listen
> in. Seven cadets participated in the event. ARISS mentor Steve McFarlane,
> VE3BTD, provided equipment and antennas for the club station to undertake
> the contact, which McArthur had requested.
>
> On February 2, McArthur took questions via ham radio from students
> attending
> Timber Creek High School, located some 30 miles from Cape Canaveral--close
> enough to see shuttle launches. A number of the students have parents who
> work in the space industry. On hand for the occasion was Florida's
> Commissioner of Education John Winn.
>
> During the direct VHF contact between NA1SS and KC4IYO, McArthur told the
> students that crew members "launch healthy" as part of an overall effort
> to
> avoid problems with illness in space. He pointed out that bones need
> physical stress to maintain their density. Because there is hardly any
> physical stress in the microgravity environment of the ISS, the crew must
> exercise vigorously every day and take vitamins to fend off the risk of
> bone
> loss.
>
> Most of the students taking part in the interview were sophomores taking
> advanced placement biology, and many of their questions had to do with
> biology, physiology and botany. Some students from other classes also
> participated.
>
> McArthur said that since living and working in space is considered

> stressful, the body needs more energy to deal with it. So, crew members
> are
> provided with a high-calorie diet, whether they'll consume it or not.
>
> "We are provided more calories on orbit," McArthur explained. "At some
> point, though, I've found that I simply can't eat all the food that is
> provided for me. I just get too full."
>
> Fielding a question about getting ready for a space walk--something the
> crew
> was doing the week of the contact--McArthur said the crew spends the
> better
> part of a week preparing their spacesuits and equipment. "The thing we
> have
> to do is gather all the equipment, which may be stored in different
> locations of the space station," McArthur explained, "then actually
> install
> things such as the carbon dioxide scrubbing canisters, humidity
> separators--things like that in a spacesuit because they can't be
> installed
> for a long period of time."
>
> In terms of science aboard the ISS, McArthur said the crew is trying to
> learn how to do research in space. "We're actually maybe two generations
> away from things that have direct application," he added.
>
> As the Timber Creek contact got under way, McArthur took the opportunity
> to
> greet Coordinating Teacher Sarah Longino. "It's a delight to hear your
> voice," McArthur said, noting that he and Longino have been friends for
> more
> than four decades.
>
> John Rothert, KC4IYO, served as the Earth station control op for the
> contact
> between the ISS and the suburban high school, which boasts a student
> population of approximately 4000. Coordinating the radio contact was Joe
> Singer, N4IPV, and members of the Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society
> assisted
> in setting up equipment for the contact. The ARISS mentor was Keith Pugh,
> W5IU.
>
> ARISS <http://www.rac.ca/ariss> is an international educational outreach,
> with US participation by ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.
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> ==>WHITE HOUSE TO TAP VIRGINIAN AS FIFTH FCC MEMBER
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> President George W. Bush has announced his intention to nominate
> Republican
> Robert M. McDowell of Virginia to serve on the FCC for the remainder of a

> five-year term expiring June 30, 2009. If confirmed by the US Senate,
> McDowell--a telecommunications attorney--would bring the Commission back
> to
> its statutory five-member complement. FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin
> applauded
> the president's announcement.
>
> "If confirmed, Rob McDowell will be a great asset to the Commission,"
> Martin
> said. "He has a wealth of knowledge in the communications arena, and we
> will
> rely on his insight when evaluating the issues before us."
>
> When Martin took over as FCC chairman last year, the political balance on
> the Commission was split evenly between two Republicans and two Democrats.
> Republican Kathleen Abernathy departed in December, while Republican
> Deborah
> T. Tate officially came aboard January 3. Democrat Michael J. Copps was
> sworn in for another term the same day. The other Democrat is Jonathan
> Adelstein.
>
> McDowell currently serves as senior vice president and assistant general
> counsel for the Competitive Telecommunications Association (CompTel).
> Prior
> to that he served as executive vice president and general counsel for the
> America's Carriers Telecommunications Association. A cum laude graduate of
> Duke University, McDowell received his law degree from the College of
> William and Mary's Marshall-Wythe School of Law.
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> ==>ARRL EXPO RETURNS AT DAYTON HAMVENTION 2006!
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> With thanks to Dayton Hamvention and owing to its popularity among 2005
> Hamventioneers, ARRL EXPO will return to Dayton this year. Hamvention
> takes
> place Friday through Sunday, May 19-21, at Hara Arena near Dayton, Ohio.
>
> "Dayton Hamvention has generously agreed to partner again with ARRL to
> accommodate ARRL EXPO 2006," ARRL Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R,
> announced. "As we did during last year's National Convention, ARRL will
> organize its primary Hamvention exhibit in the Ballarena, which allows
> plenty of room to showcase a broad variety of ARRL programs and services.
> Our hope is to reprise the best elements of last year's very successful
> event."
>
> Inderbitzen notes that while some details remain in the development
> stages,
> current plans call for ARRL EXPO 2006 to feature a huge--and readily
> accessible--ARRL bookstore and retail products center. Those renewing
> their
> League memberships or joining for the first time will receive a gift.

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> Individual exhibits and booths will highlight the League's various
> activities or focus on more specialized Amateur Radio interests. Also held
> over from last year's ARRL National Convention EXPO will be live, on-stage
> presentations and mini-forums by ARRL staff members and volunteers. DXCC
> card checking will be available on site.
>
> So will the Internet Caf?, which last year provided not only free access
> to
> Internet-ready computers to catch up on e-mail or surf the Web, but an
> open-access Wi-Fi "hot spot" for the laptop/notebook crowd.
>
> Also back this year: "ARRL Passport," the ultimate scavenger hunt. Collect
> ARRL Passport numbers at booths and concessions throughout Dayton
> Hamvention
> 2006 and win terrific prizes.
>
> Of course, ARRL EXPO will offer an opportunity for Hamvention visitors to
> meet ARRL staff members and authors and to learn more about the League's
> various activities and initiatives--from advocacy and development to
> technical and regulatory support and operating activities.
>
> Inderbitzen says various ARRL forums will be coordinated with the Dayton
> Hamvention program. Hamvention sponsor, the Dayton Amateur Radio
> Association, will sponsor Amateur Radio license examinations.
>
> Dayton Hamvention itself will offer some 500 indoor exhibit/concession
> spaces throughout Hara Arena, where visitors can feast their eyes on the
> latest Amateur Radio gear or touch bases with their favorite ham radio
> organizations and activity groups.
>
> The outdoor flea market--a huge favorite--will again have more than 2500
> spaces available. It's the largest of its kind and a great place to meet
> old
> friends or make new ones. And remember: "If you can't find it at Dayton,
> you'll never find it!"
>
> Watch this space <http://www.arrl.org/announce/nc/2006/> for ARRL EXPO
> 2006
> updates!
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> ==>ARRL FIELD DAY 2006 PACKAGES, RULES NOW AVAILABLE
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> The 2006 ARRL Field Day package
> <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/06-fd-packet.pdf> and rules (HTML
> version <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2006/rules-fd-2006.html>) (PDF
> version <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/06-fd-rules.pdf>) now are
> available on the ARRL Web site.
>
> "The only rule change in 2006 involves the GOTA ('Get On The Air') station

> bonus-point structure," says ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson,
> N1ND. "An individual operator may earn a 50-point bonus for completing 50
> QSOs at the GOTA station. They may earn an additional 50 bonus points when
> they reach 100 QSOs."
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> Henderson notes there's a 100-QSO cap for bonus points per individual GOTA
> operator, but additional GOTA operators may earn the bonuses for the club,
> up to a maximum of 500 GOTA bonus points.
>
> "Additionally, Field Day operations can double their GOTA bonus points by
> having a designated GOTA Coach/Mentor supervise the station whenever it's
> on
> the air," Henderson notes. "The GOTA Coach/Mentor may talk the
> participants
> through the QSOs and serve as control operator, but GOTA participants must
> make and log all QSOs themselves."
>
> This means that if a Field Day group has a GOTA Coach/Mentor, the 50 and
> 100-point bonuses GOTA operators earn will double to 100 and 200 points
> respectively, while the maximum GOTA bonus increases to 1000 points.
>
> ARRL Field Day 2006 will be Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25.
>
> ==>PHIL SALAS, AD5X, NAMED 2005 ORR AWARD WINNER
>
> Acting on a recommendation from the QST editorial staff, the ARRL
> Foundation
> Board of Directors has voted unanimously to give the 2005 Bill Orr, W6SAI,
> Technical Writing Award to Phil Salas, AD5X. An ARRL Life Member from
> Richardson, Texas, Salas was recognized for "his excellence at making
> technical concepts understandable," said QST Editor Steve Ford, WB8IMY.
> The
> award is based on articles published in QST during 2005.
>
> "I've admired Bill Orr's technical writings over the years, so I am very
> pleased and honored to receive this award," said Salas. "I've enjoyed
> sharing my ideas with the ham community through my articles and plan on
> continuing to do so."
>
> Salas' oeuvre in QST during 2005 included "A Compact Battery Pack for the
> SG-2020" in the March "Workbench" section, "Input Voltage Conditioner--and
> More--for the FT-817" in the June "Workbench," and "Tuning Switch with
> Limit
> Indication for Screwdriver Antennas" in the December "Workbench." Salas
> also
> authored the article "The Ultimate Portable HF Vertical Antenna" in the
> July
> issue, and he contributed to "Hints & Kinks" and "Technical
> Correspondence."
>

> Salas is a past winner of the QST Cover Plaque Award, given to the author
> or
> authors of the best article in each issue as determined by a vote of ARRL
> members on the QST Cover Plaque Poll Web page. He captured a cover plaque
> in
> 2000 for his article "A Simple HF-Portable Antenna," which appeared in
> that
> year's December issue.
>
> The Orr Award pays tribute to the winning author's ability to explain
> technical topics in a manner that is easy for relatively non-technical
> people to understand. Bill Orr, W6SAI, the award's namesake, was best
> known
> for his voluminous publications for radio amateurs. From the 1940s through
> the 1980s, Orr was a frequent contributor to QST. In addition, he
> constructed some of the amplifiers once used at ARRL Maxim Memorial
> Station
> W1AW. Orr died in 2001.
>
> ARRL West Gulf Division Director Coy Day, N5OK, will present Salas with
> the
> 2005 Bill Orr Award plaque at HamCom this June in Dallas, Texas.
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> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
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> Propagation prognosticator Tad "When I Needed Sunspots, I Got None" Cook,
> K7RA, Seattle, Washington, reports: Our sun is very quiet. The daily
> sunspot
> reading was zero each day from January 29 through February 7! The last
> time
> we saw 10 consecutive days with a sunspot number of zero was way back on
> the
> other side of the solar cycle, from December 24, 1996 to January 3, 1997.
> Prior to that, from September 13, 1996 through October 20 1996 were 38
> days
> with a sunspot number of zero. Perhaps a year from now we'll again see a
> whole month with no sunspots.
>
> Compared with last week, the average sunspot number declined by more than
> 7
> points to 1.7. Average daily solar flux was down more than 4 points to 76.
>
> Sunspot numbers and solar flux should rise over the next few days, but not
> by much. Geomagnetic conditions also look quiet, with the next period of
> high geomagnetic activity set for February 22. This is based upon the
> previous rotation of the sun.
>
> Sunspot numbers for February 2 through 8 were 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 and 12,
> with
> a mean of 1.7. The 10.7 cm flux was 77.3, 78.7, 77, 76.3, 74.9, 74, and

> 74,
> with a mean of 76. Estimated planetary A indices were 3, 4, 4, 3, 12, 4
> and
> 3, with a mean of 4.7. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 1, 3, 3, 3,
> 11,
> 4 and 2, with a mean of 3.9.
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> ==>IN BRIEF:
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> * This weekend on the radio: The North American Sprint (CW), the YLRL
> YL-OM
> Contest (SSB), the CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest, the Louisiana and New Hampshire
> QSO parties, the SARL Field Day Contest, the Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint
> (CW), the Dutch PACC Contest, the OMISS QSO Party 1500Z, the FISTS Winter
> Sprint, the British Columbia QSO Challenge and the RSGB First 1.8 MHz
> Contest (CW) are the weekend of February 11-12. The ARRL School Club
> Roundup
> runs from February 13 to February 17, and the AGCW Semi-Automatic Key
> Evening is February 15. JUST AHEAD: The ARRL International DX Contest (CW)
> is the weekend of February 18-19. The Run for the Bacon QRP Contest is
> February 20. See the ARRL Contest Branch page
> <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the WA7BNM Contest Calendar
> <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> for more info.
>
> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Sunday, February 20, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) Program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1 (EC-001), Radio Frequency
> Interference (EC-006), Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009),
> Technician
> License Course (EC-010), Analog Electronics (EC-012) and Digital
> Electronics
> (EC-013). Classes begin Friday, March 3. To learn more, visit the CCE
> Course
> Listing page <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE
> Department <cce@...>.
>
> * 3Y0X Peter I Island DXpedition is on the air! The Peter I Island 3Y0X
> DXpedition took to the air this week, despite a delay due to persistent
> heavy fog. Most, if not all, of the 22-member DXpedition team now are on
> the
> tiny island in the Bellinghausen Sea near Antarctica. On most bands, the
> operators will be listening up, but pay attention to the operator's
> instructions, and do NOT transmit on the DXpedition's frequency! The
> DXpedition expects to update its on-line log search once or twice a day.
> After waiting on the ship for fog to lift, the first helicopter load
> landed
> on Peter I Island February 7. As of February 10, the 3Y0X team was active

> on
> all bands from 160 through 15 meters. The Peter I Island DXpedition was
> the
> recipient of a $7500 ARRL Colvin Award grant to help finance the team's
> visit. The Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) has been a premier
> contributor to the major undertaking, estimated to cost upward of
> $500,000,
> making it the most costly DXpedition ever undertaken. Bob Allphin, K4UEE,
> and Ralph Fedor, K0IR, are the co-leaders of the 3Y0X effort. More
> information is on the 3Y0X Web site <http://www.peterone.com/>.
>
> * ARRL announces DeSoto Cup winners, DXCC Challenge Top 10: For the sixth
> straight year, Bob Eshleman, W4DR, has won the Clinton B. DeSoto Cup gold
> medal with 3095 points. The ARRL DXCC Desk announced the winners of the
> 2005
> DeSoto Cup/DXCC Challenge competition this week, with top honors once
> again
> going to Eshleman, an ARRL Life Member from Midlothian, Virginia.
> Capturing
> the silver and bronze medals for second and third place respectively are
> Ken
> Bolin, W1NG, (3082) and Fausto Minardi, I4EAT (3077). Rounding out the Top
> Ten: (4) Ryszard Tymkiewicz, SP5EWY, 3072; (5) Leif Ottosen, OZ1LO, 3070;
> (6) Rick Roderick, K5UR, 3066; (7) Randy Schaaf, W9ZR, 3053; (8) Klaus
> Heintzenberg, DJ6RX, 3042; (9) Donald Karvonen, K8MFO, 3041; (10) Joseph
> Reisert Jr, W1JR, 3041. This list details the DXCC Challenge Top Ten as of
> September 30, 2005. Current DXCC Challenge standings are available on the
> ARRL DXCC page <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>. Starting this year, the
> DeSoto Cup winners will be based on DXCC Challenge standings at the end of
> the calendar year. The DeSoto Cup honors the memory of Clinton B. DeSoto,
> W1CBD, who wrote the definitive 1935 QST article that inspired the
> original
> DXCC program.
>
> * ARRL advisory committees to consider contesting, DXCC changes: The ARRL
> Programs and Services Committee (PSC) has asked its Contest Advisory
> Committee (CAC) to consider whether the current method of scoring ARRL
> Affiliated Club competition is adequate or whether is should be revised to
> better "reward a combination of activity, effort and achievement." The PSC
> also wants the CAC to determine whether a return to the policy of
> assessing
> a three QSO per error penalty for electronic logs--as is currently
> assessed
> for hard-copy logs--is in the best interest of the ARRL contesting
> program.
> Both CAC assignments followed presentations to the PSC on both topics by
> ARRL Southwestern Division Director Dick Norton, N6AA. The PSC also has
> asked the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) to study the impact of amending the
> DXCC "political entities" rule. The change under consideration would
> revise

> Section II, "DXCC List Criteria," under "1. Political Entities," to add a
> Paragraph c) reading, "The Entity contains a permanent population, is
> administered by a local government and is located at least 800 km from its
> parent." The CAC will seek public input in completing work on its tasks,
> and
> a progress report is due June 19. The PSC has asked the DXAC to report
> back
> by March 15.
>
> * ARRL teams named for WRTC-2006: Members have been named to the
> two-person
> teams that will represent ARRL in World Radiosport Team Championship 2006
> (WRTC-2006) this summer in Brazil. To honor the organizing committees of
> previous WRTCs, the WRTC-2006 selection criteria call on the organizing
> committees of the five WRTC events to select five team leaders, with teams
> chosen by the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) member-societies in
> the host countries. Since two WRTCs have been held in the US, the ARRL was
> asked to select two teams. The League, in turn, asked the organizers of
> the
> first and second WRTCs to chose team captains and teammates. The Western
> Washington DX Club, sponsor of the first WRTC, held in 1990 in Seattle,
> has
> announced the selection of ARRL Contributing Editor Ward Silver, N0AX, as
> team captain. Silver has picked Chris Hurlbut, KL9A, as his teammate. The
> host of WRTC-96 in the San Francisco Bay area, the Northern California
> Contest Club, has selected ARRL Senior Assistant Technical Editor Dean
> Straw, N6BV, as team captain. His teammate will be Mark Obermann, AG9A.
> "Congratulations to these fine contesters," said ARRL CEO David Sumner,
> K1ZZ. "We look forward to a strong competition!" Held in conjunction with
> the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) HF World Championship,
> WRTC-2006 takes place July 7-10 in and around Florianopolis, Brazil.
> There's
> more information on the WRTC-2006 Web site
> <http://www.wrtc2006.com/html/web/>.
>
> * DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit: The ARRL DXCC Desk has
> approved this operation for DXCC credit: K7C (Kure Island), September
> 25-October 5, 2005. For more information, visit the DXCC Web page
> <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>. "DXCC Frequently Asked Questions" can
> answer most questions about the DXCC program. ARRL DX bulletins are
> available on the W1AW DX Bulletins page <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/dx/>.
>
> * Correction: In The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 05, Feb 3, 2006, the story
> "NASA, International Partners Tap Two Hams as Next Space Station Crew"
> contained an incorrect call sign for Expedition 13 back-up crew member
> Mike
> Fincke, KE5AIT.--noted by Hans Schwarz, AA0RM/DK5JI
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> * The QTH.net listserver, thanks to volunteers from the Boston Amateur
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> <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/letter-list>. (NOTE: The ARRL
> cannot assist subscribers who receive The ARRL Letter via this
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197. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-11 06:55:21 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 188 Message: 197

This is a list of the freq's from their web site. From reading the 3y0x group, they are often running other TX frequencies as well, trying to keep up with calls from all over the world.
Jon AB8RD

Tom VanderMel <kb8vee@...> wrote:

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----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 3:20 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

All:

Has anyone gotten through the pile-up and gotten into the log for Peter I Island? They now have two days of logs uploaded to the site. There are also great pictures from Peter I on the site.

I've been pounding on the pile-up for three days without success. I'm starting to have second thoughts about my signal.

The upside is I've scored two new countries while hanging around looking for some joy.

Hope the word is better for you!

Bill, AB8SC

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198. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-11 06:58:58 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 188 Message: 198

I really have to remember to include the link when I post like this... :-(

http://www.peterone.com/p1freqs.html

Jon AB8RD

Jon Plyler <ab8rd@...> wrote:
This is a list of the freq's from their web site. From reading the 3y0x group, they are often running other TX frequencies as well, trying to keep up with calls from all over the world.
Jon AB8RD

Tom VanderMel <kb8vee@...> wrote:

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----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 3:20 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

All:

Has anyone gotten through the pile-up and gotten into the log for Peter I Island? They now have two days of logs uploaded to the site. There are also great pictures from Peter I on the site.

I've been pounding on the pile-up for three days without success. I'm starting to have second thoughts about my signal.

The upside is I've scored two new countries while hanging around looking for some joy.

Hope the word is better for you!

Bill, AB8SC

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Jon AB8RD

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199. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-11 07:24:00 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 188 Message: 199

All:

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Bill, AB8SC

200. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-11 13:32:00 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 188 Message: 200

All
I just worked 3Y0X on 20 meters SSB split 14.247 transmit and 14.190 lesson 5/9 signal both ways. Give it a try. He is lessoning 245-250
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2006 2:24 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

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201. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-11 15:37:25 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 188 Message: 201

Congrats,

Way to go!!!

73

mhz
----- Original Message -----
From: Tom VanderMel
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2006 8:32 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

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202. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-11 16:06:16 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 188 Message: 202

Tom:

Good on ya!

Congrats!

Bill

203. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-12 15:57:27 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 188 Message: 203

Where are they listening?

15 meters shows 'listening down' but they never say where. Also, I hear stations 5 up calling them. They don't mention where they are listening on the air, either.

Anyone have an update on the frequencies they are listening on? The chart isn't helping much.

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2006 11:06 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Tom:

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Congrats!

Bill

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204. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-12 17:03:17 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 188 Message: 204

Mark:

Ah, the "magic" of working dx on a split! Where the heck are they listening?

The split will almost always be up. The down you reference is for data, most often rtty. If you try to get a qso using rtty you are on your own. Otherwise listen up and you can bet that the dx is listening in the pile-up. I will try and hear the station in qso with 3Y0X, but you have to be FAST. And I have not determined if they move the listen frequency after each qso. It makes is terribly tough when you cannot hear the stateside station for more than a single qso in a row. It's getting to be a real case of cross your fingers. I'll dial around looking for the stateside and instantly feel I dodged when the dx dove. Ships passing in the night.

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Best of luck to you all. I, for one, will hit the pile-ups with vigor on Monday after the weekend warriors go back to their day jobs.

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205. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-12 17:29:37 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 188 Message: 205

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I will also be trying on Monday morning.

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2006 12:03 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

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206. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-12 18:23:34 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 188 Message: 206

Mark:

Well, the answer to the question, "Where is the dx listening?" is a tough problem. On twenty meters and phone the split could be just up five to ten or it could be in the general portion of the band around 14.240 to 14.250. I would suggest you use the dx spots for some direction. There are always going to be spots on 3Y0X and they are generally current. It helps get you started. See: http://oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dxs/

The whole reason for the split is so the dx has a clear transmit frequency (where you listen for your call sign) (NEVER transmit on the dx frequency, NEVER) and the pile-up spreads out and each station is less likely to qrm their competition. A marvelous solution to the problem. Well, marvelous if you can break the code. I have not proved this next statement but the dx is likely tuning around the frequencies looking for a call in the clear. They will often tune between each qso or they might listen on a frequency for a few calls. Don't worry about qrm and finding a clear transmit frequency. It just will not happen. Call real fast or delay a little or just scream at the microphone or try compression or get a girl to call or try all of these things. Luck of the draw? Be sure you send your call phonetically. I would suggest the traditional phonetics and not the cute ones that the dx might have difficulty understanding. Remember the reason you are calling and you want to make it easiest for the dx to hear and simultaneously instantly understand your call sign. Listen to the way a dx speaks the alphabet and try to mimic the phonetics. And listen to the dx as he may call a directed qrz asking for only Europe or only eights. Last Thursday I waited all the way through the ones and twos and . . . through the sixes only for the propagation to fade in the sevens. But, hey, it's a hobby.

Twenty meters is especially challenging since EVERY ham in California has full legal power and they use it to their advantage. Calling barefoot into a wire antenna is a decided disadvantage. Success will surely be a combination of many things and having fifteen hundred watts to pound the pile-up certainly has its advantages.

Now that Peter I is more or less full strength I would also encourage you to visit the propagation predictors. They will more or less tell you not to waste your time on twenty at three in the morning.

And, final insult to injury I have heard from older dxers that they already have Peter I in the log so they are not trying for a qso. Funny how having the dx in the log makes you smugly tolerant.

And, when you finally get through just send your call sign again (as an insurance) and 59 for signal report. The dx could care less your signal report or his. You only want to be certain you are accurately in the log

and contrary to some opinion the signal report is not accurate, a reflection of your signal, nor important to anyone associated with this wonderful hobby or the process of claiming a qso. The 59 is only there to separate the qso from the next qso. I once got a card from Ascension Island and the actual signal report was 41, which is terribly and perilously close to inaudible. Took four tries but I have the card and the contact. And MAKE SURE you log the details, especially UTC and date. The date one will deep six your qsl card since there will be literally thirty thousand cards going to the qsl manager and he will not waste time thumbing the log for your call sign. It just will not happen. So have your clock coordinated and watch the date, especially when you score the qso at eight in the evening (uh, that's local time) tomorrow. Insist on this detail or you are really operating at an insurmountable disadvantage. DO NOT use local time. You will not get the qsl card. Well, unless you already have the card.

I would also encourage you to check the on line log and if you are uncomfortable at all to try for an insurance qso. The dx is encouraging this and you might find the insurance contact on another band or mode. Makes five band DXCC all the more attainable. Hi! I cannot even imagine five band DXCC. What a distant mirage on the radio horizon. All my respect to those with the plaque.

Bill

207. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-12 18:34:36 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 188 Message: 207

From what I understand, "up" is usually in a range of 5k-15k above the listening frequency. In a note at the bottom of their chart, it says 3Y0X will be listening in the General bands as well. I know at least one of the frequencies they are transmitting on is the bottom of the Extra segment, so they will be listening considerably above that for General calls. Their is a 3y0x yahoo group, if you have a lot of spare time to spend looking through postings. An interesting part of it is the variety of ways people react - a few "wild-eyed" DX-ers show a high level of frustration... and a low level of patience. Anyhow, stick with it and, like Bill said, with a bit of luck you'll have logged one of the rarest of the DX entities. The last DXpedition to Peter I was 1994 - and I'm guessing it will be a while before we see another. Plans for this one are through February 19.
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208. Another DX Spot

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-12 18:40:29 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 208 Message: 208

Last week while listening to the 3y0x group operate marine moblie as xr9a, I ran across another DX station in Diego Garcia. A sailor type ham stationed down there through March operating as VQ9JC. I ran into him on 14.190 - he was operating a steady split and listening on 14.193. Not sure where he might show up this week with the 3y0x group now on the island.

Jon AB8RD

What are the most popular cars? Find out at Yahoo! Autos

209. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-12 19:03:45 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 188 Message: 209

"The last DXpedition to Peter I was 1994 - and I'm guessing it will be a while before we see another. Plans for this one are through February 19"

Yes, I'm with you on this one, too, Jon. This one cost a half million dollars and something like twenty thousand dollars from each operator, participant, and that "Most Traveled Man" guy, too. Terribly expensive. And they planned it for at least two years. Remember last year was the target and the ship, helicopter, weather, and etc. conspired to postpone the event to this season.

It seems the issue with Dxpeditions to Peter I are the expense of travel and not the intricacies of getting a license or permission to land and operate. Contrast this with a relatively close island in the warmer latitudes, say, KP1. There the last group literally snuck in, pushed the transmit button, and were immediately tossed off the island by the Fish and Wildlife cops. Looks like KP1 will require an act of Congress.

And have you read the Don Miller, W9WNV stories? Now that is exotic dx. Some interesting stuff from the sixties.

So if you score a qso you should really try to make a donation. Buying souvenirs helps and Linda is already got her eye on a qsl coin.

Bill

210. Re: Another DX Spot

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-12 22:08:37 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 208 Message: 210

Jon:

Yes, it is often times forgotten that the whole world is listening and hopeful of a qso with this particularly remote dx. That means that some juicy dx might be hanging around calling cq while the maddening crowds chase the elusive 3Y0X. I have three new countries just because of this. Or the other dx are gearing up and making sure their shacks are competitive before the opportunity of the rare dx presents them with the opportunity.

I even had a very close encounter with a C31 who was calling cq. Dx does not stop for one operation on a tiny island in a single corner of our globe.

Bill

211. UPCOMING AMATEUR RADIO MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY (ARMAD)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-13 01:47:50 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 211 Message: 211

The next ARMAD is May 27, 2006. May is National Military Appreciation Month. Amateur Radio Operators from around the world team up during this joint effort to allow the people from our communities to gather at public locations such as shopping centers, parks, VA hospitals, and sporting events to express verbal positive support "LIVE" over two way radio for members of the Military, Veterans, Reserves, National Guard, and military support groups. Many of us have friends, relatives, and neighbors that are active duty, and past members of the armed forces. My wife was in the military and I myself am retired military. ARMAD gives us the chance to support one another, and to express our thanks and appreciation to those that sacrifice and serve in the Armed Forces.

I am thinking about setting up a special event station. Are there any clubs or groups that will be running an special event station for ARMAD this year?

Doc, KD8BGQ

212. Re: [WestMichiganHams] UPCOMING AMATEUR RADIO MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY (ARMAD)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-13 03:22:05 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 211 Message: 212

I sent this off to the Michigan State Mars Director-Perhaps we can get MARS in on this also! DE AAR5VH Army Mars / WD8USA ...-.-

213. Silence is Golden?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-13 13:44:27 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 213 Message: 213

I got up early today to try to snag 3x0y before I went off to work. The charts said the band would be opening just after 7 am be pretty stout by 8 am.

Well, I have been here listening for an hour and a half and the silence is deafening. Yesterday I could hear them fine on 15 meters. No sign of them anywhere. I have two HF rigs running and listening. All I hear is some European stations calling CQ DX. Since they are in the Extra segment I don't answer. For some reason 14.188 to 14.192 is full of DX, most of the rest of the Extra band is empty. If Peter 1 is there they are buried in the QRM.

Also Italy has a penchant for operating near .190 Right now Tony from Italy is on .188 making North American contacts.

I will keep trying. The Yahoo group is pretty neat.

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Mark K8MHZ

214. Re: Silence is Golden?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-13 14:25:17 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 213 Message: 214

How long will this special event station be running? I have heard them as well but not been able to get through either.

73
Doc

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215. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Silence is Golden?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-13 14:08:23 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 213 Message: 215

Mark:

I will share the following e-mail from my friend, John, NA8M. His qth is in Maine. He sent this message to Clarke, K8BP which explains the "high power" 100 watts signal which contrasts with Clarke's qrp five watts.

Caught 3Y0X yesterday morning on 20 SSB for my first SSB 3Y0 QSO. Pretty pleased. It's in the on-line log this morning.

Boy, what a difference a day makes. This morning saw a spot for 3Y0X on 17 CW
(which I had from previous operation). Got him first call. Then saw him spotted on 17 SSB. Again, got him first call. Two QSOs, one minute apart.

As I write this I'm listening to him begging and calling CQ on 17 SSB with about
4 CQs per contact. Talk about easy!! But then I'm using a full 100 watts and
my 80 meter dipole.

Bet you have all bands by now :-)

73 de NA8M
John

217. Typical ham week?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-13 15:05:19 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 217 Message: 217

Hi All,

What have most of us done this week? Pretty typical week for most?

As I look back on the last few days I realize just what a remarkable and unique hobby amateur radio is. Just a few days ago I sat here in my shack with K0LEY and watched via NASA TV on my computer the deployment of a Russian space suit with an amateur radio on it. The signal was being fed into my computer via 2.4 gig WLAN on one of our SHF amateur bands. I was alerted to the deployment by Jim KC8PCJ via our local VHF repeater. Live feed from a camera mounted on the ISS provided us with a bird's eye view as the suit, called a RadioSkaf AKA Mr. Smith, was nudged into orbit behind the ISS. Other than the fact that Mr. Smith had no hands and an antenna on his helmet, he looked like an astronaut tumbling through space. For the next few days much of the amateur radio community will have their ears toward space, listening for the voices coming from Mr. Smith now orbiting some 220 miles above the earth. Mr. Smith, also known as the SuitSat, is the idea of the Russian astronauts, all amateur radio operators. Their American counterparts will be helping them get the bulky suit out of the ISS and into space. The American astronauts are amateur radio operators, too.

It is quite possible that Mr. Smith will pass over a small desolate island in Antarctica called Peter 1. It is said that more people have been in space than have been on Peter 1. I find it interesting both groups made sure they brought their ham radios with them. Not just to play with, either, but to give their fellow hams the opportunity to be a part of the most wondrous adventures of our time. No other hobby comes close to that provision. What puts the nobility of our hobby into perspective is the realization of the staggering amount of money and time put into making amateur radio transmissions from the most remote locations of Creation. If the money isn't enough, what of the risks the operators are taking? Just to survive in the harsh environments of space and the polar regions of Earth is rough and risky even for the toughest, best trained people on our planet, yet they make room for and take time to transmit back to the populous via amateur radio.

I have been an amateur for just over a decade and nearly every day I 'played radio' I learned something new or made a new friend. Now with HF in the shack I am making friends thousands of miles away. We have even come up with a way to bridge the vast expanses of the Earth without HF via the VOIP modes on the Internet.

This is just one reason we need to make certain we keep our privileges. We need to do so by representing ourselves to the public as worthy of our given treasure, the amateur radio bands. We need to demonstrate that the hobby is one of wisdom and awe, one of camaraderie and goodwill. We must keep our standards high and we must be looked up to without looking down upon those that do look up to us. Most of all, we need to show the younger folks this most incredible of all hobbies.

Thank you all for being part of the fun and passing on the bits and pieces of wisdom that makes my shack even have a chance to talk to space and Antarctica.

73 my friends,

Mark K8MHZ

219. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-13 22:04:37 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 188 Message: 219

Heard them faintly this morning on 18.145 when they were working Europe
only. Then later I heard US and Canadian stations calling them 5KHz up,
but I could no longer hear the DX station at all.

Gotta get that beam in the air!

Alan NV8A

On 02/10/06 03:20 pm Bill Fries wrote:

> Has anyone gotten through the pile-up and gotten into the log for Peter I
> Island? They now have two days of logs uploaded to the site. There are
> also great pictures from Peter I on the site.
>
> I've been pounding on the pile-up for three days without success. I'm
> starting to have second thoughts about my signal.
>
> The upside is I've scored two new countries while hanging around looking for
> some joy.
>
> Hope the word is better for you!

220. Fw: American Red Cross CPR Saturday Poster.pdf

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-13 22:32:43 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 220 Message: 220
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

American Red Cross CPR Saturday Poster.pdf
----- Original Message -----
From: Steve Vanderhill
To: svanderhill@...
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 3:24 PM
Subject: American Red Cross CPR Saturday Poster.pdf

Please feel free to share within your distribution lists, thanks!

Steve

221. Re: Score Peter I, yet?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-14 01:40:40 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 188 Message: 221

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wrote:
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> All:
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> Has anyone gotten through the pile-up and gotten into the log for
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> Island? T<SNIP>

No problem. Went in the log on 20M ssb at 0132Z 2/14/06. They are on
14.190 listening 14.205. Good luck. (PS- tried on the beam a couple
times, no luck.... had to go to the trusty Doublet fed with open wire
thru the trusty KW matchbox... got them 1st call then!! No lie!) Any
on want to buy a 32 ft. tower and tri-bander??

73- Greg, KC8HXO

222. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Peter I

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-14 01:41:13 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 216 Message: 222

All:

Linda and I both managed a qso with 3Y0X. We worked them on seventeen and again on fifteen. Today the operators were begging for a qso. It was unusual after days of pile-ups. Also the operators were a little more relaxed, joked a little, and were kibitzing about the weather and conditions. It was lots more fun to listen to the dx and his operating style.

At one point he did say that each qso was going to cost something like $5 each. Do the math and you understand. One hundred thousand QSOs at a cost of around Five hundred thousand dollars for the operation.

I for one am seriously looking at a way to send these folks some money. And Linda has her eye on a qsl coin.

I wish you luck and if I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to ask any questions. I may not know everything but I'm willing to lend a hand.

Bill, AB8SC

223. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Peter I

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-14 01:59:58 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 216 Message: 223

Bill,
What time (UTC/local) did you work them? I heard them when they were still on the ship, but haven't heard them since they landed.
Jon AB8RD

Bill Fries <bill_fries@...> wrote:

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Jon AB8RD

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225. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Peter I

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-14 02:11:34 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 216 Message: 225

Jon:

You have not HEARD the dx? Something is wrong. They were real strong around 2:00 to 4:00 pm local time on both seventeen and fifteen meters.

If you have the internet close by then check the dx spots on dx summit. Is your antenna properly tuned? Gotta believe something is wrong.

Also try them on seventeen when you get home from work in the morning. The dx is transmitting on about the posted frequencies, up or down a little. For example I have heard them more on 14.023 than on 14.025 but they have been transmitting on both. Just check the spots.

Gotta be something wrong. Hmmm

Bill

228. Tomorrow's digital net: first SSTV night!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-14 08:24:33 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 228 Message: 228

Well, as mentioned in my earlier announcement, on the third week of each month, the Wednesday night digital net will use slow-scan TV. Check-ins will be taken the normal way (i.e. the same as a voice net), the only difference being that, instead of a general comment, each station will be asked to transmit a picture.

The need for an actual soundcard interface is even less for this than it is for the conversation modes (PSK, RTTY and so on), since you don't need to type while you're transmitting. Just use a 1/8" stereo patch cord (available at Meijer, Ratshack or anywhere that sells things like headphones) for RX audio, and hold your mic up to your speaker or headphones for TX.

Software: For Windows users, I suggest MMSSTV (http://mmhamsoft.ham-radio.ch/mmsstv/). For those using a real OS, try QSSTV (http://users.telenet.be/on4qz/qsstv/index.html). Both are free.

You will need to calibrate the software to match your soundcard rate. Do this by tuning to a time station (i.e. WWV (2.5, 5, 10, 15, 20 MHz) or CHU (3.33, 7.335, 14.67 MHz)) and setting the software to Fax mode, 60 lpm/256 colors. In QSSTV you have to force it to receive by clicking the "start" button twice. The second ticks will produce a vertical line. If the line slants to the right, decrease the rate setting a little. If it slants to the left, increase it. Repeat this until the line is perfectly straight. The needed value will most likely be within 2.5 Hz of the default 8000 Hz, or less than +/-200 PPM depending on which form your software expects.

If you don't have an HF receiver, contact me before the net (I'll be on about an hour before it starts) and I'll send a test signal you can calibrate against.

The most common modes are Scottie and Martin, both of which send images at a resolution of 320x256. This net will use the Scottie 1 mode. Since it takes close to 3 minutes to send the image with this mode, make sure to let the repeater reset before you send your image.

So, everyone find a picture and get ready for what might be the most entertaining digital net thus far. Like always, it's on Wednesday night at 8 PM eastern on the NOARC 145.49 -94.8 repeater. Hope to see everyone (literally this time) there!

-Joe, KD8ATU

229. MMSSTV soundcard calibration addendum

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-14 15:37:08 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 229 Message: 229

Well, I set up MMSSTV and found a better procedure for rate calibration:

1. Option > Setup MMSSTV(O), then "Misc" tab, then "Adj" button
2. Tune to time station (WWV is easier to use here, though for QSSTV I find CHU to be better)
3. Wait for the window to fill with received data
4. Click the bottom of the line, then the top, as the window instructs
5. "OK", then repeat 1-3 to verify (right-click to move the green dashed reference line), make corrections as needed.

Hope that helps,
-Joe, KD8ATU

230. QSL Card Cooperation?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-14 16:34:59 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 216 Message: 230

All:

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So, if you want, we can pool our cards and send them together in one envelope. Any takers? How about if you drop me a note (off the list?) and I'll figure how to collect the cards and get them to New Jersey.

The cards go to:

Bob Schenck, N2OO
QSL Manager for 3Y?X
P.O. Box 345
Tuckerton NJ 08087-0345

73

Bill, AB8SC

231. ref.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-14 17:11:48 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 231 Message: 231

Need a good web site for elec.component cross reference/equivalents.I found quite a few(digikey etc.)not finding what I need

73 KD8CBJ

232. Re: [WestMichiganHams] ref.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-14 19:57:02 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 231 Message: 232

Try Mouser?

What are you trying to cross ref? Some components are prorietary and may
not have a cross ref part.

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "paul" <KD8CBJ@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2006 12:11 PM
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233. Re: QSL Card Cooperation?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-14 23:08:05 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 216 Message: 233

Howdy Bill.
If I can score one with Peter I Island I will be willing to go in on the sending a single envelope. I do not have any QSL cards so I will be buying one "off the rack" so to speak and sending that.

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234. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: QSL Card Cooperation?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-14 23:46:42 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 216 Message: 234

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236. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: QSL Card Cooperation?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-15 00:37:00 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 216 Message: 236

I just downloaded qslmaker the other day. Mark told me about it. If you print on Photo paper is make a pretty nice looking card. It is freeware and pretty simple to use.
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2006 6:46 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: QSL Card Cooperation?

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237. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: QSL Card Cooperation?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-15 04:04:00 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 216 Message: 237

Download QSL Maker and print your own out.

www.hfradio.org/wb8rcr/

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "ravennaelectronics" <ravennaelectronics@...>
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Date: 2006-02-15 04:05:42 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 216 Message: 238

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240. Re: [WestMichiganHams] CW versus SSB

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-15 04:28:28 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 235 Message: 240
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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241. Re: [WestMichiganHams] ref.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-15 11:55:20 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 231 Message: 241

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73 KD8CBJ A.K.A. paul

242. Re: [WestMichiganHams] ref.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-15 14:17:45 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 231 Message: 242

Paul,

I will see what I can scrounge up for you.

As for boat anchors, I am very happy with my Swan 350. They put out about 400 watts with new tubes and the book says 520 watts IPP or better.

They can be had for about 150 to 200 bucks working, around 40 bucks for ones that need work. My Swan gets reports of signals that are four times better than my IC-735 which is a great radio. I am thinking about getting some old Swans and getting them on the air.

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243. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Boat Anchors

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-15 14:45:00 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 243 Message: 243

Paul,

Looking at my log since I got the Swan on the air (with a home made bazooka antenna hanging in a tree) here are some contacts and the signal reports I was given:

Swan Valley, Idaho 5/9
Buena Park, California 5/9
St. Croix, Virgin Islands (No Report)
Mesa, Arizona (No Report)
Rowlette, Texas (No Report)
Whitehorse, Yukon Territories 5/5

(Now I am getting brave)

Central Ukraine 5/6
Gronau, Germany (No Report)
Sianliai, Lithuania 5/9
Tortola, British Virgin Islands 5/7
Zagreb, Croatia 5/9

UCLA, Los Angeles, California 5/8
Arizona State University, Tempe Arizona (No Report)

All of the above was SSB. Total invested in the station:

Swan 350 Free, given to me by W8JFB
117xc power supply Free, W8JFB
Bazooka antenna Free, made from coax given to my by K8COP from a teardown at the County Building.
Coax to connect antenna Free, from above teardown
Microphone $25 Sadelta power mike for a CB radio
Mike adaptor to use CB mikes with radio $6
Grounding buss Free, leftover 500 MCM cable from BC Cobb
Ground strap Free, made from coax from teardown

So, I have 31 bucks into my favorite station that puts out a half a kilowatt.

Compare that to my super automatic IC-735 with AT-150 auto tuner. In an instant, at the push of a button, any band I have antennas for will be automatically selected and tuned using information from the radio. Up to three antennas can be connected at a time. Digital display, noise filters, split VFO, memories and full coverage recieve. About 15 years old when purchased. $525 just for the rig and tuner for 100 watts. Also uses free, home brew antennas.

So, you can get an HF station running for less than 50 bucks if you are patient. Or you can spend 13 Grand on Yaesu's new flagship. (Even at 13 Gs, it is still 300 watts shy of the Swan)

73,

Mark K8MHZ

Real Rigs Glow in the Dark

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2006 6:55 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] ref.

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244. Re: [WestMichiganHams] ref.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-15 15:19:06 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 231 Message: 244

Try this place:

http://www.fairchildsemi.com/pf/1N/1N4148.html
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245. Re: [WestMichiganHams] ref.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-15 18:09:02 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 231 Message: 245

2N3904- Radio Shack Cat# 276-2016

1N4148- Radio Shack Cat#: 276-1620

Couldn't find 4N35.

Andrew
----- Original Message -----
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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2006 10:19 AM
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246. suitsat update from ARRL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-15 19:17:29 UTC
From: kc8pcj@verizon.net
Topic: 246 Message: 246

SB SPACE @ ARL $ARLS001
ARLS001 "SuitSat-1" keeps on ticking; low power output eyed

ZCZC AS01
QST de W1AW
Space Bulletin 001 ARLS001
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington, CT February 14, 2006
To all radio amateurs

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ARLS001 ''SuitSat-1'' keeps on ticking; low power output eyed

''SuitSat-1''--a discarded Russian Orlan spacesuit equipped with ham radio gear--remains operational more than a week after being deployed from the International Space Station, but its 145.990 MHz FM signal continues to be extremely weak copy on Earth. Speculation now is focusing on extremely low transmitter output power as one explanation for the faint signal. SuitSat-1's sponsor--the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program--continues to seek voice telemetry reports as part of an effort to pin down what might have gone awry.

''The battery life is a big question mark,'' explains ARISS Ham Radio Project Engineer Kenneth Ransom, N5VHO. ''We still do not know if the radio is pulling the normal power and losing it before the antenna or not pulling as much due to lower output. If the latter is true, the batteries will last much longer. That is one reason the battery telemetry is so important. It will help us plot the power consumption.''

Ransom notes that the voice telemetry transmission order is: DTMF tone, CW ID, SSTV image, 30 seconds of silence, voice identification, mission time, temperature and battery voltage. The voice messages, telemetry and SSTV image are being sent on a nine-minute repeating cycle. Post telemetry reports or recordings to SuitSat@.... Late reports showed the battery voltage holding at 26.7 out of a nominal 28 V. The transmitter, albeit likely at much-reduced output, and the controller appear to be functioning.

AMSAT-NA reports its calculations indicate SuitSat-1's transmitter power likely is in the range of 1-10 mW. The onboard transmitter was supposed to put out 500 mW and produce a signal that could be copied on Earth using modest receiving gear and antennas.

The novel SuitSat-1 Amateur Radio transmit-only spacesuit turned satellite has been heard around the globe since its February 3 launch. Those hoping to get clean copy of SuitSat-1's signal should possess excellent VHF receiving equipment and high-gain antennas. AMSAT-NA has designated SuitSat-1 as AMSAT OSCAR 54 (AO-54).

ARRL ARISS Program Manager Rosalie White, K1STO, said the weekend brought a few reports from teachers who've integrated SuitSat-1 monitoring into their classroom lessons. White notes that the SuitSat Web site has logged some 5 million hits since the beginning of February, and media interest in the project remains high.

Packet mode aboard the ISS has been turned off for the duration of the SuitSat-1 project. Earth stations are advised not to transmit any packet or voice data on the 145.990 MHz SuitSat downlink frequency.

More information on the SuitSat-1 project, including QSL information, is available on the AMSAT Web site http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/index.php .
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247. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Peter I

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-16 00:32:10 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 216 Message: 247

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248. SUCCESS!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-16 00:43:30 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 216 Message: 248

Jon:

Congratulations!!! Excellent!

Did you ever try to explain a QSO with a dx station to someone who has no background in radio? I think it is just so cool but you get such a blank wondering look from the uninitiated.

Most excellent! And we'll save a place for your QSL card.

Bill

249. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Peter I

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-16 00:59:40 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 216 Message: 249

John,

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73 and nice job,

Mark K8MHZ
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250. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SUCCESS!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-16 01:11:03 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 216 Message: 250

I can relate to that... how can (from my point of view) anyone not appreciate talking to a person almost 11,000 miles away with a little radio and a piece of copper wire hung between two oak trees??? Poor, ignorant souls... Hihi
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251. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Peter I

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-16 01:29:02 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 216 Message: 251

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252. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Peter I

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-16 01:53:42 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 216 Message: 252

Thanks Jon,

No transmit for me below 14.225 I'm afraid. Dernd FCC anyhow!

I will keep plugging away. I hear they will stay until 2100 utc Feb 20.

73,

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Date: 2006-02-16 17:45:35 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 216 Message: 253

Keep an ear open for them. The other day when I was listening, they were working their split at 14.240. That was earlier in the day, about 9 or 10 AM our time, I think. I was trying to catch them then, but 240 ended up being about 1k above another conversation. Stick in there and good luck!
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254. Fwd: [3y0x] Ten meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-16 17:53:51 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 254 Message: 254

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255. WBC400 COAX

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-16 19:21:42 UTC
From: kc8pcj@verizon.net
Topic: 255 Message: 255

I a have a source for COMMSCOPE WBC400 coax cable (LMR400/9913)$0.47 FT plus tax. If any one is interested and knows if this is a good price let me know. I should be able to get it next day.
Here is the web site for the tech specs for the cable.

http://www.hyperlinktech.com/web/pdf/wbc400.pdf

256. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fwd: [3y0x] Ten meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-16 20:13:55 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 254 Message: 256

My antennas just don't seem to be gettin' it.....
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To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2006 12:53 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fwd: [3y0x] Ten meters

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257. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fwd: [3y0x] Ten meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-16 20:47:51 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 254 Message: 257

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Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2006 3:13 PM
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258. SNOW FALL NET THURS NIGHT 6PM 145.27/r

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-16 22:14:30 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 258 Message: 258

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260. 59 Members and still growing

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-17 01:00:17 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 260 Message: 260

Hello West Michigan Hams
We now boost 59 members and have had over 250 posts to our website. There have been a lot of interesting topics passed and maybe a few problems solved. I want to thank everyone for joining up and participating. I am looking for someone to take care of the calendar for posting to it the hamfests, club meetings, Emergency Service meetings and other events that are important to Michigan Hams. It will probably take more then one person to do this so if you would be will to do this for your club, organization, or county send a e-mail to me and I will set you up so you can post to the calendar and help you get started if needed. I will also post your e-mail so you can be sent the information of events from other members.

If you know a ham that is not a member ask them to join in on the Fun.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams

73 . Don Meyer ☐ KB8ODB . West Michigan Hams

261. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fwd: [3y0x] Ten meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-17 07:26:40 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 254 Message: 261

Reading the postings in the 3y0x yahoo group has been interesting (well, some of the postings anyhow). One guy in Hastings threw up a quick antenna for 30m and worked them yesterday. You're a step ahead of me on 15m - so far the only place I've heard them has been on 20m. Matthew was trying to get them this evening (Thurs eve), but the were working the people at 14.205 and not working into the General segments. Looks like we have our work cut out for us for Friday night and Saturday. One of the pilots said Sunday will be split between operating and some tear down.
Jon AB8RD

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262. Computer Shows Coming Up

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-17 14:12:54 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 262 Message: 262

Here is web site showing future Computer Shows in GR and Kalamazoo shows. 73 Tom

http://www.eio.com/mifarsho.htm

263. Work Peter I from W8ZHO?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-17 15:07:48 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 254 Message: 263

All:

Saturday we are having an antenna building seminar at the clubhouse. There is a really great shack with nice antennas at our facility. Some of the folks there to build antennas are surely qualified to work the radio and lend some direction.

If you want, we can hang around after the event and see if we can hear Peter I on the shack radio. Might be a fun experience?

A thought.

Bill, AB8SC

264. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Computer Shows Coming Up

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-17 16:07:58 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 262 Message: 264

Tom,

This link is out of date. Shows last updated 8-16-02.. The first show listed shows SATURDAY April 10th. April 10th this year is on a MONDAY.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: Tom VanderMel
To: West Michigan Hams
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2006 9:12
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Computer Shows Coming Up

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265. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-17 21:04:15 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 37 Message: 265

All
Please take to your local web sights and yahoo groups. Thanks Tom KB8VEE

Subject: Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

> With the mid-winter blues upon us, the thoughts of spring, hamfesting and
> even
> Field Day are appearing. Many clubs are really looking towards getting
> started on Fox Hunting and their other outdoor events. Races and rallies
> have continued in Michigan through the winter both for snowmobiles and dog
> sledders, with active involvement from amateur radio operators.
>
> More news on the "Scanner Law": Your SM testified before the
> Michigan Senate
> Judiciary Committee on February 7th in support of the revised version
> containing the Amateur Radio Exemption. It was passed by the Judiciary
> Committee unanimously and then passed by the full Senate 37 to 0 on
> February
> 14th. You may view this legislation at:
> http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2005-2006/billengrossed/House/pdf/2005-HEBS-4544
.pdf.
> As you will recall, this legislation will replace the existing MCL 750.508
> and continues to exempt ham operators from any restrictions on carrying a
> receiver capable of monitoring Public Safety frequencies. We are
> expecting
> the Governor's signature around the end of February.
>
> Congratulations to Lyle Willette AB8CB as he changes roles in the Michigan
> Section. For the past several years, Lyle has served as our Assistant
> Section Manager for Training. A retiree from the National Weather Service
> (Marquette), Lyle will be returning to familiar turf as he accepts the
> position as District Emergency Coordinator for the Marquette and Alpena
> NWS
> offices. With this change, Michigan will now have specific DECs assigned
> to
> coordinate amateur radio efforts with each of the Michigan-based NWS
> facilities. Lyle's former ASM/Training position will be reevaluated in
> light
> of the following paragraph, where we now have very specific needs.
>
> For ARES/RACES, in Michigan (and elsewhere) the requirements from our
> served
> agencies are the basis for us to implement a phased program to offer
> advanced
> levels of training for all of our volunteers. As this plan is just now

> getting rolled out, ECs and local members will have ample time to examine
> their needs and look at the various training options available to us.
> While
> this may appear at first glance to be a difficult requirement for some to
> fulfill, the need is there for us to all understand the growing
> communications needs of the agencies we serve, how the Incident Management
> System works and how amateur radio fits into the overall picture. None of
> it
> is difficult, and your old SM has plodded through all of the requirements
> that are in the forecast through 2006. I found the courses enlightening
> and
> interesting, so I am confident that with the available options for
> on-line,
> classroom and personal training, we can easily step up to this challenge.
>
> Thanks to all who reported SARs for January, 2006: K8LJG 364, KB8ZYY 267,
> K8AMR 125, WD8USA 120, K8ZJU 109, K8AE 103, W8XKW 68, WB8RCR 66, AA8SN 62,
> W8RNQ 52, KV8Z 40, KA8IXC 31, WB8TKL 18, KC8ZCF 17, KC8RTW 15, W8RAE 12,
> N8UN
> 8, KD8BGQ 5.
>
> PSHRs for January, 2006: K8AMR 145, K8ZJU 120, K8AE 105, WB8RCR 100,
> KD8BGQ
> 86, KV8Z 72, KA8IXC 71, W8RAE 60, K8VFZ 41, KC8RTW 15.
>
> OES reports came in from K8COP, KC8ULE, KC8ZCF, and N8HA. PSHRs and SARs
> should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and OES reports with WA8EFK.
>
> 73, Dale
>
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> --
> ARRL Michigan Section
> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
> --
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

266. : The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 07

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-18 05:06:44 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 266 Message: 266

> **********
> The ARRL Letter
> Vol. 25, No. 07
> February 17, 2006
> **********
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> ==========
> ***THIS WEEKEND: THE ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (CW)!***
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> IN THIS EDITION:
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> * +No news on fate of the Morse code requirement
> * +SuitSat-1 heads into third week of operation
> * +Oklahoma, Texas schools work ISS on consecutive orbits
> * +ARRL cites BPL database irregularities in complaint
> * +NA1SS, RS0ISS log Peter I QSOs from space
> * W1AW Endowment Fund kicks off 2006 campaign
> * +DXer Charles Mellen, W1FH, SK
> * Solar Update
> * IN BRIEF:
> This weekend on the radio: THE ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (CW)!
> ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration
> +Utility steps back from North Idaho BPL test deployment
> Direct FAX number now available for DXCC
> Stu Cohen, N1SC, wins January QST Cover Plaque Award
> Correction
>
> +Available on ARRL Audio News <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/audio/>
>
> ==========
> NOTE: ARRL Headquarters is closed Monday, February 20, for Presidents'
> Day.
> It will reopen Tuesday, February 21, at 8 AM EST. Have a safe and
> enjoyable
> holiday weekend.
> ==========
> ==>Delivery problems (ARRL member direct delivery only!):
> letter-dlvy@...
> ==>Editorial questions or comments: Rick Lindquist, N1RL, n1rl@...
> ==========
>
> ==>FCC NONCOMMITTAL ON "MORSE CODE" PROCEEDING ACTION
>
> Just when the FCC will act on the "Morse code" proceeding, WT Docket

> 05-235,
> remains hazy. The Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making and
> Order (NPRM&O) last July proposing to eliminate the Element 1 (5 WPM)
> Morse
> code requirement for all license classes. The Amateur Radio community has
> filed more than 3800 comments on the proceeding, and additional comments
> continue to show up, even though the formal comment deadline was last
> October 31 (with reply comments by November 14). The next--and
> most-anticipated--step for the Commission is to formally adopt any
> revisions
> to its rules and conclude the proceeding with a Report and Order (R&O)
> that
> spells out the changes and specifies their effective date.
>
> "There really is no news," an FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
> staffer
> told ARRL this week on background. "We certainly hope to release WT Docket
> 05-235 sometime this year, but we're not making any predictions at this
> time. We certainly are not saving up any big announcements for Dayton
> Hamvention."
>
> Beyond eliminating the Morse requirement, the FCC declined proposing any
> other suggested changes to the Amateur Service.
>
> The proceeding began with 18 petitions for rule making--many just calling
> for the elimination of the Morse requirement but some asking for more
> far-reaching changes in the Amateur Service rules. The various petitions
> attracted a total of some 6200 comments. The FCC subsequently consolidated
> the petitions--including one from the ARRL asking the FCC to establish a
> new
> entry-level license class and to retain the Morse requirement only for
> Amateur Extra class applicants--into a single proceeding designated WT
> 05-235.
>
> The FCC has not proposed extending HF privileges to current Technician
> licensees who have not passed a Morse code examination. In its NPRM&O the
> FCC suggested that in a no-Morse-requirement regime, "codeless Techs"
> could
> gain HF access by taking the Element 3 General class written examination.
>
> Any FCC decision to eliminate the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for HF
> access
> would have *no* impact on either the current HF CW-only subbands or on the
> CW privileges of Amateur Radio licensees.
>
> Before it releases an R&O on the Morse code proceeding, however, the WTB
> wants to wrap up action in another Amateur Radio-related docket--the
> "Phone
> Band Expansion" (or "Omnibus") NPRM in WT Docket 04-140, released April
> 15,

> 2004. A dozen petitions for rulemaking, some dating back to 2001, were
> consolidated in the Omnibus proceeding.
>
> In that NPRM, the Commission proposed to go along with the ARRL's Novice
> refarming plan aimed at reallocating the current Novice/Tech Plus subbands
> and expanding portions of the 80, 40 and 15 meter phone bands. The FCC
> also
> agreed with an ARRL proposal to extend privileges in the current General
> CW-only HF subbands to present Novice and Tech Plus licensees (or
> Technicians with Element 1 credit). WT 04-140 further proposed to
> essentially do away with FCC rules prohibiting the manufacture and
> marketing
> to Amateur Radio operators of amplifiers capable of operation on 12 and 10
> meters.
>
> ==>SUITSAT-1 BATTERY VOLTAGE MAY BE ON DOWNWARD SLIDE
>
> Heading into its third week of operation, SuitSat-1
> <http://www.suitsat.org/> continued to put out a faint signal on 145.990
> MHz. While hearing the spacesuit-satellite's telemetry and voice messages
> can be difficult even for the best-equipped stations, recent
> as-yet-unconfirmed reports suggest that SuitSat-1's battery voltage could
> be
> entering a death spiral. ARRL Member Richard Crow, N2SPI, has been
> tracking
> the satellite's battery voltage, nominally 28 V. While it's been dropping
> incrementally, Crow noticed a "noticeable acceleration" at week's end.
> While
> conceding that he's "going out on a limb" because SuitSat-1's signal was
> noisy on its last pass over his QTH, Crow believes he heard the voice
> telemetry announce 18.3 V, a precipitous drop from earlier orbits.
>
> "If this is so, the battery voltage may have dropped another 6.9 volts in
> only 8 hours," he commented. "If so, the battery voltage is dropping like
> a
> rock." ARRL member AJ Farmer, AJ3U, has posted the reports on his Web site
> <http://www.aj3u.com/blog> and invites others. Crow says he won't add the
> still-questionable reading to his table until the battery voltage is
> verified or corroborated.
>
> Not taking any chances, however, SuitSat-1's sponsor--the Amateur Radio on
> the International Space Station (ARISS) program--issued an urgent call for
> appropriately equipped Earth stations to make every effort to copy
> SuitSat-1's voice telemetry reports. ARISS US Hardware Manager Lou
> McFadin,
> W5DID, who was directly involved in the construction of the SuitSat-1
> package, says he and others on his team have been following the voltage
> reports with great interest.
>
> "Your efforts to gather the telemetry data are very much appreciated and

> will contribute to further success should we get the opportunity to build
> a
> second SuitSat," McFadin said today. "The power system is designed to
> squeeze every drop of power out of the batteries that is possible." Post
> telemetry reports or recordings to <suitsat@...>.
>
> Deployed from the International Space Station on February 3, SuitSat-1
> already has outlasted its initially predicted one-week active life.
>
> McFadin explained that SuitSat-1's battery current will rise as its
> battery
> voltage drops. "That is the power system's attempt to keep the transmitter
> voltage at 12 V," he noted. "As the battery voltage nears 12 V, the
> regulator will no longer be able to maintain 12 V output. At a battery
> voltage below 9 V all transmissions will cease."
>
> He says that while SuitSat-1's computer will continue to operate down to 3
> V, the transmitter will shut down and SuitSat-1 will appear dead. "I
> expect
> this drop-off to occur very rapidly," McFadin added, expressing
> appreciation
> for the dedication of those who have helped monitor SuitSat-1.
>
> Extremely low transmitter output power has been one explanation for
> SuitSat-1's faint signal. AMSAT-NA calculations last weekend suggested
> that
> SuitSat-1's transmitter is likely putting out between 1 and 10 mW instead
> of
> the 500 mW it was supposed to produce.
>
> Its puny signal aside, the novel SuitSat-1 Amateur Radio transmit-only
> spacesuit turned satellite has been heard around the globe since its
> launch
> by the International Space Station crew. ARRL ARISS Program Manager
> Rosalie
> White, K1STO, said the past week has brought reports from teachers who've
> integrated SuitSat-1 monitoring into their classroom lessons.
>
> "Thank you to the SuitSat team for the opportunity to have students
> involved
> in such an exciting space project," teacher Neil Carleton, VE3NCE, at R.
> Tait McKenzie Public School in Almonte, Ontario, said. "It's been a week
> of
> adventure, and I'm happy to report on the involvement of my class as part
> of
> our grade 6 science studies of space."
>
> SuitSat-1's transmission order is: DTMF tone, CW ID, SSTV image, 30
> seconds
> of silence, voice identification, mission time, temperature and battery

> voltage. The voice messages, telemetry and SSTV image are being sent on a
> nine-minute repeating cycle. ARISS International Chairman Frank Bauer,
> KA3HDO, said the SuitSat team plans to provide special recognition to the
> person who copies the last SuitSat telemetry, and in particular the
> mission
> time and battery voltage.
>
> AMSAT-NA has designated SuitSat-1 as AMSAT-OSCAR 54 (AO-54). By week's
> end,
> SuitSat-1 had completed more than 200 orbits of Earth. Since its
> deployment,
> SuitSat-1 has shed a piece of debris. Speculation is that it could be a
> glove or another piece of the spacesuit.
>
> More information on the SuitSat-1 project, including QSL information, is
> available on the AMSAT Web site <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/index.php>
> and on the SuitSat Web site <http://www.suitsat.org>.
>
> ==>BACK-TO-BACK ARISS SCHOOL QSOS ATTEST TO AMBITIOUS CONTACT SCHEDULE
>
> Some schools have waited years for a chance to speak via ham radio with
> the
> crew of the International Space Station. In part to catch up on the
> backlog,
> the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program has
> adopted a more ambitious roster of ARISS school group contacts, working
> around the crew's work schedule to arrange as many as two or three such
> QSOs
> per week. On February 7, ARISS managed to squeeze in two school contacts
> in
> the same day on consecutive ISS orbits. Both Dale High School in Dale,
> Oklahoma, and DeGolyer Elementary School in Dallas, Texas, had submitted
> contact applications to ARISS some five years earlier.
>
> "We got the first pass," said Dale High School control op Ron Cochrane,
> KD5GEZ, whose grandson Justin, now a high school freshman, inspired the
> application to ARISS while in elementary school.
>
> "When we knew that they were going to be coming back around in another
> hour
> and a half, every one of the same kids who had asked questions before came
> back and were sitting around the radio listening to Dallas and all their
> questions," Cochrane continued. He said the activity attracted attention
> from other students who slipped into the room to listen in on the DeGolyer
> contact too.
>
> Dale School Counselor Karren Cantrell said the opportunity for students in
> the community to talk to McArthur "was huge for a little country school"
> in
> Oklahoma. "The students in grades 3 through 12 were very wide-eyed and

> alert
> during this event," she said. "For a period of about 10 minutes, our kids
> were in another world--literally." Cochrane says perhaps as many as 1000
> students, parents, visitors and members of the news media gathered for the
> school system-wide assembly. So intense was the interest, "you could have
> heard a pin drop," Cochrane said. "Everybody was just locked in."
>
> Those taking part in the contact, all ninth grade science
> students--including Justin Cochrane, wanted to know about an astronaut's
> training, food aboard the ISS, and whether it's scary to travel to and
> work
> in space. Keith Pugh, W5IU--the ARISS mentor for both the Dale and
> DeGolyer
> events--said McArthur answered 15 of the students' questions during the
> 20-degree pass before the ISS went out of range.
>
> ARRL Oklahoma Section Manager John Thomason, WB5SYT, says efforts are
> under
> way to use the successful Dale High School ARISS contact as a springboard
> to
> have Amateur Radio licensing become a part of the school's curriculum.
> Thomason and ARRL West Gulf Director Coy Day, N5OK, represented the League
> at the event.
>
> At DeGolyer Elementary, current and former students gathered to take part
> in
> the ARISS school group contact on the subsequent ISS orbit. DeGolyer, the
> first Amateur Radio Education and Technology Program (aka "The Big
> Project")
> pilot school, boasts its own club station, K5DES, and many ham radio
> licensees. Bob Landrum, W5FKN, was at the controls for the contact, and
> all
> of the youngsters participating in the contact were Amateur Radio
> operators
> who had been encouraged and "Elmered" by art teacher Sanlyn Kent, KD5LXO,
> and teaching assistant Richard Aguilar, K5LXM.
>
> The DeGolyer pupils also asked about space food, the effects of
> microgravity
> and what jobs onboard the ISS they enjoy or don't enjoy. "The DeGolyer
> contact went off without a hitch before a crowd that filled the auditorium
> plus closed-circuit TV to the rest of the school," Pugh reported, adding
> that the youngsters asked 17 questions during the 35-degree pass. The
> event
> also got good news media coverage. "The DeGolyer crew was able to listen
> to
> the Dale contact prior to their event," he noted.
>
> Stopping by for the occasion were ARRL President Emeritus Jim Haynie,
> W5JBP,

> and ARRL North Texas Section Manager Tom Blackwell, N5GAR.
>
> Owing largely to the accelerated ARISS school group contact schedule, ISS
> Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR, recently topped the
> previous
> record for the most such QSOs in a single mission, and Expedition 12 still
> has some six weeks to go. As of February 15, McArthur and crewmate Valeri
> Tokarev had logged a total of 25 school contacts from NA1SS and
> RS0ISS--all
> but one by McArthur. This past week, McArthur also topped 100 entities in
> his effort to complete DXCC from space. Since DXCC rules make no
> provisions
> for contacts from space, he'll have to settle for an honorary DXCC
> certificate.
>
> ARISS <http://www.rac.ca/ariss> is an international educational outreach
> with US participation by ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.
>
> ==>LEAGUE COMPLAINS TO FCC ABOUT BPL DATABASE IRREGULARITIES
>
> Describing the FCC-mandated BPL Interference Resolution Web site
> <http://www.bpldatabase.org/> as "woefully incomplete and improperly
> managed," the ARRL has called on the FCC to order database manager United
> Telecomm Council (UTC) to fix it immediately or appoint "a competent
> database manager" to repair the problems.
>
> "The database management is either shamefully incompetent on the part of
> UTC
> or simply nonexistent," the ARRL said in a complaint this week to the
> FCC's
> Office of Engineering and Technology (OET). "The database is merely
> 'garbage
> in, garbage out,' and in its present form cannot serve any useful purpose
> at
> all, much less a 'sufficient' means of addressing BPL interference."
>
> In a related development, UTC has terminated the ARRL's access to the BPL
> Interference Resolution Web site, and the League plans to file a separate
> complaint to the FCC on that issue. League efforts to access the database
> yielded this error message: "The system has determined that this line of
> searching constitues [sic] unauthorized use of the database. Cease
> operations immediately."
>
> The BPL database should be accessible from other ISPs, however, and the
> ARRL
> wants to hear from anyone else spotting discrepancies as well as from
> those
> whose database access has been curtailed or cut off.
>
> The ARRL already has complained about the UTC database's use of ZIP codes

> as
> a sole database access key. To simplify searches, the League has requested
> that the FCC require UTC to provide a list of ZIP codes where BPL systems
> are on line or pending.
>
> The FCC ordered creation of the BPL Interference Resolution database to
> provide licensed spectrum users a central, public information source on
> local BPL operations to help resolve incidents of harmful interference.
> Commission rules require BPL operators to provide the name of the BPL
> provider, frequencies of operation, postal ZIP codes served, manufacturer
> and type of BPL equipment, a point-of-contact telephone number and e-mail
> address for interference inquiries and resolution, and the proposed or
> actual date the system will start operation.
>
> Having correct and up-to-date information in the BPL Interference
> Resolution
> Database benefits both BPL providers and licensed services, the League has
> pointed out. For example, a radio amateur suspecting BPL interference
> might
> be able to rule out the possibility by consulting the database.
>
> ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI--the League's point man on BPL
> technical issues--says that while the BPL database has its shortcomings,
> ARRL staff have until now made extensive use of it to help radio amateurs
> deal appropriately with interference issues.
>
> "In the past, when amateurs have reported BPL interference, one industry
> response has been to claim that the amateur station is hearing some other
> noise and thinking that it's BPL," Hare said. The BPL database makes it
> possible to baseline noise levels in advance of a BPL deployment and can
> even help to prevent erroneous interference reports, he pointed out.
>
> "The UTC's escalating restrictions on access to the database will serve
> little other purpose than to make it harder for amateurs to identify BPL
> interference correctly," Hare remarked.
>
> The ARRL complaint said the FCC should require UTC "to revisit every entry
> in the database and verify independently the information provided."
> Alternatively, the League requested that the FCC relieve UTC as database
> manager and appoint a new one that will supervise it properly.
>
> "The fox, therefore, should be withdrawn from the henhouse," the League
> said.
>
> Attached to the League's letter of complaint was a compilation of BPL
> database errors and omissions the ARRL discovered between January 27 and
> February 14, 2006. "There may be others," the ARRL noted. The League said
> the FCC is obliged under Part 15 to apply sanctions on BPL providers not
> complying with the database requirements.
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> Most noteworthy among the alleged violators are the Briarcliff Manor, New
> York, and Allentown, Pennsylvania-area BPL systems that have been the
> cause
> of substantial interference to Amateur Radio stations. The League recently
> asked the FCC to shut down the Briarcliff Manor system because of
> longstanding interference complaints. Such BPL operators have no incentive
> to comply with the database requirements because "their scofflaw
> attitudes"
> toward the few BPL regulations in place have been rewarded by FCC
> inaction,
> the ARRL complaint said.
>
> A copy of the League's complaint is on the ARRL Web site
> <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/filings/BPL-Database-Content-Complain
> t.pdf>.
>
> ==>3Y0X AND NA1SS LOG HISTORIC QSO
>
> Completing an overhaul of the International Space Station's exercise
> treadmill cut into Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur's ham radio time
> from NA1SS. But when he did get on the radio February 13, he made
> excellent
> use of the time remaining.
>
> "Only one contact," McArthur reported. "3Y0X! Thanks!" The 2-meter contact
> between the space station and the Peter I Island DXpedition
> <http://www.peterone.com/main.htm> near Antarctica occurred during a
> barely
> viable 2-degree pass. The 3Y0X QSO pushed McArthur's count of DXCC
> entities
> worked from space to 104. McArthur already has worked all states and all
> continents during his duty tour aboard the ISS.
>
> On the Peter I Island end of the contact was 3Y0X DXpedition team member
> Gordon Hardman, W0RUN. McArthur, who's KC5ACR, reports he and Hardman
> enjoyed "a brief, but nice chat."
>
> Because the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Phase
> 2
> gear is in crossband repeater mode for SuitSat-1, McArthur used the
> lower-power Phase 1 Ericsson 2-meter gear for the contact. He reported
> good
> copy on 3Y0X, which was using its moonbounce equipment and array for the
> event. The 3Y0X team already was celebrating the nine moonbounce contacts
> it
> had made over the previous weekend.
>
> Operating as RS0ISS, McArthur's crewmate Valeri Tokarev also got in a QSO
> this week with a Russian member of the 3Y0X DXpedition team.
>

> Topping the Peter I Web site I is the comment, "More people have flown in
> outer space than have set foot on Peter I Island!" ARISS Ham Radio Project
> Engineer Kenneth Ransom, N5VHO, notes that the 3Y0X DXpedition is the
> first
> to work someone in space from that location.
>
> McArthur earlier worked the 3Y0X DXpedition team while it was still en
> route
> and operating as XR9A/mm. Previous tries at a 3Y0X-NA1SS contact were
> unsuccessful, but Ransom thinks a recent change in the space station's
> orientation may have contributed to this week's success.
>
> ==>HELP SUPPORT W1AW . . . MORE THAN AN AMATEUR RADIO TRADITION!
>
> Since its dedication in 1938, ARRL Maxim Memorial Station W1AW has served
> as
> a beacon for the Amateur Radio community in the US and around the world.
> While a symbol of the past, W1AW continues to play an active role in
> Amateur
> Radio's present and in helping to forge its future. Now you can take part
> in
> helping to preserve and advance W1AW as a tradition and a trendsetter.
> ARRL
> is working to build a permanent fund to cover W1AW's annual operations and
> capital needs.
>
> "Your support will help keep W1AW at the cutting edge of technology," said
> ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. "I know you share with me a strong sense of
> history and a desire for W1AW to continue as an active and vibrant
> station,
> contributing to the Amateur Radio community for years to come."
>
> Experiments at W1AW include work with cutting-edge digital technologies
> and
> satellite reception techniques. Continuing traditions are code practice
> and
> bulletin transmissions.
>
> The stop at the historic little brick building in front of ARRL
> Headquarters
> also is the highlight of any visit to the League. Radio amateurs thrill at
> having the opportunity to operate from W1AW, often generating pileups of
> stations equally excited about making a contact with what may be the
> world's
> best-known ham radio call sign.
>
> The League invites contributions in any amount--or a pledge spread out
> over
> time to the W1AW Endowment Fund <http://www.arrl.org/endoww1aw.html>. Help
> to ensure that W1AW will remain the flagship station of the ARRL! For

> information on other giving options, contact ARRL Chief Development
> Officer
> Mary Hobart, K1MMH, <mhobart@...>; 860-594-0397.
>
> ==>LEGENDARY DXer CHARLES MELLEN, W1FH, SK
>
> DXing icon Charles Mellen, W1FH, of W Roxbury, Massachusetts, died January
> 21. He was 91. In 1947, the ARRL awarded Mellen with the first mixed-mode
> and phone DXCC certificates ever issued. Mellen's friend (and ARRL Rhode
> Island Section Manager) Bob Beaudet, W1YRC, says that if Mellen's
> declining
> health hadn't intervened in the early 1990s, he would have become the only
> DXer left to have worked and confirmed all 393 post-World War II DXCC
> entities.
>
> "The great world of DX is a bit smaller today," said Beaudet, calling
> Mellen
> "one of the finest role models our DX fraternity has ever produced."
>
> Licensed in 1930, Mellen was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 1994.
> In addition to being an ARRL member, he also belonged to the First Class
> CW
> Operators Club (FOC).
>
> Beaudet says Mellen was able to achieve world-class DXer status despite
> his
> "relatively modest setup." Bruce Marshall, K1AJ, says that during the
> 1940s,
> 50s and 60s, Mellen was one of the best-known DXers in the US, and he and
> the renowned and far-better-equipped Don Wallace, W6AM "were constantly
> battling for the top of the Honor Roll list."
>
> According to those who knew him, Beaudet said, Mellen's secret was
> something
> he never bragged about but taught by example: Operator skill, and
> especially
> knowing how to listen carefully.
>
> Survivors include Mellen's wife, Mary, and a daughter. The family invites
> memorial contributions to the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England, 514
> Parker St, Boston, MA 02120, or to the MSPCA Development Office, 350 S
> Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02130.--some information from The Daily DX
> <http://www.dailydx.com> and the Boston Globe
>
> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
>
> Sun Watcher Tad "Black Hole Sun" Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington, reports:
> Average daily sunspot numbers this week rose by more than 7 points to 9.
> Expect to see even longer stretches with no sunspots over the next year.
>

> THE ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (CW) is this weekend. Sunspot 854 is
> pointing straight at us, but it is tiny. Look for sunspot numbers and
> solar
> flux to rise only slightly, if at all, and for quiet geomagnetic
> conditions.
>
> Based on the previous solar rotation, Wednesday, February 22 looks like it
> may show some fairly active geomagnetic conditions. Geophysical Institute
> Prague predicts slightly different conditions, with February 19 unsettled
> to
> active, and February 21 and 22 just unsettled. The prediction is for quiet
> geomagnetic conditions Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18, only
> slightly unsettled geomagnetic conditions on Sunday, February 19, and
> quiet
> to unsettled geomagnetic conditions February 20 and 23.
>
> Sunspot numbers for February 9 through 15 were 24, 13, 11, 0, 0, 0 and 15,
> with a mean of 9. The 10.7 cm flux was 74.8, 75.2, 76, 76, 76.3, 77.3, and
> 78.5, with a mean of 76.3. Estimated planetary A indices were 2, 2, 6, 3,
> 2,
> 1 and 12, with a mean of 4. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 2, 2, 4,
> 2, 2, 1 and 7, with a mean of 2.9.
>
> ==>IN BRIEF:
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> * This weekend on the radio: THE ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (CW) is the
> weekend of February 18-19. The Run for the Bacon QRP Contest is February
> 20.
> JUST AHEAD: The North American QSO Party (RTTY), the CQ 160-Meter Contest
> (SSB), the Russian PSK Worldwide Contest, the REF Contest (SSB), the UBA
> DX
> Contest (CW), the Mississippi and North Carolina QSO parties, the CZEBRIS
> Contest, the High Speed Club CW Contest and the CQC Winter QSO Party are
> the
> weekend of February 25-26. See the ARRL Contest Branch page
> <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the WA7BNM Contest Calendar
> <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> for more info.
>
> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Sunday, February 19, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) Program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1 (EC-001), Radio Frequency
> Interference (EC-006), Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009),
> Technician
> License Course (EC-010), Analog Electronics (EC-012) and Digital
> Electronics
> (EC-013). Classes begin Friday, March 3. To learn more, visit the CCE
> Course
> Listing page <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE
> Department <cce@...>.

>
> * Utility steps back from North Idaho BPL test deployment: Avista
> Utilities
> announced recently that it's re-evaluating its plans to deploy a broadband
> over power line (BPL) project in North Idaho. The company, which serves
> some
> 330,000 electrical power customers in three western states, said it and a
> BPL vendor had "mutually agreed" to end contract negotiations for a test
> deployment in Post Falls. "We want to step back and look at how the
> industry
> is evolving in terms of technology and the business model," Avista Market
> Solutions Manager Dave Heyamoto said in a company news release February 9.
> While Avista did not name the BPL vendor, a February 3 article in Spokane,
> Washington's, Spokesman-Review newspaper identified the company as
> Communication Technologies (COMTek) of Chantilly, Virginia. COMTek
> operates
> the Manassas, Virginia, BPL rollout that's been the subject of Amateur
> Radio
> interference complaints. In mid-January, the ARRL again called on the FCC
> to
> order the Manassas BPL system shut down until it resolves the interference
> complaints. Avista says it has not set a timeline for any future BPL
> projects, which reportedly could involve power-grid monitoring.
>
> * Direct FAX number now available for DXCC: The ARRL DXCC Desk now has a
> direct FAX number to improve and expedite the receipt and handling of
> DXCC-related communications. The number is 860-594-0346. There has been no
> change in policy, and DXCC does not accept DXCC submissions via FAX. The
> former FAX number, 860-594-0259, remains active for several other ARRL
> Headquarters departments, but that FAX machine is not in the immediate
> DXCC
> area.
>
> * Stu Cohen, N1SC, wins January QST Cover Plaque Award: The winner of the
> QST Cover Plaque Award for January is Stu Cohen, N1SC, for his article
> "Vintage Product Review--The Collins 75A-4 Receiver." Congratulations,
> Stu!
> The winner of the QST Cover Plaque award--given to the author or authors
> of
> the best article in each issue--is determined by a vote of ARRL members on
> the QST Cover Plaque Poll Web page
> <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/QSTvote.html>. Cast a ballot for your
> favorite article in the February issue by Tuesday, February 28.
>
> * Correction: The article "Phil Salas, AD5X, Named 2005 Orr Award Winner"
> in
> The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 06, contained some incorrect and incomplete
> information regarding the award ceremony. Phil Salas, AD5X, will receive
> the
> Bill Orr Award plaque during a presentation attended by ARRL President

> Joel
> Harrison, W5ZN, and West Gulf Division Director Coy Day, N5OK, at Ham-Com
> 2006, June 9-10, at the Plano Centre in Plano, Texas.
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> Data Page" link (in the Members Only box). Click on "Modify membership
> data," check or uncheck the appropriate boxes and/or change your e-mail
> address if necessary. (Check "Temporarily disable all automatically sent
> email" to temporarily stop all e-mail deliveries.) Then, click on "Submit
> modification" to make selections effective. (NOTE: HQ staff members cannot
> change your e-mail delivery address. You must do this yourself via the
> Members Only Web Site.)
>

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> sources:
>
> * ARRLWeb <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/>. (NOTE: The ARRL Letter will
> be
> posted each Friday when it is distributed via e-mail.)
>
> * The QTH.net listserver, thanks to volunteers from the Boston Amateur
> Radio
> Club: Visit Mailing Lists@...
> <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/letter-list>. (NOTE: The ARRL
> cannot assist subscribers who receive The ARRL Letter via this
> listserver.)
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267. One word for today.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-18 14:21:06 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 267 Message: 267

COLD!

268. Fw: Radio Shack to close 400 - 700 stores, RS CEO Edmunson lied on resume

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-18 15:09:52 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 268 Message: 268
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:
Shortcut to: http://www.arkansasbusiness.com/news/headline_article.asp?aid=43262

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269. FYI: Radio Schack to close up to 700 stores

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-18 16:51:48 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 269 Message: 269

http://money.cnn.com/2006/02/17/news/companies/radioshack.reut/index.htm

A pity, *perhaps*: they still did carry one or two items of use to radio amateurs, and without requiring a long drive or paying more for shipping than for the item.

Surely at least one of the two RS stores in Holland will be a candidate for closure.

Alan NV8A

270. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FYI: Radio Schack to close up to 700 stores

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-18 17:21:23 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 269 Message: 270

I called the RS store here in Muskegon and they had no idea what RS corporate was planning. Could that be part of the problem? Customers learning of corporate decisions before store managers are informed seems to be a bit contradictory to a successful business structure.

73,

Mark

----- Original Message -----
From: "Alan NV8A" <nv8a@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2006 11:51 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] FYI: Radio Schack to close up to 700 stores

> http://money.cnn.com/2006/02/17/news/companies/radioshack.reut/index.htm
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> A pity, *perhaps*: they still did carry one or two items of use to radio
> amateurs, and without requiring a long drive or paying more for shipping
> than for the item.
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> Surely at least one of the two RS stores in Holland will be a candidate
> for closure.
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> Alan NV8A
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> Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
> Checked by AVG Free Edition.
> Version: 7.1.375 / Virus Database: 267.15.6/257 - Release Date: 2/10/2006
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271. Long antennas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-18 20:01:17 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 271 Message: 271

I think it was Mark who suggested cutting a 102" whip to an odd multiple of wavelengths for use as a 2 meter antenna.

I gave it an unscientific try and clipped off about 6 inches, giving me an antenna that is 5 quarter-wavelengths on 2 meters and about 15 Quarters on 70 cm.

My SWR is very good on both bands, but the receive sensitivity is very low compared to a 1/4-wave vertical (about 5 S-units).

I am guessing that my impedance is not 50 ohms and I don't have maximum power transfer.

Does anyone know a good length below 8 feet (besides the obvious 19.25 inches) that would be 50 ohms as well as a good SWR? I am going to try and borrow an analyzer, but I would be glad to cheat and stand on someone else's experience.

Andrew

272. Antenna Seminar Report

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-18 22:56:17 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 268 Message: 272

All:

We had a really great fox hunting antenna seminar at our clubhouse today. We constructed and tuned nine antennas. We are now ready for a real fox hunt!

I want to thank Bruce, WD8KPQ and Char, WD8LGN for doing such a wonderful job of hosting our seminar. They did such a wonderful job of handling all the details. Very well done.

We did make a single antenna for auction at the upcoming club meeting. So if you need a nice antenna for this activity then be ready to bid on it at the next club meeting!

Thanks to everyone for making this a wonderful day.

Now, let's do a fox hunt!

Bill, AB8SC
Pres of club

273. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Antenna Seminar Report

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-18 23:47:23 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 268 Message: 273

DARN!

Talk about leveling the playing field.

Thanks a lot, guys!

:)

Actually, I bet a lot of people learned a few things and had fun at it.

I am sorry I missed it.

Andrew
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2006 5:56 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Antenna Seminar Report

All:

We had a really great fox hunting antenna seminar at our clubhouse today. We constructed and tuned nine antennas. We are now ready for a real fox hunt!

I want to thank Bruce, WD8KPQ and Char, WD8LGN for doing such a wonderful job of hosting our seminar. They did such a wonderful job of handling all the details. Very well done.

We did make a single antenna for auction at the upcoming club meeting. So if you need a nice antenna for this activity then be ready to bid on it at the next club meeting!

Thanks to everyone for making this a wonderful day.

Now, let's do a fox hunt!

Bill, AB8SC

Pres of club

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274. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Long antennas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-19 00:47:17 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 271 Message: 274

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275. Fox Hunt suggestion

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-19 02:12:10 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 275 Message: 275

Future Fox Hunt suggestion:

Hi All,

Most that know me are aware of the fact that I am and always have been against the use of clues in a Fox Hunt. The clues always give an unfair advantage to those most familiar with the area and directly detract from the effort of radio direction finding, our sole purpose (other than fun) for the hunts.

Instead of using clues, I propose the following: The fox communicates with an operator at a known location. The person at the known location quizzes the fox on either General or Extra licensing questions. In the beginning of the hunt, questions can be spaced at intervals of say 2 to 5 minutes. After some time passes the intervals become shorter to the point of becoming an ongoing exchange. This will allow for more RDF and less BS. An added benefit is hearing the test questions and their answers, discussions about the answers, etc. This way, everyone is a winner. We all leave the hunt with more info in our neurological hard drives than we started.

Now, if there are still folks that insist on clues....how about we throw them out in CW?

Let the hunts begin.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

276. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Long antennas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-19 02:30:48 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 271 Message: 276

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278. Re: Long antennas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-19 05:22:39 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 271 Message: 278

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What happens when you make an antenna longer than 5/8 wave is that the radiation pattern starts to split into more and more lobes, separated by nulls. These lobes start moving more and more parallel with the whip as you make it longer and longer. So if your antenna is vertical, you end up with less and less signal at the horizon and more and more going up to the clouds where it does no good on 2m.

The same thing happens when the antenna is horizontal as in the 40M antenna used on 15M, except now these lobes give you "gain" to certain parts of the world, and less signal to others. There is no free food.

Gain verticals require one or more sections usually no longer than 5/8 wave stacked vertically, AND properly spaced and phased. That's so the signals from the sections add together at the horizon. The radiation pattern is flattened/squished to put more of the signal where the other stations are. Make sense??

Laryn K8TVZ

279. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Long antennas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-19 14:24:41 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 271 Message: 279

Laryn,

Don't you mean odd multiples of 1/2 wavelengths?

A dipole is a 1/2 wave antenna. You get 1 1/2 waves on 15 meters using a 40 dipole. 1 1/2 waves (3 half waves) turns out to be an even multiple of 1/4 waves.. (6 for those of you without a calculator)

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Laryn Lohman" <larynl@...>
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Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2006 12:22 AM
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280. Packet Work Shop

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-19 14:24:23 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 280 Message: 280

----- Original Message -----
From: "Ray Larabee" <n8lrf@...>
To: "Digital Radio Group" <drg@...>
Cc: <lists@...>
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2006 8:43 AM
Subject: Packet Work Shop

> The packet work shop in Kent County on March 4 2006 has
> been postponed. Some of the staff and presenters are unable
> to be present. I myself have been busy taking care of my
> wife with her medical condition.
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> The DAPR group hopes to scheduled the work shop in mid
> summer or early fall.
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> Ray Larabee
> N8LRF
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282. I think we could do this ...73

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-19 16:22:36 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 282 Message: 282

Hello Everyone .
Muskegon Club did a good job with there DF Antenna
Seminar and now I think its time to kick it up one notch with a
weekend Fox Hunt open to all West Michigan Hams.
Set up at a place we can meet to start maybe have some
displays on hand and get instructions with a wider area to hunt for
the Fox an automatic transmitter for a fox, pre-registration and
prizes.
Maybe the Muskegon Club would be will to make another DF
antenna and the Grand Haven Club a Te-Nee Key just as ideas. Move
the center point over by Nunica or Coopersville so we are not
limited by the Lake Michigan and have Hotdogs and chips or something
for lunch a small fee to sign up like $5 just to cover lunch and
coffee and pop. A old trophy someone has laying around from bowling
that can be modified to pass from the winning DF team to the
next.
We could start the fox out transmitting ever 20 minutes
for 30 seconds and change during the day to transmitting ever 30
seconds for 20 minutes. Just an Idea

Anyone game to help out and make it happen
drop me a email kb8odb@...

73 Don Meyer

283. New poll for WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-19 16:35:30 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 9 Message: 283

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
WestMichiganHams group:

Would you like to see a West Michigan DF contest this Spring. Please take time to fill out
thanks ?Don

o Yes ... I would participate if possible.
o No ... not interested
o Yes .. and I would help put it on if I can

To vote, please visit the following web page:
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284. RE: [WestMichiganHams] I think we could do this ...73

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-19 16:41:07 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 282 Message: 284

Don:

I think there is growing interest in fox hunting. The seminar in Muskegon, yesterday, netted eight new antennas.

I would also like to see a traveling trophy. I was thinking of a stuffed fox toy from a gratuitous daughter's collection (I don't have any kids so this is just an idea). I like the light lunch afterward. There was a group that did fox hunts monthly and the winner hosted the next fox hunt. They were pot luck affairs.;

There is a board of directors meeting on Monday evening and I'll pitch the idea to that group. This should be an event done more than one time a season.

Anyone else on board?

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285. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Long antennas

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Date: 2006-02-19 16:43:10 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 271 Message: 285

I am going to try (gasp) an antenna tuner for two meters and compare the signals with my 5/8 wave antenna. I am curious if more wire up there amounts to a better or at least similar signal (like a longwire antenna).

Height is better than gain on 2 meters anyway.

I could move the antenna inside and save on my gas bill, I guess.

I wouldn't throw the whips away. 304 stainless steel is about $.45 a pound. Ypu can still make a 1/4-wave whip for anything under 10 meters. Heck- cut it to 52 inches and use it to hit K8COP's repeater. I use the one on the cast iron pipe with an antenna tuner and get acceptable signals on 80 to 10 meters.
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So, let's do some math...we need 300 divided by the freq for a full wave plus some velocity factoring. Since you have to guess at the velocity factor, go long and cut back. Use .75 as a starting VF. Copper is .68 So we would have an antenna about 5 feet long to start. If you have an analzyer cool, otherwise check SWR at top and bottom of band to see if you are too long or too short. One clue that you have a dummy load is that the SWR is the same for a long, long stretch of the bands. Not to be confused with a good broadband antenna like a large diameter wire dipole or a Bazooka.

I have read that 5/8 wave antennas outperform full waves due to the issue of radiation angles. With VHF all above the horizon radiation is pretty much wasted. 5/8 appear to put more RF at antenna level.

Good luck,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2006 3:01 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Long antennas

I think it was Mark who suggested cutting a 102" whip to an odd multiple of wavelengths for use as a 2 meter antenna.

I gave it an unscientific try and clipped off about 6 inches, giving me an antenna that is 5 quarter-wavelengths on 2 meters and about 15 Quarters on 70 cm.

My SWR is very good on both bands, but the receive sensitivity is very low compared to a 1/4-wave vertical (about 5 S-units).

I am guessing that my impedance is not 50 ohms and I don't have maximum power transfer.

Does anyone know a good length below 8 feet (besides the obvious 19.25 inches) that would be 50 ohms as well as a good SWR? I am going to try and borrow an analyzer, but I would be glad to cheat and stand on someone else's experience.

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286. Re: [WestMichiganHams] I think we could do this ...73

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-19 17:04:43 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 282 Message: 286

How about a new toy at each foxhunt? I have enough toys in my basement for years to come :)
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2006 11:41 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] I think we could do this ...73

Don:

I think there is growing interest in fox hunting. The seminar in Muskegon, yesterday, netted eight new antennas.

I would also like to see a traveling trophy. I was thinking of a stuffed fox toy from a gratuitous daughter's collection (I don't have any kids so this is just an idea). I like the light lunch afterward. There was a group that did fox hunts monthly and the winner hosted the next fox hunt. They were pot luck affairs.;

There is a board of directors meeting on Monday evening and I'll pitch the idea to that group. This should be an event done more than one time a season.

Anyone else on board?

Bill, AB8SC

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288. Re: Long antennas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-19 18:33:29 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 271 Message: 288

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "K8MHZ" <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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> Laryn,
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> Don't you mean odd multiples of 1/2 wavelengths?

No. Consider the 19in whip example. It is a 1/4 wave on 2m and 3/4 wave on 70cm. When talking about a dipole, yes it is 1/2 wave overall (at its fundamental frequency). A 1/2 wave antenna is around 72 ohms impedance at the center, and a 1/4 wave whip is around half that, or 36 ohms. Surroundings change those values in the real world. With the 1/4 wave whip, the <other half> of the antenna is the ground system, or the metal it is mounted on. So, a vertical of odd multiples of 1/4 wave, such as 3/4, 5/4, 7/4, and so on will be somewhere near 50 ohms also. But, the longer, the more RF is wasted into the blue sky.

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<stand on someone else's experience.

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Andrew, the impedance is probably near 50 ohms as stated above, or a good wattmeter would indicate high reflected power.

As far as a good length below 8 feet, you could go to 3*19, or 57 inches roughly, or 5*19, or 95 inches, but why? I don't see a good reason, unless you are wanting to use your 6 meter 1/4 wave vertical on 2m, which would probably work reasonable well, just like my 2m/70cm whip. Extra "height" in this case, is not the kind of height needed to make an antenna work better. Length and height are different here.

Laryn K8TVZ

289. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Antenna Seminar Report

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-19 20:11:47 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 268 Message: 289

My thanks as well - Bruce and Char did an exceptional job of having all the parts ready to go so that we could understand the process without having to duplicate all of the details. I wish Matthew, Samuel, and I could have stayed a bit longer to play around with the antennas a bit.
Thanks again for a great Saturday of fun!
Jon AB8RD

Bill Fries <bill_fries@...> wrote:

All:

We had a really great fox hunting antenna seminar at our clubhouse today. We constructed and tuned nine antennas. We are now ready for a real fox hunt!

I want to thank Bruce, WD8KPQ and Char, WD8LGN for doing such a wonderful job of hosting our seminar. They did such a wonderful job of handling all the details. Very well done.

We did make a single antenna for auction at the upcoming club meeting. So if you need a nice antenna for this activity then be ready to bid on it at the next club meeting!

Thanks to everyone for making this a wonderful day.

Now, let's do a fox hunt!

Bill, AB8SC
Pres of club

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290. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Long antennas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-19 21:14:24 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 271 Message: 290

Actually, my goal is to keep an antenna I could load up on HF if I wanted.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Laryn Lohman" <larynl@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2006 1:33 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Long antennas

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291. Antenna voodoo

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 00:50:45 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 291 Message: 291

The mystery of antennas....

So I'm minding my own business, licking my wounds after not getting to shake hands with the 3y0x expedition, when I hear a call on 15 meters that sounds like it could be distant. Now, the chase I made for 3y was not a total disappointment. I worked different bands and made contacts with many different countries. What I did notice is that all my contacts were north of the Equator. 3y was not only half a world away but it was way south of the big E. The call on 30 is wrought with QSB, a bit in the mud, but no one is answering. I hit the button on the IC-735 and throw out my call. Al, LU1ALF comes back and we have a rough time of it, but on this last day of the 3y expo I finally crossed the Equator and got a new country, this time in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina, practically next door to Peter 1. It seems my limit was just north of my mark. We struggled to get our calls correct but made the connection, my best ever on the Icom.

A few minutes later I hook up with a station in California on 15, this time right on the Atlantic Ocean. Twice he remarked about the quality of my signal, very strong and very clear, he said. Puzzled I was. I have no 15 meter antenna. The best I have is a 40 dipole which can play on 15 with a tuner. He also had a strong signal. I wanted to play a little with my antennas and checked the switches....lo and behold I was working 15 meters on a CB antenna! I had my Antron 99 connected to my tuner for use on 10 meters and it actually had the best signal.

An Antron 99 is sold as a 10/11 meter 1/2 wave vertical with no need for a ground plane. It is similar to a marine antenna.

But on 15 meters? Into Argentina with 100 watts at the bottom of the solar cycle? Sideband?

I switched to my 40 dipole and quickly switched back to the vertical. The dipole didn't get it on 15 like I would have thought.

Oddly enough, this is one of the things I love about the hobby!

73,

Mark K8MHZ

292. eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 02:04:38 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 292 Message: 292

I ran across a site yesterday called eQSL. Just for giggles I type in my call and there is a card! Sure enough, the QSO is in my log and I print out a QSL card from Arizona.

Today I am yakking with a guy in Germany. We hang up and just about 20 minutes later my computer beeps. It is a QSL card from Horst in Germany. Just to think that we can now get cards in minutes 24/7/365 is amazing!

What is also unique is that the cost of printing is now on the recieve end. Unlike regular QSLing where the sender bears all the cost and only hopes for a return, eQSL lets the senders get a free ride.

There are lots of other features. There is a free account, like mine, where you can recieve anyone's cards but have limits on the design of the card you can send and limits on access to the site's features. Pay accounts get more glitzy.

So now we have the ability to actually get a QSL card while we are still engaged in a QSO!

Check them out at www.eQSL.cc There may be a card there for you. A quick free registration and you will be e-mailed when cards get sent to you.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

293. RE: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 02:53:52 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 292 Message: 293

Mark:

Yes, eQSL is interesting. I have gotten a new country or two there and not by traditional hard card. This type of qsl card swapping seems to appeal to the computer literate and those comfortable in the instant gratification arena.

These cards are not valid for my type of wallpaper chase so I don't chase these "cards" like the traditional paper card. Isn't the world great with so many options?

Along these lines I'll put in a plug for the ARRL's own LoTW site. Their "cards" so count for their wallpaper and they are cheap, too. I personally used about fifty LoTW cards for my DXCC which numbered 123 countries. It is a "paint by numbers" process that is a little tedious but my last certification on the site is good for three years. And they are going to be using LoTW for WAS.

Different strokes, different folks.

Bill

294. CALL SIGN FROM THE PAST

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 03:17:40 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 294 Message: 294

Good day/evening everyone. I was on the Red Cross Communicator net tonight and chatted with a guy that used to live in Grand Haven. His name is Jack Cook, amateur call sign N8RRL. He said he is a former Ottawa County EC and former DEC as well. He asked me to pass along his greetings to all and hope that everyone is doing well after the storms. He said even in Las Vegas (where he now lives) they get ice storms. He was very pleased to hear someone from West Michigan on the Red Cross Communicator Net and hopes more will join in.

73 eveyrone!
Doc, KD8BGQ

295. Re: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 03:20:23 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 292 Message: 295

Valid or not valid?

Well, I would like to know more about the LoTW thing. If a card matches your log, some don't consider it valid? I wonder why?

I would rather have a real card that was actually touched by the person on the other end, but the electronic ones are cool too. If they keep a standard format for size they should count as a card. I got a cert from Skywarn Recognition Day yesterday for my QSO with them. It is 8 1/2 x 11. No card, though. And a letter, really neat wallpaper in itself.

I see the art of QSL cards has not caught on with hams not active on HF. Too bad, having cards from your friends, no matter if near or far, makes for great collectables. It seems to me that HF QSL cards are more of a trophy than a mere collectable item. You can't buy a real QSL card from 12,000 miles away, you have to earn it. Nonetheless, I would really like to see more hams, regardless of license class, get into QSL exchanges.

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2006 9:53 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

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296. Want a chuckle?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 03:33:06 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 296 Message: 296

Look up G4AZQ on QRZ.com

297. UK humor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 03:38:46 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 297 Message: 297

Now look up G6SDD.

Do the Brit's have a sense of humor or what?

298. Re: [WestMichiganHams] UK humor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 04:10:19 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 297 Message: 298

Wouldn't that be 'humour'?

-Joe, KD8ATU

K8MHZ wrote:
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299. Re: Antenna voodoo

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 04:21:15 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 291 Message: 299

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "K8MHZ" <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> The mystery of antennas....
>

Interesting devices for sure. If you haven't been here, you'll spend
a few days of good reading.

<http://www.cebik.com/>

Laryn K8TVZ

300. Re: [WestMichiganHams] UK humor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 04:24:27 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 297 Message: 300

You are correct, but the 'u' is silent, like the 's' in 73s.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Joe Veldhuis" <kd8atu@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2006 11:10 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] UK humor

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301. Re: [WestMichiganHams] CALL SIGN FROM THE PAST

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 03:32:06 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 294 Message: 301

Thanks Doc
I took over the DEC job from Jack and he is a very good friend. I see him about 1-2 times a year in Dayton or in Grand Haven. Thanks Tom KB8VEE

----- Original Message -----
From: "ravennaelectronics" <ravennaelectronics@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2006 10:17 PM
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302. Fw: Costal Communications North Inc.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 14:15:28 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 302 Message: 302
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This looks like a good pager sight to buy pagers Tom

Shortcut to: http://coastalcom.org/index.html

Check out their pages for sale..

Jim K8COP

303. Re: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 14:14:55 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 292 Message: 303

I get the impression that many people are zealots for one or the other.
E.g., Ham Radio Deluxe allegedly (I haven't used the feature) interfaces
with eQSL, but IIRC the author has said that he will never ever add an
option to interface with LoTW.

Alan NV8A

On 02/19/06 09:53 pm Bill Fries wrote:

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304. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunt suggestion

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 16:10:16 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 275 Message: 304

FYI.. check out monthly calendar.. We are sponsoring a Fox Hunt each month in Kent County..

Jeff

----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2006 9:12 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunt suggestion

Future Fox Hunt suggestion:

Hi All,

Most that know me are aware of the fact that I am and always have been against the use of clues in a Fox Hunt. The clues always give an unfair advantage to those most familiar with the area and directly detract from the effort of radio direction finding, our sole purpose (other than fun) for the hunts.

Instead of using clues, I propose the following: The fox communicates with an operator at a known location. The person at the known location quizzes the fox on either General or Extra licensing questions. In the beginning of the hunt, questions can be spaced at intervals of say 2 to 5 minutes. After some time passes the intervals become shorter to the point of becoming an ongoing exchange. This will allow for more RDF and less BS. An added benefit is hearing the test questions and their answers, discussions about the answers, etc. This way, everyone is a winner. We all leave the hunt with more info in our neurological hard drives than we started.

Now, if there are still folks that insist on clues....how about we throw them out in CW?

Let the hunts begin.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

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305. RE: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 16:32:44 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 292 Message: 305

I suppose that there are different camps on the topic.

My logging program interfaces easily with LoTW and I really like this feature. I use LoTW extensively. LoTW QSLs work for my wallpaper chase.

I will not use eQSL and I only visit there infrequently to check for a new country. If one shows there I'll send the DX a hard card and request for his hard card. But my awards chase requires LoTW or hard cards. EQSL "cards" are not good for my use. Someone else might not even chase wallpaper and the entire subject is irrelevant.

I believe that CQ Magazine is encouraging contacts using the internet as a part of the QSO. Perhaps this wallpaper can be applied for using a combination of card formats? I wonder.

There are so many awards. Did anyone chase the Japanese Cities award?

Bill

306. RE: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 17:02:49 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 292 Message: 306

All:

I have taken some time to explore a few aspects of QSL cards and wallpaper. These comments have been submitted to the editor of the club's newsletter, Flashovers. If this material makes the cut you may find an interesting article on the subject in an upcoming issue.

Bill

307. Wed night digital net mode schedule

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 18:05:11 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 307 Message: 307

Since PSK31 is the most popular mode by far, most nights I will use that mode for the net; however, as I've mentioned before, I want to provide a chance for everyone to try the other modes out there as well. Here's what I plan on doing over the next month:

Feb 22: PSK31
Mar 01: MFSK16
Mar 08: PSK31
Mar 15: SSTV
Mar 22: PSK31
MAr 29: RTTY

How's that sound? Anyone have any other stuff they want to try on the net some time?

Also, as a footnote: MFSK16 supports sending images, however due to the way the HF bands are allocated in the US (there is no place where both "data" and "image" modes are allowed), we can't use that feature there. However, that segregation does not exist on the VHF bands (see your band chart), so we can use it on the net. And I intend to.

-Joe, KD8ATU

308. February 2006 NOARC Spark Newsletter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 20:14:21 UTC
From: Craig Christilaw
Topic: 308 Message: 308

Hello NOARC and all West Michigan ham radio operators. The latest NOARC Spark newsletter has been uploaded to the WestMichiganHams Yahoo group. I hope to hear you on the air soon!
73
Craig Christilaw K8CRC

309. Re: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 21:23:16 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 292 Message: 309

OK,

So what I have deciphered is that if you are doing awards and are only interested in one piece of paper then LoTW is the way to go as QSL cards are not part of the deal in any format.

On the other hand if it is QSL cards you want, eQSL and hard copy is the way to go.

If you want BOTH the awards as and the cards, hard copy is the only way to go.

I would like to see a new contest. A QSL speed contest where you see how fast you can get a QSL card to travel. For instance, the time would start as soon as both calls have been exchanged. Let's say you are having a QSO with a ham 4,000 miles away. 20 minutes after the 'timer' started your QSL card is printed out. So that's 4,000 miles in 20 minutes or 12,000 miles per hour.

Soon, hand typing would be replaced by information stored in your computer's memory and much like an electronic keyer with a memory one button would replace many keystrokes. Within seconds you could have the info on the card filled out and the button hit. Shortcuts would be stored in the hard cores' computers that would fire off the printer as soon as the card hit the Inbox. Hams would soon find out ways to make their printers print faster by connecting them to 145 volt 120hz AC 'cheater' transformers. Times would soon be down into the seconds and speeds in the hundreds of thousands of miles per hour.

It would only be a matter of time before we interfaced our radios directly with our printers, taking us out of the picture altogether. We could soon just turn the sound down and watch as our printer's spit out QSL cards from lands far away as we watched TV.

Maybe I will just stick to hard copy for a while.

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 11:32 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

I suppose that there are different camps on the topic.

My logging program interfaces easily with LoTW and I really like this feature. I use LoTW extensively. LoTW QSLs work for my wallpaper chase.

I will not use eQSL and I only visit there infrequently to check for a new country. If one shows there I'll send the DX a hard card and request for his hard card. But my awards chase requires LoTW or hard cards. EQSL "cards" are not good for my use. Someone else might not even chase wallpaper and the entire subject is irrelevant.

I believe that CQ Magazine is encouraging contacts using the internet as a part of the QSO. Perhaps this wallpaper can be applied for using a combination of card formats? I wonder.

There are so many awards. Did anyone chase the Japanese Cities award?

Bill

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310. Re: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 22:01:31 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 292 Message: 310

OK- so I had 18 eQSLs on there I was not aware of.

Some satellite contacts, even.

Cool.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Alan NV8A" <nv8a@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 9:14 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

> I get the impression that many people are zealots for one or the other.
> E.g., Ham Radio Deluxe allegedly (I haven't used the feature) interfaces
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> option to interface with LoTW.
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> Alan NV8A
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> > Yes, eQSL is interesting. I have gotten a new country or two there and
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> > by traditional hard card. This type of qsl card swapping seems to
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> > arena.
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> > These cards are not valid for my type of wallpaper chase so I don't
chase
> > these "cards" like the traditional paper card. Isn't the world great
with
> > so many options?
> >
> > Along these lines I'll put in a plug for the ARRL's own LoTW site.
Their
> > "cards" so count for their wallpaper and they are cheap, too. I
personally
> > used about fifty LoTW cards for my DXCC which numbered 123 countries.
It is
> > a "paint by numbers" process that is a little tedious but my last
> > certification on the site is good for three years. And they are going
to be
> > using LoTW for WAS.
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> > Different strokes, different folks.
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311. Re: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-20 23:20:13 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 292 Message: 311

The dollar store by my house has 6 x 4 glossy photo paper, 20 count.

Kind of tricky to get set up but the price is right.

mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: "Andrew Young" <ayoung@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 5:01 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

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312. RE: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-21 02:56:05 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 292 Message: 312

Mark:

The award will dictate the QSL required. Decide if you are chasing an individual wallpaper and then see what the requirements for QSL credit are.

I would say that LoTW and hard cards are equally beneficial when it comes to credit for well known awards.

If you get an eQSL and you print that card you are fine until you use that printed card for credit for an ARRL award. ARRL will not give you credit toward their awards using the eQSL card in any format, electronic or hard paper. If you insist on this you will print the card and then snail mail the card to the DX. The DX will sign or acknowledge the validity of the card and return the authenticated card. THEN you can use the eQSL card for ARRL credit. But, then, it is not a whole lot different from a traditional hard card. What did you gain? Check the award's requirements.

It really is not that hard to understand. Decide upon an award, get their requirements or proof of QSO and proceed from there. The eQSL awards are just as nice as the ARRL awards. Maybe they are not as well known, since the ARRL wallpaper has been around since 1946, give or take.

Bill

313. WEAVER'S WORDS -- ANYONE FOR DX?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-21 13:02:17 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 313 Message: 313

> (Reply only to K8JE@.... Do not click on REPLY.)
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> - H.Res. 230 Update
> - Youth Survey Study
> - SPEAKNG OF DX
> - DIVISION Member a YI
> - A&F Meetings
> - Travel to Swaps/Hamfests/Clubs/etc.
>
> H.RES. 230 UPDATE
>
> If you haven't written to your member of the US House of
> Representatives to encourage him/her to support H.Res. 230, it is time
> to do this. So far, GLD members have written about 500 of these
> letters. Our lobbyist in DC began making visits to Representatives on
> Capitol Hill this week and is taking the copies of letters you sent me
> with them. These copies give vivid proof to the Representatives and
> their aides that you who have written are interested in the Resolution
> and want it passed.
>
> Thanks to you who took on the responsibility of supporting Amateur
> Radio through your letters. I most fervently encourage you who haven't
> written to do this, now. Our ability to defend our frequencies against
> overpowering interference may totally depend on whether H.Res. 230 is
> adopted.
>
> When you write, please be sure to send me a copy of your letter with
> the name and address of your Representative and yourself included. If
> you need the information for writing and to whom to send the letter,
> let me know.
>
> You'll be pleased with yourself for taking the initiative of helping
> defend Amateur Radio.
>
> Please note that H.Res. 230 is not H.R. 230. H.Res. stands for a
> Resolution and H.R. stands for a law. Neither is it of interest to US
> Senators (don't write to them on this) or to our State Legislators
> (don't write to them on this, either).
>
> YOUTH SURVEY STUDY
>
> About a month ago, I asked for volunteers who could develop a survey to
> learn where the "hooks" exist in young people that can interest them in
> Amateur Radio. The idea is that buried inside of each young person
> there is interest in something that Amateur Radio offers. The

> individual may not even know there is a match between his/her interest
> and hamming, but it is there. The challenge is to learn just what it
> is that young people like that equates to Amateur Radio. What we need
> for this task is one or more people who understand consumer survey
> taking and how to develop it.
>
> Three or four members responded, but so far, no firm ideas have been
> presented. I feel positive that there is at least one amateur in the
> Division who meets our needs. If you are this person or one of these
> people, or if you have a friend who is, please get in touch with me.
>
> Frankly, we have people at HQ who say that conducting just such a
> survey is an impossible task. I don't buy this thought. I know that
> before I retired, my former employer could find and accurately
> interpret nearly any attitude consumers had. What we need is someone
> who understands this work and is willing to apply it on a voluntary
> basis to Amateur Radio.
>
> DIVISION MEMBER IN YI-land
>
> Neil Schwanits, WD8CRT, until recently V73NS is now YI/WD8CRT. Look
> for him in the morning, Eastern time. I worked Neil as V73NS a couple
> of times and hope to catch him from YI. He runs QRP.
>
> SPEAKING OF DX
>
> How many of you snagged 3Y0X from Peter I Island. It was a great
> operation and they made into my log on six or maybe even seven bands.
> I won't bet too much on getting them on 10M (they're in my log, but I'm
> not on their web list), but it was certainly fun to work them for a
> "new one."
>
> A&F MEETING
>
> Just so you'll know, the ARRL Board of Directors has a number of
> standing as well as ad hoc committees. These committees do a lot of
> the leg work the Board acts on at its semiannual (January and July)
> meetings. This year I have been reassigned to the Administration &
> Finance (A&F) Committee. This Committee rides herd over the budget and
> the administration of our staff.
>
> In these days of tight budgeting, being on A&F is very demanding. I am
> a History Channel fan, and the budget-balancing act A&F goes through
> reminds me of the budget-balancing act Gen. Curtis LeMay (I forget his
> Amateur Radio call sign, but Curt is the guy who championed SSB for the
> Army Air Corps during WW 2) went through in choosing whether to build
> cutting-edge bombers or fighters. It was the budget that forced the
> choice and Curt chose cutting-edge bombers over cutting-edge fighters.
>
> For example, I would love to have us spend as much as IRS rules allow

> us to spend as a 501.c.3 organization on Grassroots lobbying activity.
> Along with this, it would be great to have all ARRL publication made
> available to the sight impaired as talking books in Radio Reading
> Service style. Bringing back an updated Archie-style comic book could
> help recruit young people. How about a slick video that depicts the
> several intriguing aspects of Amateur Radio? Or, maybe we should hire
> a couple of additional, quality people in our PR Department to work
> with Allen Pitts, our fine PR manager. Or, how about making the
> programs offered by ARRL totally free to members? Or, what would your
> choice be?
>
> The fact is that we cannot do this. We need to live within our budget.
> We certainly can't even do what we currently do and live within our
> dues income and the profits off our publishing business. This is the
> reason Mary Hobart, our fine Development manager and the campaigns she
> wages for donations are so crucial to ARRL's success.
>
> This is where A&F comes in. It is with A&F that the proverbial rubber
> meets the road for ARRL. A&F is the group that makes some very
> stomach-wrenching recommendations to the Board concerning the annual
> budgets. These recommendations determine to a great extent just which
> new programs are funded, which existing programs are slimmed down,
> which existing programs will survive, and which existing programs are
> left to die gracefully or that are killed outright.
>
> Because of the critical nature of its decisions, A&F meets in person at
> ARRL HQ four times a year -- once the day before each of our two annual
> Board meetings and midway between these meetings. It also meets as
> needed by teleconference and E-mail between these in-person meetings.
>
> TRAVEL TO SWAPS/HAMFESTS/CLUBS/etc.
>
> I have a ball talking with Division members at swaps/hamfests and
> meetings this year. So far this year, the swaps and hamfests have been
> at Mansfield, OH and Livonia, MI, and the meetings have been limited to
> the Milford (OH) ARC. Yet to come for me include:
>
> March 3 -- Hamfest, Cave City, KY
> March 8 - SW OH DX Assoc., Centerville, OH
> March 18 -- Swap, Marshall, MI
> March 19 -- Hamfest, Toledo, OH
> March 22 -- Portage (Co.) ARC, OH
> March 23 -- Summit Co. ARS, OH
> April 1 -- Hamfest, Elizabethtown, KY
> April 8 - QCWA, Cleveland, OH
> April 22 -- Ohio ARES Conference, Columbus, OH
> April 28-30 -- Administration & Finance Committee Meeting, Newington,
> CT
> May 18 -- ARRL Major Donor Reception, Dayton, OH
> May 19-21 -- Hamvention?, Dayton, OH

>
> If you particularly want Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA or me to
> visit your swap/hamfest, club meeting or other event, let us know.
>
> GL,73,
>
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> Director, ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Chairman, ARRL Legislative Action Committee
> 5065 Bethany Rd., Mason, OH 45040
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314. Rack mount equipment desk

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-21 15:45:58 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 314 Message: 314

To anyone interested.
Where I work we are getting rid of a desk that accepts 19" rack mount equipment installation. It is on casters and has electric outlets with a main power switch. Equipment can be rack mounted in the front and rear. This unit is FREE to the first person who claims it at the shop during normal weekday business hours. Photos of this unit are at:
http://members.localnet.com/%7Evergenne/rack_desk_front.jpg
http://members.localnet.com/%7Evergenne/rack_desk_rear.jpg

73 Jack NY8D

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315. Re: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-21 17:18:32 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 292 Message: 315

I think I gotcha.

As things now stand, traditional hard snail mail card and a matching log entry works for all, correct?

Other forms have come about to facilitate ease in different targeted awards, but all still accept a snailer, yes?

Now, what of this question....I use a program to print out snailers that I send out called QSL Maker. The info can either be printed in the text blocks, which I do, or handwritten. I see no reason why printed info, which is legible, would invalidate a card, if so, please enlighten me. So, what it the difference if I send a card I print on my computer using QSL Maker or if I sent the file I print via e-mail to someone else using the same program so they can print out the card? They would get the exact same card that I would have sent.

Are we to think that with cards that computers print instead of the print shop, if the info (station, rpt, freq) is printed by the computer that we should also sign them for authenticity? If we don't, then what? Have I been sending out snailers that are not valid?

Clear that up for me and I think the rest can be figured out.

73,

mhz
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 9:56 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Mark:

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316. RE: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-21 19:09:30 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 292 Message: 316

"As things now stand, traditional hard snail mail card and a matching log entry works for all, correct?"

No, you do not send your log together with any QSL card in any format. Nobody cares about your station log. They want to see the proof of QSO which is generally the QSL card in the format requested by the awards organization. Does that always mean a hard card? No. It might be a LoTW credit. Or an eQSL. Depends on the outfit you want the wallpaper from. It is way too simple.

When you send a card you can use a preprinted card or a card you print for each QSO. The QSO information is the important thing on the card. And it does not matter if the QSO data is hand written, put on there by the printer, pasted on there in a "mailing label" format or whatever. The card must be legitimate. Some DX will often stamp a "verified by DX1DX" stamp but this is not necessary. Each station's call sign, your address, frequency and mode, stuff like that. When you send your collection of QSL cards in for verification the award granting organization will verify the authenticity of the QSL card.

I would not get in the habit of sending a QSL card via e-mail to the DX. They may not have the fancy computer program that you use, they may not be as familiar with our English language, they may barely be able to get a signal on the air and into your QTH. Don't count on DX having the ability or desire to print your card for their use. If cost is an issue then learn to use the bureau or only have QSOs with stations who will confirm on eQSL or LoTW or whatever method endorsed by the award granting organization uses.

And if you only want to have a QSO with a station that confirms on LoTW there is a web page that shows All the call signs of stations who have verified on LoTW. There are thousands of them. And there are hams who have qualified for DXCC? using only LoTW QSL credits. It takes one heck of a lot of QSOs to get there.

I believe that it is not necessary to sign your cards to indicate some authenticity. The awards organization will pass judgment on the authenticity of any QSL card submitted for the award. They have seen some really great forgeries. They have likely seen everything that you might dream up to scam the awards organization. And think of it, if you want to pass a bogus QSL card for credit and the organization buys your forgery then what is the ultimate award worth to you? And, if that DX is using your card for credit and your card is deemed a forgery don't you think he as fifteen more K8 QSL cards he can swap in for credit? Those of us in eight land are not really rare DX for anybody. Unless you are chasing townships or something tiny like that.

Don't worry about it! Hams have been swapping QSL cards for decades. It's simple, generally foolproof, fun, and works.

Bill

317. Re: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-21 19:51:26 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 292 Message: 317

My preference is the snailers. In fact, I try to take the time to scratch a note on the back of each one but don't do it 100% of the time. A bit of handwriting, to me, makes a more valuable card.

I don't, however, think I would feel comfortable actually sending in all the cards. Especially if I were new to the hobby and the cards were trophies in and of themselves. Of course, If there were shoe boxes full of cards strewn about, sending in a few for verification would be less than traumatic.

So far, every card I have sent has been through the mail. I have three from eQSL so far, one from Germany. I returned a snailer. Saved a buck on that one but for the life of me could not get it to print out right. The cool thing is that I got it on a Sunday just a few minutes after the QSO ended.

I also have an ulterior motive for sending snailers to DX stations. The hope that they will use my self addressed envelope and put a stamp on it. My dad has been collecting stamps for 60 years. I want to add to his collection not only some foriegn stamps, but foriegn ones on envelopes with my name on them, each with a part of my hobby melding with his to produce the best catches for both.

I am playing with PhotoShop to make some designs. QSL Maker is great, but lacks the flexibility for some of the photos I am working with. For example, the card that I am working on for W8ZHO can't use the text block on QSL Maker due to the layout of the photo. Instead, I am going to use Photo Shop to cut up the boxes and place them where I want them. I also have better fonts and the ability to use transparancies with PhotoShop.

Look for some samples here in the reflector soon.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

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From: Bill Fries
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Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 2:09 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

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318. QSL Card Postage

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-21 20:09:40 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 292 Message: 318

You need to teach your local Post Office clerk how to sell you an IRC.

And, the ARRL will only accept your original QSL cards. And they are just as fussy about returning ALL your cards in exactly the condition they were submitted. That's why I spent something like $40 when I submitted my cards for DXCC?.

I like sending that ?, it is easy.

Bill

319. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Rack mount equipment desk

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-21 21:37:53 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 314 Message: 319

I would love to have it but don't have room for it. For the benefit of anyone else who may want it, where's "the shop?"

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jack Amelar" <jamelar@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>; <kc-arpsc@...>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 10:45 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Rack mount equipment desk

> To anyone interested.
> Where I work we are getting rid of a desk that accepts 19" rack mount
> equipment installation. It is on casters and has electric outlets with
> a main power switch. Equipment can be rack mounted in the front and
> rear. This unit is FREE to the first person who claims it at the shop
> during normal weekday business hours. Photos of this unit are at:
> http://members.localnet.com/%7Evergenne/rack_desk_front.jpg
> http://members.localnet.com/%7Evergenne/rack_desk_rear.jpg
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> 73 Jack NY8D
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> Jack Amelar
> 1554 Lincoln Lake Ave NE
> Lowell, MI 49331-9711
> Home: (616)897-6885
> Office: (616)493-8736
> mailto:jamelar@...
> Pager: (616)339-0802 mailto:6163390802@... or
> http://www.arch.com/cgi-bin/wwwpreproc.cgi?PIN=6163390802
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320. Re: [WestMichiganHams] QSL Card Postage

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-21 22:05:01 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 292 Message: 320

It's not the ARRL I don't trust. I can tell you horror stories about the USPS, and some minor suspense tales about UPS.

IRC, Internet Relay Connection?

The 40 bucks really confuses me. One at a time 100 should have cost less than that.

BTW, I got a hard card in the mail today. Cool.

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 3:09 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] QSL Card Postage

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Bill

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321. RE: [WestMichiganHams] QSL Card Postage

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-21 22:50:32 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 292 Message: 321

International Reply Coupon or postage from anywhere that cooperates back to the States and your QTH. $1.85 They are "ham currency" and are often combined with a green stamp ($1) to entice the DX to send a card.

The cards were sent to HQ registered and insured. They were returned from HQ registered, return receipt requested, and anything but "Delivery unconditionally guaranteed!" Maybe $40 was a little high. But the cards made the round trip and are safely back on display.

Bill

322. Re: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-21 23:02:41 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 292 Message: 322

Bill, a Question for someone who would like to know what LoTW is?
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 2:09 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] eQSL

"As things now stand, traditional hard snail mail card and a matching log entry works for all, correct?"

No, you do not send your log together with any QSL card in any format. Nobody cares about your station log. They want to see the proof of QSO which is generally the QSL card in the format requested by the awards organization. Does that always mean a hard card? No. It might be a LoTW credit. Or an eQSL. Depends on the outfit you want the wallpaper from. It is way too simple.

When you send a card you can use a preprinted card or a card you print for each QSO. The QSO information is the important thing on the card. And it does not matter if the QSO data is hand written, put on there by the printer, pasted on there in a "mailing label" format or whatever. The card must be legitimate. Some DX will often stamp a "verified by DX1DX" stamp but this is not necessary. Each station's call sign, your address, frequency and mode, stuff like that. When you send your collection of QSL cards in for verification the award granting organization will verify the authenticity of the QSL card.

I would not get in the habit of sending a QSL card via e-mail to the DX. They may not have the fancy computer program that you use, they may not be as familiar with our English language, they may barely be able to get a signal on the air and into your QTH. Don't count on DX having the ability or desire to print your card for their use. If cost is an issue then learn to use the bureau or only have QSOs with stations who will confirm on eQSL or LoTW or whatever method endorsed by the award granting organization uses.

And if you only want to have a QSO with a station that confirms on LoTW there is a web page that shows All the call signs of stations who have verified on LoTW. There are thousands of them. And there are hams who have qualified for DXCC® using only LoTW QSL credits. It takes one heck of a lot of QSOs to get there.

I believe that it is not necessary to sign your cards to indicate some authenticity. The awards organization will pass judgment on the authenticity of any QSL card submitted for the award. They have seen some really great forgeries. They have likely seen everything that you might dream up to scam the awards organization. And think of it, if you want to pass a bogus QSL card for credit and the organization buys your forgery then what is the ultimate award worth to you? And, if that DX is using your card for credit and your card is deemed a forgery don't you think he as fifteen more K8 QSL cards he can swap in for credit? Those of us in eight land are not really rare DX for anybody. Unless you are chasing townships or something tiny like that.

Don't worry about it! Hams have been swapping QSL cards for decades. It's simple, generally foolproof, fun, and works.

Bill

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323. What is LoTW?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-21 23:40:48 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 292 Message: 323

Logbook of The World, often abbreviated LoTW. This is the electronic QSL service provided to the world through the ARRL. You enroll by carefully following several steps involving e-mail and snail mail. After you get through the process your QSOs are posted in the LoTW database and when another ham's QSO matches your QSO you can use the resulting electronic QSL type credit for awards. Right now the awards are singular and only DXCC? but they will eventually include Worked All States and Worked All Continents. Some other awards may use LoTW QSL credits for their awards. Check with the organization.

>From one person's perspective, I have 1300 QSOs in LoTW and have 225 QSL credits. Some of these credits may be for duplicate call signs. For example the huge contest outfits in the Caribbean will be on LoTW and I'll get several QSL credits from a, say, P40. But a LoTW credit is as good as a QSL card and a whole lot cheaper when you apply for an award and use LoTW credits toward the award.

Hope this helps. My QSO logging software helps me upload QSO data and QSL data. I do not do this task manually. However, Linda will perform this task manually.

Bill

324. Re: [WestMichiganHams] What is LoTW?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-22 00:41:38 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 292 Message: 324

Thanks that helps. What logging software are you using?
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 6:40 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] What is LoTW?

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325. Re: [WestMichiganHams] QSL Card Postage

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-22 01:30:16 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 292 Message: 325

At the two Post Offices I know of International Reply coupons are no longer carried by the Post Office at least here- Some clerks have never heard of them so they are fairly rare- DE WD8USA ...-.-

326. Fw: NCVA -- First Voice Trasmision

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-22 00:13:52 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 326 Message: 326

This will be of interest to a few of us that are interested in the history
of radio.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: <UPIZAUF@...>
To: <ncva@...>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 14:41
Subject: NCVA -- First Voice Trasmision Without the HTML

> On the 23rd of December in 1900, Reginald Fessenden, while working for
the
> U./S. Weather Bureau on Cobb Island in Maryland became successful with
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> first known voice over radio transmission...
> Indeed the FIRST word spoken and received one mile away on that cold and
> snowy day was " HELLO "...
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> The complete transmission went something like this;
> "Hello test, one, two, three, four. Is it snowing where you are, Mr.
> Thiessen? If it is, telegraph back and let me know."
> Thus the very first success at radio voice communications... It WAS
snowing
> where Mr. Thiessen was located and he did telegraph back with the right
> answer...
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> Listen to what it sounded like with this reproduction, produced by John
> Belrose VE2CV
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> http://www.eht.com/oldradio/history/outline/Fess-voc.aif
>
> Regards,
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327. RE: [WestMichiganHams] QSL Card Postage

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-22 02:01:22 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 292 Message: 327

My experience with IRC:

I will visit two post offices for these IRCs. At both they know me and will more or less start searching for the IRC when I hit the window. I keep a rough inventory in my head and right now I know that the Hesperia post office is out of stock while the Fremont post office has more than enough of the $1.75 model IRC. I will also gently remind the clerk of the steps required to get a good IRC into my envelope.

The postmaster will order the IRCs for you if you request this service. They want to sell them and it is not a problem to get them to cooperate. Also they do not mind keeping these IRCs in stock for your random use. They do not go stale nor are a problem for their book keeping system. Before you purchase your first IRC I suggest you drop me a note and I'll give you the two cent directions to make sure you get the right product properly endorsed. You can find a clerk who will sell you an IRC which won't do your DX friend much good on the other end. It is three easy steps and the clerk will do a little search on the computer screen.

Yes, they are a different animal but so is our hobby. And I need to take in some representative QSL cards to share with the clerks who will sell me these IRCs and postage to Romania or wherever. They don't know how valuable an IRC really becomes or why I ask for so many of them at times.

Bill

328. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: NCVA -- First Voice Trasmision

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-22 03:03:16 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 326 Message: 328

Cool!

Fessenden, like Tesla, is one of the many pioneers of radio that the history books only touched on.

Their contributions were 'assumed' by others more notable in our elementary teachings.

Thanks and 73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Dennis Harriss" <n8ctt@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 7:13 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: NCVA -- First Voice Trasmision

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329. Logging Software?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-22 13:03:48 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 292 Message: 329

Which logging software? The club and several hams around here use the stuff found at www.n3fjp.com <http://www.n3fjp.com/>

330. Mi.proud

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-22 13:17:29 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 330 Message: 330

I have this tracking soft ware for some time.Tried Nova for windows demo I like orbitron better.Go to the orbitron web site (www.stoff.pl/).Click here to see postcard list,findpostcard,-My call sign--KD8CBJ,click on id photo

73 KD8CBJ A.K.A. paul

331. Support Peter 1!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-22 16:11:33 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 331 Message: 331

Anyone that wants to support the Peter 1 DX pedition please go to this part of their web site:

www.peterone.com/p1store.html

73,

Mark K8MHZ

332. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Mi.proud

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-23 02:18:50 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 330 Message: 332

I downloaded and tried it. I still like SatScape. It is also free. I find it easier to use.

----- Original Message -----
From: "paul" <KD8CBJ@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 8:17 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Mi.proud

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333. Claimed:Rack mount equipment desk

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-23 13:41:22 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 314 Message: 333

The rack desk previously offered has been claimed and taken to a good home.
One thing pointed out to me is I should have mentioned where "the shop"
is. Location is between Grand Rapids and Ada.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from jamelar@... ---------
Date: Tue, 21 Feb 2006 10:45:58 -0500
From: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
Reply-To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Rack mount equipment desk
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, kc-arpsc@...

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334. gel cell float charger project

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-24 04:52:44 UTC
From: kc8pcj_1
Topic: 334 Message: 334

This looks like a pretty simple charger, to maintain you 12v gel cells
that most of us use. I am going take a crack at building one.

http://www.qsl.net/wb3gck/charger.htm

335. Re: [WestMichiganHams] gel cell float charger project

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-24 14:26:46 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 334 Message: 335

That may well work fine as a float charger, but once you've actually used the battery and need to put a lot back into it, this thing isn't going to do the job.

I took advantage of a Meijer sale on battery chargers combined with an extra 15% discount either for using my Meijer card or for being an "oldie" and bought a "Vector" VEC1089A microprocessor-controlled charger that has settings for 2A/10A/15A charge rates and also for Wet/Gel/AGM battery types. I use this to maintain my 115AH deep-cycle battery (approx. $65 from Sam's Club). Once the battery is fully charged, the charger cuts off altogether but kicks in again when the voltage falls off.

Alan NV8A

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336. Re: [WestMichiganHams] gel cell float charger project

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-24 15:35:54 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 334 Message: 336

Hi All,

My research indicates that a power supply is the way to go, but may need some mods.

First, you never know if float chargers are really what they say. If they have a voltage higher than 13.5 with no load they will burn up batteries. I have seen batteries brought to 16 volts with just a few milliamps, so I don't trust them.

On the other hand, I have a 25 amp regulated PS that went soft and only puts out about 9 amps. The voltage reg still works, though. I just set it at 13.8 and connect my batteries across it. When the power goes out, instant battery power. I can leave the PS on all the time and it never overcharges the batteries. Also, when the batteries start to deplete and I do have power, I get 9 amps of battery charging current without having to do anything.

Some PSs don't like batteries hooked up to them. If so, a diode rated at the max output of the supply should be connected. A cheap way is to use a couple leads of a heavy duty bridge rectifier.

If you want to back up your back up, or don't use the shack for long periods of time, connect a 2 amp charger to the battery set controlled by a timer. Check your voltages for a few days and adjust the voltage by using the timer. Back off on the time as it approaches over-charging. To be safe, even float chargers should have timers and allow the batteries to rest for a couple hours each day.

I found that the batterys seem to have more punch if they are kept at 13.5 volts all the time. I don't know why, but they seemed weaker (they are pulls from my cars) if I charged them up with a charger and cycled them.

The ideal set-up will operate just like a UPS. The radios shouldn't know that mains power was lost. Also, a means to keep the batteries charged should be included in the design. I am working on some adaptors that will enable a 120 V extension cord to be used as 12 volt jumper cables. The voltage drop through the extension cord will be at maximum while charging hard, and will level out as the internal resistance of the batteries decrease. Resistance in an extension cord will only slow down the process, not make it impossible. In short, it is possible to use a 100 foot extension cord to charge 12 volt batteries. It will just take longer than using 10 feet of 1/0 welding cable.

Want to get fancy (not really needed)? Keep the voltage drop at bay by using an inverter. Now our current is 1/10th that at 12 V and a 100 foot long extension cord is no big deal, right. Do the math. Look at the

decrease in effeciency by using an inverter and a charger to shuttle current from your car to those batteries. Better to have just used the extension cord.

Also, perhaps the most important, is circuit protection. Use fuses in any conductor that carries a load. Having multiple power supplies and high current batteries are fire hazards of an extent most do not realize. 12 volts can start a fire using 10 amps or less. Realize that when you are using a battery back up system, the batteries are both loads and supplies and have to be treated as such. There should be fuses at each charging point and in the leads coming off the batteries. If you are using a battery case, do NOT put the fuses in the case. Hydrogen is produced by charging batteries and a spark from a fuse that just blew could ignite the hydrogen. If fuses are needed in the cases, make sure they sealed. Glass fuses are safer than plastic ones as far as ignition goes.

Have fun and 73,

Mark

----- Original Message -----
From: "Alan NV8A" <nv8a@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 9:26 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] gel cell float charger project

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338. Re: [WestMichiganHams] gel cell float charger project

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-24 16:25:53 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 334 Message: 338

I have it sitting on a shelf not far from the radio and about 20ft or so
below the fed end (via an Icom AH-4 autotuner) of the wire antenna, and
I can't hear anything I can attribute to the charger. I do have RF
chokes on both input and output leads.

The "Vector" 350W DC/AC inverter is a different story, but I can shift
its frequency by altering the load on it.

Alan NV8A

On 02/24/06 09:45 am Al Pepping wrote:

> Regarding the Vector 1089A charger, I note it uses "high frequency
> technology" which I interpret as switching supply technology. Have you
> used it in proximity to any receivers or note any RF hash with the unit???

339. Re: [WestMichiganHams] gel cell float charger project

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-24 21:57:07 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 334 Message: 339

QSL on the fire hazard. I overcharged a small 12-volt sealed lead-acid battery and came close to starting a fire with it.

Lots of Hydrogen smell in the basement.

----- Original Message -----
From: "K8MHZ" <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 10:35 AM
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340. Re: [WestMichiganHams] gel cell float charger project

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-24 22:08:30 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 334 Message: 340

I am embarrased to say that I learned by experience.

I was using a jump pack and charging it with a charger. Something in the pack shorted out and it caught fire.

Now I know why it is a code requirment to interconnect all the fire alarms. When I came in the house I heard the smoke detector in the basement going off and went and put the fire out.

"I wondered what that beeping was." said the YL. Had it been loud enough to hurt I may have heard it outside and saved some equipment.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

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From: "Andrew Young" <ayoung@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 4:57 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] gel cell float charger project

> QSL on the fire hazard. I overcharged a small 12-volt sealed lead-acid
> battery and came close to starting a fire with it.
>
> Lots of Hydrogen smell in the basement.
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> From: "K8MHZ" <k8mhz@...>
> To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 10:35 AM
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] gel cell float charger project
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>> Hi All,
>>
>> My research indicates that a power supply is the way to go, but may need
>> some mods.
>>
>> First, you never know if float chargers are really what they say. If
>> they
>> have a voltage higher than 13.5 with no load they will burn up batteries.
>> I have seen batteries brought to 16 volts with just a few milliamps, so I
>> don't trust them.
>>

>> On the other hand, I have a 25 amp regulated PS that went soft and only
> puts
>> out about 9 amps. The voltage reg still works, though. I just set it at
>> 13.8 and connect my batteries across it. When the power goes out,
>> instant
>> battery power. I can leave the PS on all the time and it never
> overcharges
>> the batteries. Also, when the batteries start to deplete and I do have
>> power, I get 9 amps of battery charging current without having to do
>> anything.
>>
>> Some PSs don't like batteries hooked up to them. If so, a diode rated at
>> the max output of the supply should be connected. A cheap way is to use
>> a
>> couple leads of a heavy duty bridge rectifier.
>>
>> If you want to back up your back up, or don't use the shack for long
> periods
>> of time, connect a 2 amp charger to the battery set controlled by a
>> timer.
>> Check your voltages for a few days and adjust the voltage by using the
>> timer. Back off on the time as it approaches over-charging. To be safe,
>> even float chargers should have timers and allow the batteries to rest
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-24 23:37:07 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 334 Message: 341
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I use a charger by A&A Engineering. http://www.a-aengineering.com/

From their site:

This is a low RF noise linear (not a switching) charger, well suited for radio use. Ham Radio Operators have used this charger in many applications. Both standard (everyday) use or in emergency backup power applications. A 5 Amp Smart Charger, in conjunction with a deep cycle battery, provides the power for many Ham Radio Stations. If switching regulated power supplies are a problem, consider this method of powering your RIG(s).

73

Tim KC8MSE

342. Re: [WestMichiganHams] gel cell float charger project

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-25 03:08:25 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 334 Message: 342

True but I have 5 smaller Gel cells that I use with my HT in a belt pack. Must of the time the are not being use. This should maintain them better than a rapid charge because they sat to long. I have a larger automatic charger for the bigger batteries. That charger at Meijers does sound like a very useful charger though. Is that something they have on the shelf know?
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343. Fw: The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 08 (Feb 24, 2006)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-25 04:59:19 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 343 Message: 343

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From: "ARRL Letter Mailing List" <letter-dlvy@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 6:04 PM
Subject: The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 08 (Feb 24, 2006)

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> The ARRL Letter
> Vol. 25, No. 08
> February 24, 2006
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> IN THIS EDITION:
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> * +ARRL wants FCC to order halt to BPL database access limits
> * +Regulation-by-bandwidth petition "a reasonable middle ground," League
> says
> * +Space station commander educates, inspires via ham radio
> * +SuitSat-1 now QRT
> * +New ARRL Section Managers start April 1 in four sections
> * +Revised ITU recommendation on ham radio in disasters in effect
> * +Lifetime licenses established for hams in Great Britain
> * Solar Update
> * IN BRIEF:
> This weekend on the radio: The North American QSO Party (RTTY)!
> ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration
> +3Y0X DXpedition logs more than 87,000 contacts
> Dayton Hamvention? announces theme for 2006 show
> Revised, corrected Element 2 question pool released
> DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit
> Correction
>
> +Available on ARRL Audio News <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/audio/>
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> ==========================================================
> ==>Delivery problems (ARRL member direct delivery only!):
> letter-dlvy@...
> ==>Editorial questions or comments: Rick Lindquist, N1RL, n1rl@...
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> ==>LEAGUE TO FCC: ORDER AN END TO ARBITRARY ACCESS LIMITS TO BPL DATABASE
>
> The ARRL has demanded that the FCC order the United Telecom Council (UTC)
> to
> "cease its arbitrary limits" on access to the public BPL Interference
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> Resolution Web site <http://www.bpldatabase.org/>. UTC administers the
> site,
> which FCC Part 15 rules require to be "publicly available." In a complaint
> <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/files/BPL-Database-Access-Complaint-0
> 2-06.pdf> filed February 23 with the FCC Office of Engineering and
> Technology, the FCC Enforcement Bureau and UTC, the League charged UTC
> with
> "arbitrarily and unlawfully" preventing some individuals and
> organizations--including ARRL--from utilizing the BPL database.
>
> "Quite simply, UTC's 'management' of this database has in a very short
> time
> proven a shambles," ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, wrote on the
> League's behalf. "The Commission has taken no action in response to any
> BPL
> interference complaints, but UTC's restricting access to the database is
> directly and overtly contrary to the specific language of both the Report
> and Order (R&O) and ?15.615 of the Commission's rules."
>
> According to the complaint, ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, found himself
> locked out of the BPL database February 14 after attempting to search a
> particular ZIP code. An "error" message warned: "The System has determined
> that this line of searching constitues [sic] unauthorized use of the
> database. Cease operations immediately."
>
> "There was no unauthorized use of the database," Imlay said, adding that
> an
> ARRL staff member got the same message after trying to search two ZIP
> codes
> from an "arrl.org" domain address. "It was apparent thereafter that anyone
> using an 'arrl.org' domain name was unilaterally shut out of the database
> by
> UTC for an indeterminate amount of time," the complaint continued.
>
> Imlay also cited the experience of Gary Zabriskie, N7ARE, the secretary of
> the Dixie Amateur Radio Club in Utah. On February 15, he attempted a
> search
> covering several ZIP codes in his club's membership area to report any BPL
> trials or rollouts to members. After entering the third ZIP code, he
> received the same "error" message. The next week, Imlay noted, a member of
> the ARRL Laboratory staff conducted a series of searches to determine if
> previously noted discrepancies in the database had been corrected. After
> entering his seventh ZIP code search, he received a message indicating
> that
> he had exceeded his search limit, "though you may try again later," it
> added.
>
> A advisory on the BPL Interference Resolution Web Site page states:
> "Access
> via scripted or automated programs is prohibited. Each individual is

> allowed
> to search a limited number of times. Individuals are advised not to
> conduct
> random searches of the database, or their access to the database may be
> further restricted."
>
> "The limits placed unilaterally and apparently variably on searches of the
> database are each and all improper," the ARRL complaint asserted. "There
> is
> nothing in any Commission document that authorizes UTC to limit access to
> the database whatsoever. Worse, UTC has decided to limit public access
> arbitrarily by IP address or by domain name, and apparently as few as
> three
> ZIP code searches trigger the cutoff mechanism." The League said there is
> no
> technical reason to limit the search function.
>
> The League maintains that the design of the database and the restricted
> access are "clearly intended to frustrate the Commission's purpose" in
> requiring the database in the first place and "to inhibit complaints of
> interference" from BPL systems. As a result, the ARRL says, the FCC should
> immediately rescind UTC's appointment as the BPL database administrator or
> order UTC to end its arbitrary limits on access to the database.
>
> ==>REGULATION-BY-BANDWIDTH PETITION "A REASONABLE MIDDLE GROUND," LEAGUE
> SAYS
>
> The ARRL says its Petition for Rule Making (RM-11306) to regulate the
> amateur bands by necessary bandwidth rather than by mode represents "a
> reasonable middle ground in a difficult regulatory area." In reply
> comments
> filed with the FCC February 21, the League said it was gratified to see
> more
> than 900 commenters responded to the admittedly "controversial" petition
> and
> noted that many "show the investment of a good deal of thought about the
> proposal." ARRL said it would have been concerned if the amateur community
> had not responded with a loud voice on all facets of the League's
> regulation-by-bandwidth proposal.
>
> "ARRL continues to believe that its petition is a measured response to
> progress in digital telecommunications technology and successfully
> balances
> the interests of all, regardless of which of the polarized opinions in
> this
> proceeding, if any, constitutes a 'majority' view," the League's reply
> comments said. "To the extent that the success of this philosophy
> necessitates the participation and cooperation of all amateurs in the
> development of, and increased reliance on, modernized voluntary band
> plans,

> ARRL is optimistic that such participation and cooperation will be
> available" as it has in past "transitional phases" in Amateur Radio's
> history.
>
> The ARRL is asking the FCC to replace the table at ?97.305(c) with a new
> one
> that segments bands by necessary bandwidths ranging from 200 Hz to 100
> kHz.
> Unaffected by the ARRL's recommendations, if they're adopted, would be 160
> and 60 meters. Other bands below 29 MHz would be segmented into subbands
> allowing maximum emission bandwidths of 200 Hz, 500 Hz or 3.5 kHz, with an
> exception for AM phone.
>
> The ARRL says the changes it's proposing constitute a balance "between the
> need to encourage wider bandwidth, faster digital communications and the
> need to reasonably accommodate all users in crowded bands."
>
> The League's reply comments countered criticism that its petition
> represents
> "overregulation wrapped in a different cloak," that increased
> reliance--and
> confidence--in the ability of voluntary band plans to substitute for
> subband
> regulation by emission mode is misplaced, or that the ARRL's proposal
> caters
> to a small minority of digital enthusiasts and experimenters. Many of
> those
> who commented expressed a desire to leave things as they are, some because
> they feel the advent of digital technology may threaten their favorite
> mode.
>
> "They are comfortable with the status quo, because the current regulations
> are not encouraging toward digital modes and, therefore, the current
> regulatory scheme, they feel, 'protects' them," the League said. "The
> comfort level with the status quo is high for these licensees, and they
> have
> not hesitated to tell the Commission so."
>
> The League emphasized, "All should be accommodated by the regulatory
> structure of amateur subbands, and technology changes demand regulatory
> changes in this instance." Its plan, the League said, "attempts to segment
> emission modes of similar bandwidths in a manner that accommodates the
> varied needs and interests of all, while insuring compatibility by
> grouping
> like-bandwidth emissions together."
>
> Citing repeated efforts to gather input from the Amateur Radio community
> at
> large and from its members since its regulation-by-bandwidth concept was
> first aired in 2002, the League called the petition "the most thoroughly

> vetted regulatory proposal" it's ever developed.
>
> "The ARRL petition does not favor one mode at the expense of another," the
> League reiterated in concluding its reply comments. "It merely allows
> expansion of the repertoire of options that amateurs may pursue
> compatibly."
>
> The ARRL petition is available on the FCC Web site
> <http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_docume
> nt=6518181567>. The League's reply comments are on the ARRL Web site
> <http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/bandwidth/Bandwidth-Petition-Reply-
> Comments-2-6.pdf>.
>
> ==>NO LOLLIES ON SPACE STATION, COMMANDER TELLS YOUNGSTERS IN SPACE QSO
>
> International Space Station Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR,
> this month educated and inspired youngsters in Florida and the Australian
> outback during separate Amateur Radio contacts. McArthur spoke from NA1SS
> with youngsters attending Collier County, Florida, public schools on
> February 8, and at the Charleville Cosmos Centre in Queensland on February
> 17. The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program
> arranged both events. Students at Florida's Pine Ridge and Immokalee
> middle
> schools posed several questions on the subject of robotics aboard the ISS,
> and McArthur discussed use of the space station's robotic arm, Canadarm 2.
>
> "We use the robotic arm only occasionally onboard the ISS," McArthur
> explained. "It's used to either relocate people or equipment on the
> outside,
> which happens only occasionally. Also, we will sometimes use the cameras
> installed on the robotic arm to do video surveys of the exterior of the
> station."
>
> McArthur told the students that it took extensive training to learn how to
> properly manipulate the Canadarm 2, used mostly to move equipment and
> cargo
> that's too large for the astronauts to handle during space walks.
>
> Twice during the contact, McArthur offered some words of inspiration and
> encouragement to those contemplating careers as astronauts. "Do not be
> afraid to follow your dreams," he advised. "Reach high, because even if
> you
> fall a little bit short you will have accomplished so much more than if
> you're afraid to even try."
>
> Members of the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida (ARASWF) set
> up and operated the equipment necessary for the direct VHF contact between
> NA1SS and K4YHB at Pine Ridge Middle School, a NASA Explorer School.
> Coordinating Teacher Sharon Lea, who once met McArthur, took a moment at
> the

> end of the QSO to express gratitude on behalf of the schools for making
> the
> contact possible. "This was a wonderful experience for us all," she said.
>
> Some 150 school officials, teachers, parents and students were on hand,
> and
> two TV stations, a local radio station and the Naples Daily News reported
> on
> the space contact.
>
> Nine days later, youngsters attending the Charleville School of Distance
> Education gathered at the Cosmos Centre in the Australian outback to hook
> up
> with McArthur via ham radio and a Verizon Conferencing teleconferencing
> link
> from WH6PN at Sacred Hearts Academy in Honolulu to the Queensland
> facility.
>
> McArthur told the students that he's been an astronaut for 15 years, and
> his
> duty tour aboard the ISS marked his fourth flight into space. "Prior to
> this, my longest mission was 14 days--two weeks," McArthur responded to
> one
> question, noting that he enjoyed being in space very much. "This one will
> be
> a little more than a half-year, and, to me, it's the difference between
> visiting a wonderful place and living there."
>
> Looking ahead to longer-duration space flights, one student wanted to know
> how long it would take to get to Mars. "It would take somewhere between
> six
> and nine months depending on the technology used and also depending on how
> the planets are aligned," McArthur replied.
>
> "Do you eat chocolate bars and lollies?" another student wanted to know.
> "Well, we have no lollies," McArthur answered, "but that's only because
> Valeri [Tokarev] and I didn't ask for them. Yes, we do have chocolate
> bars,
> chocolate candy, other candy, and if a crew wanted lollies they could ask
> for them, and they would have them up here."
>
> Beyond that, McArthur said, the cuisine aboard the ISS largely consisted
> of
> foods familiar on Earth, although all meals come already prepared and
> usually dehydrated.
>
> The school waited nearly two years for its contact to be scheduled, and
> just
> 12 hours before the event a thunderstorm knocked out telephone service
> throughout the town. Earth station operator and ARISS veteran Tony

> Hutchison, VK5ZAI, said a repair crew managed to get the telephone system
> back up with only two hours to spare.
>
> National TV and radio and local media joined the audience on hand to
> report
> on the contact. The Charleville Cosmos Center is an observatory in outback
> Queensland some 800 km west of Brisbane.
>
> ARISS <http://www.rac.ca/ariss> is an international educational outreach
> with US participation from ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.
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> ==>ARISS MAKES IT OFFICIAL: "TREMENDOUSLY SUCCESSFUL" SUITSAT-1 IS SK
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> SuitSat-1 is now a confirmed "Silent Key." So says its sponsor, the
> Amateur
> Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program. In operation for
> more than two weeks, SuitSat-1--designated AO-54--easily outlasted initial
> predictions that it would transmit for about one week. ARISS International
> Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, says the mission captured imaginations
> around
> the world, despite a much-lower-than-expected signal strength.
>
> "The outreach, press requests and visibility of SuitSat were absolutely
> amazing and appear to be unprecedented for a ham radio event," Bauer said.
> "While the press requests are just now starting to wane, we expect that
> you
> will continue to see SuitSat status reports and pictures in magazines, Web
> sites and other literature over the next few months." The more than nine
> million hits at the SuitSat Web site attest to the level of interest in
> the
> SuitSat-1 experiment, Bauer noted, calling the tally "quite impressive
> indeed!"
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> Bob King, VE6BLD, in Alberta posted the last confirmed reception of
> SuitSat-1's voice audio, Saturday, February 18, at 0332 UTC. Richard Crow,
> N2SPI, in New York received the last confirmed telemetry, which indicated
> the battery voltage dropping precipitously to a low of 18.3 V before the
> novel satellite ceased to transmit.
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> Hearing SuitSat-1's puny signal strength generally required gain antennas,
> but Bauer says he heard SuitSat with a 3-element Arrow antenna and a
> handheld radio. Bauer's daughter Michelle recorded the English-language
> voice identification. Another challenge to signal reception, he said, was
> the very deep fading due to the suit's rotation in orbit.
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> "One great positive that came from these issues is that it challenged the
> ham radio community worldwide to improve their station receive
> capabilities
> so that they could pull every bit of signal from SuitSat," Bauer remarked.
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> Bauer says reports that SuitSat-1 was non-operational and that the battery
> was frozen shortly after deployment are false. "This never occurred," he
> stressed. "As the telemetry has shown, temperatures within the suit were a
> somewhat comfortable 12-16 degrees C during the entire mission."
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> So, he adds, is the tale of SuitSat-1's early demise and resurrection. "It
> was alive and operated flawlessly, except the signal strength issue, from
> the time the crew flipped the switches until the battery power was used
> up,"
> he said.
>
> Bauer says he's also not ready to buy into an AMSAT calculation that the
> transmitter may have been putting out between 1 and 10 mW. "It is entirely
> possible that the radio output could have been at 500 mW, and the feed
> line,
> connector or the antenna caused the problem," he said, adding that the
> SuitSat team has only just begun studying what might have caused the weak
> signal.
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> The AMSAT/ARISS team already is looking forward to a SuitSat-2.
> "Correcting
> the signal strength issue would be a top priority for this flight," Bauer
> said. "So would be a longer-term power generation device, like solar
> arrays."
>
> Although no longer transmitting, SuitSat-1 could continue orbiting Earth
> for
> another 70 to 120 days, depending on atmospheric drag, Bauer said.
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> More information on the SuitSat-1 project, including QSL information, is
> available on the AMSAT Web site <http://www.amsat.org/> and on the SuitSat
> Web site <http://www.suitsat.org/>.
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> ==>VIRGINIA MEMBERS ELECT NEW SECTION MANAGER IN CONTESTED RACE
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> In the only contested Section Manager race this winter, Glen Sage, W4GHS,
> outpolled incumbent Virginia SM Carl Clements, W4CAC, 720 to 656. Ballots
> were counted February 21 at ARRL Headquarters. Clements has served as
> Virginia's SM since May 2001.
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> Sage, who lives in Hillsville, has been licensed since 1976 and has a
> strong
> interest in--and commitment to--emergency communication, teaching
> licensing
> classes and serving as a volunteer examiner.
>
> Three other ARRL sections are getting new SMs. In North Carolina, Tim
> Slay,
> N4IB, of Mooresville, was the only candidate to succeed John Covington,
> W4CC, who decided not to run for another term after serving for six years.

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> Bob Schneider, AH6J, of Keaau, Hawaii, will return to the Pacific SM post
> when he takes over the reins from Kevin Bogan, AH6QO, who did not seek a
> new
> term. Schneider has served three separate, earlier terms as Pacific SM,
> beginning in 1992.
>
> Tuck Miller, NZ6T, will once again become San Diego SM, a post he'd held
> previously for nearly two terms. Incumbent Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ, decided
> not
> to run again.
>
> Four incumbent ARRL SMs faced no opposition and were declared re-elected.
> They are Pete Cecere, N2YJZ, Eastern New York; Eric Olena, WB3FPL, Eastern
> Pennsylvania; Mickey Cox, K5MC, Louisiana, and Richard Beebe, N0PV, South
> Dakota.
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> New two-year terms for all successful candidates begin April 1.
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> ==>REVISED ITU RECOMMENDATION ON USE OF AMATEUR RADIO IN DISASTERS IN
> EFFECT
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> A revised International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecommunication
> Development Sector (ITU-D) Recommendation is now in force to promote
> "effective utilization of the amateur services in disaster mitigation and
> relief operations." Initially developed in 2001, the document, known as
> Recommendation ITU-D 13, was brought up to date last year through the
> efforts of an ITU-D study group and circulated to administrations around
> the
> globe for adoption.
>
> "This is an updated version of a Recommendation that administrations
> include
> the amateur services in their national disaster plans, reduce barriers to
> effective use of the amateur services for disaster communications, and
> develop memoranda of understanding with amateur and disaster relief
> organizations," explained ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. ITU-D 13 further
> advises cooperation among all parties in making available model agreements
> and "best practices" in disaster telecommunications.
>
> The revised Recommendation takes into account changes adopted at World
> Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-03) to Article 25 of the
> international Radio Regulations. One change provides that Amateur Radio
> stations may be used to transmit international communications on behalf of
> third parties in case of emergencies or for disaster relief. Another
> encourages administrations "to take the necessary steps to allow amateur
> stations to prepare for and meet communication needs in support of
> disaster
> relief." The FCC recently adopted changes to its Part 97 Amateur Service
> rules to reflect these and other WRC-03 actions.

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> The revised Recommendation ITU-D 13 recognizes that effective Amateur
> Radio
> disaster communication depends "largely on the availability of amateur
> operators located throughout a country," and that post-disaster
> international humanitarian assistance "often includes the provision of
> amateur operators and of equipment from an assisting country."
>
> It further acknowledges that barriers in terms of gaining permission to
> operate and to move equipment and operators into a disaster zone "in many
> cases hindered the full use of telecommunications capabilities available
> from outside an affected country."
>
> "The Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunications Resources
> for
> Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations," adopted in 1998 by the
> Intergovernmental Conference on Emergency Telecommunications in Tampere,
> Finland, established a framework for the reduction and/or removal of such
> barriers. Revised in 2003, ITU-Radiocommunication Sector Recommendation
> M.1042-2, "Disaster Communications in the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite
> Services," encouraged "the development of such services and of making such
> networks robust, flexible and independent of other telecommunication
> services and capable of operating from emergency power."
>
> The revised Recommendation ITU-D 13 is expected to be available soon--in
> several languages and in MS-Word and PDF formats--from the ITU Web site
> <http://www.itu.int>.
>
> ==>GREAT BRITAIN TO INSTITUTE LIFETIME AMATEUR RADIO LICENSES
>
> Telecommunications regulator Ofcom has unveiled plans to reform Amateur
> Radio licensing in Great Britain. The main change is that Amateur Radio
> licenses will be issued for life, although licensees will have to confirm
> their license details every five years. The Radio Society of Great Britain
> (RSGB) says it welcomes the Amateur Radio licensing reforms.
>
> "The RSGB are reasonably comfortable with Ofcom's recent announcement,"
> RSGB
> General Manager Peter Kirby, G0TWW, told ARRL. "We never had an argument
> with electronic delivery. We had a big argument with regards to a
> 'lifetime'
> license with no checks and balances. Our concerns have been satisfied
> inasmuch as it is a lifetime license that has to be effectively renewed
> every five years or it lapses."
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> Paper licenses are going away too, for all intents and purposes, and Ofcom
> instead will provide an on-line service to issue electronic licenses.
> Hard-copy licenses will remain available for those lacking Internet
> access,
> but there will be an administrative charge. Starting October 1, Ofcom will

> take over from the Royal Mail the role of issuing, renewing and amending
> Amateur Radio licenses.
>
> The RSGB's Kirby notes that while Ofcom announced it was deregulating the
> Amateur Radio license, the RSGB is quick to point out that the changes to
> the licensing system "do not add up to deregulation" of ham radio. "Ofcom
> continue to shoot themselves in the foot with the liberal use of the word
> 'deregulate'," Kirby said. "Every time it appears they get deluged with
> letters from angry hams and Members of Parliament, and even our Patron,
> the
> Duke of Edinburgh, has taken them to task in recent months."
>
> The RSGB last year went on record as being "strongly opposed" to any steps
> by Ofcom to deregulate Amateur Radio in Great Britain, fearing that it
> could
> lead to the elimination of amateur licensing altogether. "There is no
> doubt
> that the RSGB's robust stand last year influenced Ofcom's change of mind
> in
> a number of areas," Kirby said. "However, these are early days yet, and I
> have serious doubts that they will be able to provide the electronic
> option
> in the time scale they have laid down."
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> Ofcom said its new approach to Amateur Radio licensing will "reduce
> unnecessary bureaucracy." Additional details are on the Ofcom Web site
> <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/aradio/statement/>.
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> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
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> Sol Man Tad "Who Let the Spots Out?" Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington,
> reports: More zeroes! A string of zero-sunspot days reappeared this
> week--a
> pattern we'll likely see repeated over the next year, but for longer
> periods. Average daily sunspot numbers compared to last week dropped by
> nearly two points to 7.1. On February 20 and 21 a gust of solar wind hit
> Earth, causing a moderate rise in geomagnetic indices and visible aurora
> way
> up north. A small coronal hole on our sun's equator was the source.
>
> Over the next week don't expect sunspot numbers to rise. A solar wind from
> a
> coronal hole is expected to cause unsettled conditions for Friday and
> Saturday, February 24-25. Geophysical Institute Prague expects unsettled
> conditions for February 24, quiet to unsettled on February 25, quiet
> February 26-27, and quiet to unsettled on February 28-March 2.
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> Sunspot numbers for February 16 through 22 were 27, 23, 0, 0, 0, 0 and 0,
> with a mean of 7.1. 10.7 cm flux was 79.2, 79.2, 78.5, 76.5, 76.2, 75.9,
> and

> 76, with a mean of 77.4. Estimated planetary A indices were 8, 4, 2, 6,
> 20,
> 17 and 12, with a mean of 9.9. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 7, 2,
> 2, 5, 9, 15 and 11, with a mean of 7.3.
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> ==>IN BRIEF:
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> * This weekend on the radio: The North American QSO Party (RTTY), the CQ
> 160-Meter Contest (SSB), the Russian PSK Worldwide Contest, the REF
> Contest
> (SSB), the UBA DX Contest (CW), the Mississippi and North Carolina QSO
> parties, the CZEBRIS Contest, the High Speed Club CW Contest and the CQC
> Winter QSO Party are the weekend of February 25-26. JUST AHEAD: The ARRL
> International DX Contest (SSB), the Wake-Up! QRP Sprint, the Open Ukraine
> RTTY Championship, the DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest are the weekend of
> March 4-5. The ARS Spartan Sprint and the AGCW YL-CW Party are March 7.
> See
> the ARRL Contest Branch page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the
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> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Sunday, March 5, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) Program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002), Amateur Radio
> Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003), Antenna Modeling (EC-004), HF
> Digital Communications (EC-005), VHF/UHF Beyond the Repeater (EC-008) and
> Radio Frequency Propagation (EC-011). Classes begin Friday, March 17. To
> learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page
> <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE Department
> <cce@...>.
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> * 3Y0X DXpedition logs more than 87,000 contacts: This month's 3Y0X
> DXpedition to Peter I Island managed to put 87,034 contacts into its
> logbook
> during two weeks of operation before it shut down February 19 at 1813 UTC.
> The lucky last contact was with K8LTG. The 3Y0X DXpedition surpassed the
> 82,000 QSOs achieved by A52A (Bhutan), but it fell a bit short of the
> 96,000
> contacts logged by K1B (Baker Island). The 22-member 3Y0X team, headed by
> led by Ralph Fedor, K0IR, and Bob Allphin, K4UEE, now is safely aboard its
> ship, the DAP Mares and plans a stop in the South Shetlands on the way
> home.
> Because of its remote location in the Bellinghausen Sea near Antarctica

> and
> the severe weather conditions, Peter I has been activated but rarely and
> remains one of the most-wanted DXCC entities. For additional information,
> visit the Peter I DXpedition Web site <http://www.peterone.com/>.
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> * Dayton Hamvention? announces theme for 2006 show: "Ham Radio is Public
> Service" is the theme for Dayton Hamvention 2006--reflecting the renewed
> awareness by the public of the service Amateur Radio operators provided
> after the Gulf Coast hurricanes and other disasters. In announcing the
> theme, Hamvention 2006 General Chairman Jim Nies, WX8F, said that it
> serves
> to remind the public and the ham radio community that one of the reasons
> ham
> radio exists is to provide communication in emergencies when all else
> fails.
> Several forum sessions are expected to deal with emergency
> communication-related topics, including how Amateur Radio performed after
> the hurricanes wiped out communications in a wide segment of the south.
> For
> more information, visit the Dayton Hamvention Web site
> <http://www.hamvention.org>. More than 25,000 visitors are expected to
> attend the three-day event Friday through Sunday, May 19-21. The ARRL has
> announced that it will present ARRL EXPO 2006 during Hamvention
> <http://www.arrl.org/announce/nc/2006/>.
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> * Revised, corrected Element 2 question pool released: The Question Pool
> Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner
> Coordinators (NCVEC) has announced the release of a revised and corrected
> Element 2 (Technician) question pool. The new Element 2 question pool
> becomes effective for all Technician-class Amateur Radio examinations
> administered on or after July 1, 2006. Changes from the initial Element 2
> question pool include elimination of some questions (T5D06, T6B09 and
> T7A08)
> and rewording of others to increase clarity. "We thank those users who
> reported the errors and made other suggestions for ways to improve the
> product," the committee said. "The QPC reviewed all submissions and
> incorporated the changes that were appropriate." The QPC warned that only
> the Element 2 question pool dated February 6, 2006, is valid. The new
> Element 2 database is available for download from the NCVEC Web site as a
> PDF, MS-Word, Rich Text Format (RTF) or ASCII text file
> <http://www.ncvec.org/ama_news_article.php?id=82>. The QPC says subsequent
> changes will be handled by deletion of the affected question. The QPC
> invites additional input via e-mail <qpcinput@...>.
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> * DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit: The ARRL DXCC Desk has
> approved this operation for DXCC credit: K3LP/KP5 and N3KS/KP5, Desecheo
> Island, December 16-17, 2005. For more information, visit the DXCC Web
> page
> <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>. "DXCC Frequently Asked Questions" can
> answer most questions about the DXCC program. ARRL DX bulletins are

> available on the W1AW DX Bulletins page <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/dx/>.
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> * Correction: The story "Onboard Fires, Safe Grounding Question Topics for
> NA1SS School Contacts" in The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 04 (January 27,
> 2006)
> incorrectly identified Aquebogue Elementary School in Riverhead, New York.
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> * The QTH.net listserver, thanks to volunteers from the Boston Amateur
> Radio
> Club: Visit Mailing Lists@...
> <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/letter-list>. (NOTE: The ARRL
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344. Skywarn Training in Muskegon County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-25 13:31:58 UTC
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
Topic: 344 Message: 344
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345. Re: [WestMichiganHams] gel cell float charger project

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-25 14:07:43 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 334 Message: 345

If you're concerned about a quick charge, then a trickle charger is not what you need. Buy a car battery charger or connect the battery to a regulated 13.8 volt supply, then use the float charger to keep the battery topped off as needed. I use a 6 amp "smart" charger I bought a few years ago at Napa- overpriced at about $45.

I think the voltage regulator in the article cited is probably a good idea, but it's just a voltage regulator. There's really nothing special about it beyond that (except the LED) and I can build the same thing with a large transistor and a Zener diode for higher power. I uploaded a schematic to the files section a few weeks ago.

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> To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 9:26 AM
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] gel cell float charger project
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-25 14:46:40 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 334 Message: 346

If you have a 13.8 PS, why is a float charger needed?

Hysteresis?

My understanding of hysteresis is that, simply, it is used to describe a system that does not react immediately to it's input. Our seasons, for instance. The days are getting longer but the temperature will continue to drop for a while. The lag between the input and the desired reaction is called hysteresis. If the device you describe had hysteresis, it would not start charging for some time after it was initiated to do so. Hysteresis has nothing to do with fuzzy logic. It is more of a pain than a help, especially when designing systems. Hysteresis is also works the opposite way, causing a system to continue producing output after the command to do so was terminated.

I do like the idea of a voltage reg in a charging system. That would prevent overcharging no matter what was used. The quickest way to ruin a battery is to overcharge it.

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-25 15:10:28 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 334 Message: 347

The way I was using the word "hysteresis" was to describe a trait of "on/off" control like a thermostat. The temperature of the room drops for a certain amount before the furnace kicks on, such as one degree below the setting then it would run until the setpoint is reached. Maybe I should have said "deadband?" Unlike the voltage regulator, the furnace would continue to run for a period of time due to the lag in the blower circuit from the accumulated heat in the furnace. I guess that would be the way you define hysteresis.

So- Hysteresis is to infer as deadband is to imply?

I agree with you that 13.8 volts doesn't overheat a car battery, so it should be OK for most 12 volt batteries. Your idea of 13.5 volts or even 13 volts is probably even better if that's not too low for the application.

I think trickle chargers a just a cheap way to maintain a battery that's not used much without buying a nice charger. The power supply is a better idea.

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348. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Skywarn Training in Muskegon County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-25 15:47:02 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 344 Message: 348

Of course for everyone who wants to get it early..

March 2nd is Kent's.. Pre-register at kcraces.net
----- Original Message -----
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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; mcares@yahoogroups.com
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Please see attached announcement. PLease feel free to distribute.
Tom Porritt, N8YJT
Muskegon County AEC for Skywarn

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349. Re: [WestMichiganHams] gel cell float charger project

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-25 16:16:16 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 334 Message: 349

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350. Suit Sat now SK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-25 16:59:22 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 350 Message: 350

ARISS has officially declared Suit Sat SK. It's last transmission was confirmed on Feb 18th.

This was much longer than expected, but we all know that the signal level was much lower than expected.

73 and Godspeed Mr. Smith, RS0RS de K8MHZ

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Date: 2006-02-25 18:10:48 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 334 Message: 351

Much of the Latin actually came from the Greek.

hys?ter?e?sis (h?s?te-r?s?s) noun
plural hys?ter?e?ses (-s?z)
The lagging of an effect behind its cause, as when the change in magnetism of a body lags behind changes in the magnetic field.

[Greek huster?sis, a shortcoming, from husterein, to come late, from husteros, late.]
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354. [Fwd: 2006 MiQP]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-25 21:10:05 UTC
From: jfischer@azulstar.com
Topic: 354 Message: 354
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

---------- Original Message ----------
Subject: 2006 MiQP
From: "NU8Z-MiQP" <NU8Z-MiQP@...>
Date: Sat, February 25, 2006 8:04 am
To: KC8UNY@...

Hello:

I'm sending the following to all the Michigan radio clubs with the hope that you will again help us get the word out about the 2006 Michigan QSO Party that will be held on April 15th from 12 noon to midnight local time. With your help, we can spread the word at the "grass roots" level and assure a great turn out for this year's event.

I ask that you help us spread the word by doing the following:

1. Please announce the event at your March and April club meetings and try to drum up some activity within your club. The MiQP can be a great club activity!

2. Please publish the attached "MIQP press release" and the "MiQP for First-Timers" in your club newsletter. (see Attachment MIQP Press Release.doc and MiQP for First-Timers.doc)

3. Post an announcement of the Michigan QSO Party on your club web page. Please include the link to the MIQP web site. The link is <http://www.miqp.org/> http://www.miqp.org

We thank you in advance for your help. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. <mailto:NU8Z-MiQP@...> NU8Z-MiQP@...

Hope to hear you and members of your club on the air during the QSO party on April 15th.

73 Mark NU8Z

see below press release

2006 Michigan QSO Party

Attention Michigan Hams. Do the low sunspot numbers and worsening HF conditions have you feeling down? Do you find it difficult to conjure up

the energy needed to get on the air and have some fun like in the old days? Do you shy away from participating in ham radio related group activities? If you have any one of, or all of the above symptoms, you may be suffering from Amateur Radio Dysfunction Syndrome, also know as "ARDS".

Fear not! "ARDS" is a condition that can be treated with proper corrective actions. It is a fact that 9 out of 10 doctors agree that the best treatment for "ARDS" is a good dose of "Radio Activity". Doctors also agree that the most efficient delivery method for "ARDS" treatment comes in the form of participation in the 2006 Michigan QSO Party. The number of ARDS patients seeking treatment in the MiQP has been growing every year. Remember, this is a yearly condition, and yearly treatments may be needed. Treatment may be administered in single exposure doses taken in the comfort of your home (Single Op), or when you travel in your car (Mobile). If you are apprehensive about taking the treatment when you are alone, you may be treated within a group session (Multi-op), or as single treatment member of a larger support group like your radio club. Your treatment support group can compete against other ARDS support groups.

Warning! Dosages should not exceed time periods of over 12 hour. Exposure times of less than 12 hours may be appropriate depending on the severity of your condition. Remember, even short exposures to MiQP ARDS treatment will be of benefit to you. If at any time during the MiQP treatment period you experience excessively high "fun" levels, you should consider terminating or reducing the level of treatment. In rare cases excessively high "Fun" levels have been known to last for days after the treatment. If these high levels should persist, see your family doctor.

The Michigan QSO Party ARDS treatment should only be taken as prescribed below.

Date /Time: Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z April 15th until 0400Z April 16th. Stations may operate the full 12 hours. (12 noon to 12 midnight local Michigan time on April 15th)

Modes and Categories: Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, and mobile categories. Single-op entries are categorized by output power, QRP (5W or less), Low Power (100W or less), and High Power (greater than 100W)

Multipliers: Work stations once per band and mode. Work other states and Michigan Stations. MI to MI QSO's are allowed. Work portables and mobiles again as they change county, state or province.

Exchange: Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others).

Scoring: One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Count multipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers.

Freqs: Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3850, 7225, 14250, 21300, 28450.

Log Submittal: Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or via e-mail to <mailto:logs@...> logs@...

More Information: For complete rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, see <http://www.miqp.org/> http://www.miqp.org

All kidding aside, the MiQP is a ton of fun. It has been growing in size every year. We expect this year to be even better! There will be stations on from all 83 counties. Consider making it a club event. This is a great way to get folks on the air. I also ask that you all help spread the word about the 2006 MiQP. Let's all make Michigan "Radio Active" on April 15th!!

73 Mark NU8Z

355. Next Monthly HARC Mini Swap coming up....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-26 04:24:08 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 355 Message: 355

> **DON'T MISS THIS**
>
> HOLLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS SECOND MONTHLY MINI-SWAP.
>
> Bring your items and come join us at our new Technology and Training
> building in downtown Holland. Family and friends all welcome to join
> in for a fun day. Parking available.
>
> Please note, by popular demand, the new earlier start / set up times.
>
> DATE: SAT MARCH 4th 2006 (Talk in : 147.060 94.8pl)
>
> SET UP TIME: SAT 09H30 - 10h00
>
> SWAP TIME: SAT 10h00 to 2.00pm
>
> VENUE: 280 East 8th Street, Holland.
>
> HARC will provide....
> * FREE table space
> * FREE trunk swap parking space
> (weather permitting)
> * FREE parking
> * FREE entry
> * FREE coffee
> * 50/50 Draw
>
> (To offset our new buildings upkeep, donations from sellers /
> visitors would however be very much appreciated!)
>
> YOU need to bring what ever surplus equipment to sell / swap. Last
> month a LOT of equipment changed hands! We look forward to seeing
> everyone there.
>
> ANY QUESTIONS:
> Please contact Ken ZR5AAD/W8
> Cell Ph: (616)726-3929
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> Visit http://www.hollandarc.org for the latest Holland Amateur Radio Club
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356. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Skywarn Training in Muskegon County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-26 18:37:33 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 344 Message: 356

Should we attend the training for the county where we reside, or is that not a big deal? Muskegon is closer than Hudsonville for me.

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: <jtporritt@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>; <mcares@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2006 8:31 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Skywarn Training in Muskegon County

> Please see attached announcement. PLease feel free to distribute.
> Tom Porritt, N8YJT
> Muskegon County AEC for Skywarn
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357. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Skywarn Training in Muskegon County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-26 19:16:24 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 344 Message: 357

The flyer I got says "This is a free class, and anyone with an interest in weather, helping their community, and meeting very interesting people are encouraged to attend."

Feel free to interpret this anyway you want to.

See you there,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Andrew Young" <ayoung@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>;
<MuskegonCountySkywarn@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2006 1:37 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Skywarn Training in Muskegon County

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358. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Skywarn Training in Muskegon County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-26 19:53:53 UTC
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
Topic: 344 Message: 358

Andrew,
The program will probably be the same at either location. You are certainly welcome to attend the Muskegon training. However, there may be certain advantages to attending with the people that you will be working with on a Skywarn Net. As for Muskegon, we generally follow up the "Basic" Skywarn Training with a session we call "Advanced" Skywarn where, in addition to some more practice with understanding storm development, the purpose is to discuss the protocols that will be in place for the coming season. We deal with such questions as when to expect a Skywarn Net and what to do when watches or warnings are issued.
I hope this helps you to make a decision.
Tom Porritt
Muskegon County AEC Skywarn
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--- "Andrew Young" <ayoung@...> wrote:

From: "Andrew Young" <ayoung@...>
Date: Sun, 26 Feb 2006 13:37:33 -0500
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>,
<MuskegonCountySkywarn@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Skywarn Training in Muskegon
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359. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Skywarn Training in Muskegon County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-26 19:40:13 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 344 Message: 359

Andrew and All
It is best to go to your Counties training you live in and spot in. You get a spotter card from the County you go to and Ottawa would be the county you would be spotting in most of the time. If you can not go on the Ottawa night it is OK to go to Muskegon, or like me I go to both. Tom

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360. Boy scout

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-27 12:08:14 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 360 Message: 360

For the boy scout event Sat.March 4,for 2meter are they going to be using the Musk.94 repeater?First sat.of the month is breakfast at Samuels in Fremont 8:00 am.Last month there was a pancake benefit for Fremont Fire at the High school so "the breakfast"was held there.I'm not covered by Fremont fire,but they are local enough for me.

73 KD8CBJ A.K.A. paul

361. Fascinating story about Art Collins

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-27 22:57:42 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 361 Message: 361

http://desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/99999999/FAMOUSIOWANS/602260334

362. Warning Flares

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-27 23:06:36 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 362 Message: 362

I purchased one of these and was impressed so I bought 4 more. They are brand new on the market, so I figured I would share the link.

http://www.keystonegroupusa.com/flarealert/

Scott

363. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Warning Flares

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-27 23:11:48 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 362 Message: 363

I think I saw these at Home Depot

----- Original Message -----
From: "Scott Pawlowski" <srpawski@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 6:06 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Warning Flares

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364. Boy Scout Radio Demonstration

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-28 07:11:16 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 361 Message: 364

All:

There will be an all day radio demonstration for Boy Scouts attending the two county wide Merit Badge Weekend event at Camp Gerber. The camp is on Owasippi Road about a mile east of Russell Road and up north near Big Blue Lake. The ARES MCV will be there with all its assets. Chuck, KC8MDL is heading the "charge" for this event. You can use the '94 repeater for a talk in, directions, and radio demonstration.

Everyone is welcome and all are invited to come out and help demonstrate radio. There will be a Big DX contest running on SSB and we hope to even have a few Scouts looking at radio.

The demonstration could start as early as 8:00 am and run through the afternoon until 5:00. We will use multiple hams so nobody will be "stuck" there for the entire time. Drop by and work the radio for an hour or ten!

73

Bill, AB8SC

365. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Boy Scout Radio Demonstration

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-28 09:14:22 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 361 Message: 365

Matthew, Samuel, and I will be there early on as we will have to leave by about 11am.
Jon AB8RD

Bill Fries <bill_fries@...> wrote:

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366. Radio For Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-02-28 21:29:24 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 366 Message: 366

Looks like a nice radio for sale hear.Give Jim a call.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jt" <n8ctl@...>
To: <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 1:02 PM
Subject: [HARC] For Sale

>I have the following items for sale
> Kenwood TS-520S 10-160 transceiver
> MC-50 Desk Mic
> AT-200 tuner
> VFO-820 ext vfo
> A set of the 3 tubes used in the output (new in box)
> Comes with manual
> Asking $300 or best offer
> Have too many radios
>
> Jim Tibbitts N8CTL
> 616-394-1272
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367. Still no takers?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 00:13:13 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 367 Message: 367
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

No one has even hinted that they know the answer of the call sign of the first person to get a DXCC.

Speaking of hints, here are some. The tower and the bug in these pics were owned by him.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

368. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 00:18:35 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 367 Message: 368

To be fair, he had two call signs.

One is currently not assigned. The other is held by a BIG NAME who also has a FASCINATING background (hint hint)

73

K8MHZ

369. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 01:13:37 UTC
From: Don LaBrenz
Topic: 367 Message: 369

K8MHZ wrote:
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The un-assigned call wouldn't happen to be 1WH, would it ??

Don

370. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 01:41:04 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 367 Message: 370

"The un-assigned call wouldn't happen to be 1WH, would it ??"

No sir. Nice try. Hint: That call is too old. And the unassigned call
can now be had as a vanity call.

Thanks,

73 de mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: "Don LaBrenz" <dlabrenz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 8:13 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

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371. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 01:44:21 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 367 Message: 371

Oh,

Don, here is another hint. The last name of the person that held the call
is the same as a company known among British automotive electricians as 'The
Prince of Darkness'

mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: "Don LaBrenz" <dlabrenz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 8:13 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

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372. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 01:58:57 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 367 Message: 372

I remember seeing this notice in an ARRL Bulletin. I'm looking for this on my computer and at the ARRL site. I did find this interesting tidbit:

ARLB070: DXCC legend Bob White, W1CW, SK

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ARLB070 DXCC legend Bob White, W1CW, SK

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QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 70 ARLB070
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT November 22, 2002
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB070
ARLB070 DXCC legend Bob White, W1CW, SK

Former ARRL Headquarters staff member Robert L. White, W1CW, of Seffner, Florida, died November 22 from complications arising from pneumonia. He was 83.

Known to many as ''Mr DXCC,'' White was the manager of the ARRL's DX Century Club program from 1952 until 1976, establishing the award--and its stringent standards--as Amateur Radio's premier DX achievement. White codified the rules for the DXCC program and oversaw the checking of some 250,000 QSL cards submitted yearly, often working as many as 90 hours a week to ensure that the job got done right. During his tenure at Headquarters, White also oversaw the ARRL QSL Service. He belonged to the ARRL for 62 years and was a Life Member.

''Dad was the guy who made DXCC what it was,'' said White's son, Jim, K4OJ, in a posting to the CQ Contest reflector. ''He didn't cut any corners--everyone was held to the same high standard--and this is what made holding DXCC meaningful.''

Introduced to Amateur Radio in his youth, White was first licensed in 1938. He served as a radio operator in the US Navy during World War II.

White was an avid DXer and CW enthusiast. Active in the First-Class CW Operators' Club, White was also inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 1998.

His wife Ellen, W1YL, and his son Jim, K4OJ, survive him; both are former ARRL staff members. Friends may send condolence messages via

e-mail to w1cw@... <mailto:w1cw@...> or to 6607
Flicker Ct, Seffner, FL
33584. The family invites memorial donations to the W1CW Memorial
Fund-Florida Contest Group, c/o Frederick M Perkins Jr, 3437 Lake
Josephine Dr, Lake Placid FL 33852. Per White's request, there will
be no public service.
NNNN
/EX

373. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 01:59:03 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 367 Message: 373
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Found it:

Legendary DXer Charles Mellen, W1FH, SK

Charlie Mellen, W1FH, in his Boston ham shack . . . and his tower and Yagi, from a 1990 QST article, "W1FH--Role Model," by Ellen White, W1YL.
NEWINGTON, CT, Feb 2, 2006--DXing icon Charles Mellen, W1FH, of W Roxbury, Massachusetts, died January 21. He was 91. In 1947, the ARRL awarded Mellen with the first mixed-mode and phone DXCC certificates ever issued. Mellen's friend (and ARRL Rhode Island Section Manager) Bob Beaudet, W1YRC, says that if Mellen's declining health hadn't intervened in the early 1990s, he would have become the only DXer left to have worked and confirmed all 393 post-World War II DXCC entities.
"The great world of DX is a bit smaller today," said Beaudet, adding that Mellen was "one of the finest role models our DX fraternity has ever produced."
"Charlie personified the perfect model of what we hoped we could some day become as DXers," Beaudet continued. "A truly gentle person, always courteous and decent, he was a modest man who never sought the slightest personal recognition or acclaim. His joy in life beyond working a new entity seemed to be in helping others learn the skills he long before had mastered."
Licensed in 1930, Mellen was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 1994. In addition to being an ARRL member, he also belonged to the First Class CW Operators Club (FOC).
Beaudet notes that Mellen was able to achieve his status as a world-class DXer despite having a "relatively modest setup" compared to others in the same league, such as Don Wallace, W6AM (SK), whose West Coast station boasted an unparalleled antenna farm and a shack full of equipment. Bruce Marshall, K1AJ, says that during the 1940s, 50s and 60s, Mellen was one of the best-known DXers in the US. "He and W6AM were constantly battling for the top of the Honor Roll list," he said.
Beaudet says Mellen was always able to snag the DX with his 75-foot self-supporting tower and 3-element Yagi, but according to those who knew him, Mellen's secret was something he never bragged about but taught by example: Operator skill, and especially knowing how to listen carefully.
"Charlie has been referred to as Elmer's role model," Beaudet said. "He certainly was my mentor and the person to whom I credit any DXing skill I possess."
Survivors include Mellen's wife, Mary, and a daughter. A service was held January24 in Boston. The family has invited memorial contributions to the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England, 514 Parker St, Boston, MA 02120, or to the MSPCA Development Office, 350 S Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02130.--some information from The Daily DX <http://www.dailydx.com/> and

the Boston Globe

374. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 02:04:50 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 367 Message: 374

Nice try, no joy.

In fact, this guy didn't even have a license when the first DXCC was awarded.

Of the two calls, the first is the one that is unassigned. I can't believe that some DXCC buff has not grabbed the first call of the first person to get a DXCC award.

Keep trying!

73,

mhz
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 8:58 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

I remember seeing this notice in an ARRL Bulletin. I'm looking for this on my computer and at the ARRL site. I did find this interesting tidbit:

ARLB070: DXCC legend Bob White, W1CW, SK
SB QST @ ARL $ARLB070ARLB070 DXCC legend Bob White, W1CW, SK ZCZC AG70QST de W1AW ARRL Bulletin 70 ARLB070From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT November 22, 2002To all radio amateurs SB QST ARL ARLB070ARLB070 DXCC legend Bob White, W1CW, SK Former ARRL Headquarters staff member Robert L. White, W1CW, ofSeffner, Florida, died November 22 from complications arising frompneumonia. He was 83. Known to many as ''Mr DXCC,'' White was the manager of the ARRL's DXCentury Club program from 1952 until 1976, establishing theaward--and its stringent standards--as Amateur Radio's premier DXachievement. White codified the rules for the DXCC program andoversaw the checking of some 250,000 QSL cards submitted yearly,often working as many as 90 hours a week to ensure that the job gotdone right. During his tenure at Headquarters, White also oversawthe ARRL QSL Service. He belonged to the ARRL for 62 years and was aLife Member. ''Dad was the guy who made DXCC what it was,'' said White's son, Jim,K4OJ, in a posting to the CQ Contest reflector. ''He didn't cut anycorners--everyone was held to the same high standard--and this iswhat made holding DXCC meaningful.'' Introduced to Amateur Radio in his youth, White was first licensedin 1938. He served as a radio operator in the US Navy during WorldWar II. White was an avid DXer and CW enthusiast. Active in the First-ClassCW Operators' Club, White was also inducted into the CQ DX Hall ofFame in 1998. His wife Ellen, W1YL, and his son Jim, K4OJ, survive him; both areformer ARRL staff members. Friends may send condolence messages viae-mail to w1cw@... or to 6607 Flicker Ct, Seffner, FL33584. The family invites memorial donations to the W1CW MemorialFund-Florida Contest Group, c/o Frederick M Perkins Jr, 3437 LakeJosephine Dr, Lake Placid FL 33852. Per White's request, there willbe no public service.NNNN/EX

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375. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 02:09:12 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 367 Message: 375

And, if you were asking of the first cw DXCC?:

A CW DXCC award was added in January 1975. A mere 6 months later Jesse Bieberman, W3KT, claimed CW DXCC #1.

But I still cannot find what call signs W1FH had. It is not listed on qrz.com

376. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 02:19:25 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 367 Message: 376

In my verbal history Lucas Electrics is the "Prince of Darkness" as they did the electrical stuff on British vehicles. But which ones?

377. DXCC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 02:22:21 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 377 Message: 377

For those of you that don't know, DXCC stands for Distant Exchange Century Club. A person that belongs to the DXCC has proven that he or she has made contacts to 100 or more countries via amateur radio. The contacts must be verified. Until recently the only form of verification has been hard QSL cards. Now the Logbook of the World (LoTW) can be used as well.

If you think of how formidable DXCC is now, consider this. When the first DXCC was awarded, there was no phone (SSB) mode. CW was how it was done. This was a time before the V-8. Telephones were younger than most of it's users. I don't think commercially made ham rigs were even available. Home brew or nothing.

Anyone that has a DXCC knows how much work, luck, time and skill it takes with Internet charts, Yagis on towers, computer logging, contests, etc. One has to appreciate the fact that only a few weeks after the ARRL announced the availability of the DXCC a handful of amateurs had qualified with none of the aforementioned ammenities.

What amazes me is that with all the power of the Internet and it's archives, the call of DXCC #1 evades us.

I, for one, think that the call and it's holder should common knowledge for us hams.

So, give up on the Internet. Hit the BOOKS!

I didn't think this would be so hard.

73,

K8MHZ

378. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 02:22:17 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 367 Message: 378

You da man, Bill!

Hang in there!

mhz
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 9:19 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Still no takers?

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379. Tulip Festival 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 02:32:54 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 379 Message: 379

Hello, it might not feel like Spring Time is just around the corner but it will be here very soon, with Spring's arrival comes the 2006 Tulip Time Festival. As in the past the Amateur Radio Operators and the American Red Cross will be providing support along the parade routes during the three Tulip Time parades.

The first parade is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, which we will need twelve Amateur Radio Operators to work as a Team with two American Red Cross First Aid Responders in covering a one block section of the parade route. Along with two Net Control Operators, we will need a total of fourteen Amateur Radio Operators, during the time frame of approximately noon until 3:30pm.

The second parade is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, which we will need the same number of Amateur Radio Operators as the Wednesday parade, during the same approximate time frame. The rain date for this parade will be Friday, May 12, 2006.

The third, the largest, and the longest parade is schedule for Saturday, May 13, which we will need
twenty-four Amateur Radio Operators to cover a one-block section of the expanded parade route, along with two-three Net Control Operators. Also during this parade we need packet radio stations setup and operating at the Civic Center, Holland High School, and at Net Control.

Also for the Saturday parade, Amateur Radio Operators are needed to assist with parade lineup. This group will be working within their own net, and on a different frequency than the parade route Teams. We need approximately ten operators, six assigned to specific Division Parade Marshals, one to work with the floats, one to assist the TV Crew with their coverage, one to work with the cars, one to work directly with the Grand Marshal, and two Net Control Operators. Adding up the various activities on Saturday, we need approximately forty Amateur Radio Operators just to cover what we currently know needs to be covered.

As one can see, this is large operation in which one Club or Group can not handle on their own. Please we need your help in getting the word out to all area Amateur Radio Operators of this need. Many have done this festival for years and have their favorite spots to serve. If you are willing to serve, and have a favorite spot, please let me know I will to my best to assign you to that specific position. For those that are new to the hobby or those that have sat on the sidelines in the past years, please consider giving it a try. It is fun, and is a great way to brush up on your net operating procedures while providing a highly visible community service.

If your interested in volunteering, please provide me with you full name, call sign, physical limitations or special needs, contact phone number, email address, and any special assignments you would like to cover.

Thank you in advance!

Best regards,

Steve Vander Hill - N8UJD
svanderhill@...

380. Stumped?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 11:45:38 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 380 Message: 380

Geez.

I sure thought someone would have come up with the answer by now.

Here is another hint. The call of the second person to get a DXCC was W1BUX.

I'm sure glad I didn't ask a hard question, like 'what was the first message sent from Taiwan via packet' or something like that.

Good luck

mhz

381. RE: [WestMichiganHams] DXCC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 12:01:19 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 377 Message: 381

A history of DXCC. Interesting reading on the subject of how to determine entities:

http://www.eskimo.com/~oolon/wwdxc/desoto1.htm

382. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Stumped?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 12:41:25 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 380 Message: 382

While I'm not ready to give up I did throw in the towel and shoot an e-mail to HQ. It seems to me that this history should be a little more prominently displayed.

This was a fun exercise in a scavenger hunt on the internet.

Bill, AB8SC

383. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Stumped?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 13:31:51 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 380 Message: 383

As I said, I am stumped and sent a message to HQ. I got a prompt reply which is duplicated here:

Hi Bill:

Thanks for your e-mail and I have given this a lot of thought over the past few years. I started compiling data from old QST's on the pre-war program and, while I have not finished, I have compiled a folder with a lot of both pre-war and post war data. And, you are correct, it is fascinating reading.

Thanks for the "push" and while I have some projects that are of a priority nature I hope some day soon to give you what you want!

Regards

Bill Moore NC1L
DXCC Branch Manager

-----Original Message-----
From: Bill Fries [mailto:bill_fries@...]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 7:41 AM
To: DXCC
Subject: First DXCC?

Sir:

There is Tons of information on the DXCC(r) award on the internet. Most of
it revolves around the "new" award begun after the Second World War.

However, is there any interest in the ancient history of the award? For example who received the very first award? What was it called? How many
awards were presented before amateur radio went silent for the Second World
War? Is there a list of these folks? There seems to be a list of entities
before and of course after the War.

I have found DeSoto's initial thoughts on the subject and they make fascinating reading. But finding information on this award on the internet
has not been a search with much success.

Am I in the minority looking for this history? Could you post a page on this subject and link it to the current award's page?

I thank you for your time to address the above questions.

73

Bill, AB8SC

386. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Stumped?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 17:37:03 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 380 Message: 386

Verrrry Interesting....

Especially since the answer is in not one, but TWO QST magazines. A May and an October issue. It was called DXCC right from the get go.

Happy hunting!

K8MHZ

(Tell Bill to ask Ellen, she knows!)
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 8:31 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Stumped?

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387. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Stumped?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 20:27:22 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 380 Message: 387

I just got a quick note from Jim Weaver, K8JE. He is the head ARRL guy for our area, er, um, Director. He will not divulge the name, either.

A most challenging conundrum.

Bill

388. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Stumped?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 21:54:54 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 380 Message: 388

That's because it was lost to history....until I found it!

So, keep digging, my friend. The name of (blank) and his call...(now what was his call again?) shall not be forgotten!

Pitiful.....I'll bet The Old Man is rolling in his grave now that we have forgot the name of the one of the greatest DXers of all time.

Think! Think! Who was this operator? He deserves more than this, check this out:

D.X.C.C. Certificate #l (Pre-war). The first great American DXer. (??Blank??) was also possessed of one of the greatest ears of all time-he was reportedly able to identify almost every DX call on the air during the late 30's by the fist, the impact of propagation on the signal, and other individual characteristics.

73,

K8MHZ

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Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 3:27 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Stumped?

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389. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Stumped?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-01 22:01:10 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 380 Message: 389

#2 goes to Doug Bordon! #3 goes to Jeff Bordon! #4 goes to Henry Saski! #5 goes to a Brit, G6WY!

Who was #1?
----- Original Message -----
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Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 3:27 PM
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390. FOUND IT!!!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-02 00:18:27 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 380 Message: 390

Doing a google search for "pre war dxcc" netted the answer:

--Frank Lucas, W8CRA. DXCC Certificate #1(Pre-war). The first great American DXer. Lucas was also possessed of one of the greatest ears of all time?he was reportedly able to identify almost every DX call on the air during the late 30?s by the fist, the impact of propagation on the signal, and other individual characteristics.
It came from a site with lots of great reading:

http://www.hamradiomarket.com/articles/HallofFame.htm

391. More Information on W8CRA

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-02 01:38:45 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 380 Message: 391

Check this out, a place with more information on the guy with the FIRST DXCC

http://www.geocities.com/w8jyz/W3CRA_b.pdf

392. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FOUND IT!!!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-02 02:45:04 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 380 Message: 392

Nice Job!!!

Now, do you know what his SECOND call was and who holds it now?

I promised the gentleman that resides over that call to make favorable mention of same.

Ready for round 2?

Way to go Bill!

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 7:18 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] FOUND IT!!!

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395. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FOUND IT!!!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-02 03:06:17 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 380 Message: 395

Do all my clues make sense now??

Mhz
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397. QSL Card going to 3Y0X?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-02 16:32:18 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 393 Message: 397

All:

At this evening's club meeting we will be packaging a few QSL cards together for Peter I Island. They will all go to the QSL manager in New Jersey and all will be returned to AB8RD's QTH from the callbook.

Do you want to drop a card in there? The outgoing envelope will also have enough room for a greenstamp to help the QSL manager offset his expense.

Under separate cover we will gather donations for the actual Dxpedition. These donations will be sent directly to K4UEE together with a thank you card. I'm planning to drop $40 into this envelope. You might want to also donate?

Bill, AB8SC

398. Re: [WestMichiganHams] QSL Card going to 3Y0X?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-02 17:01:11 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 393 Message: 398

RE: Donations:

On their site they have stuff you can buy to help with funds. Cool Peter 1 stuff. Maybe instead of putting 40 clams in the box you could get 40 clams worth of Peter 1 stuff and use it as gifts, prizes, decorations, etc.

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2006 11:32 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] QSL Card going to 3Y0X?

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399. RE: [WestMichiganHams] QSL Card going to 3Y0X?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-02 18:42:58 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 393 Message: 399

Yes, there are other options. I bet if I buy $40 in merchandise they don?t get $40 in donations. And if I use Paypal they don't get $40 either. So I'll just send cash.

My personal opinion.

Bill, AB8SC

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400. Fw: River Bank Run 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-02 19:01:16 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 400 Message: 400
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi all, its time to start looking for radio operators to work the 2006 River Bank Run. We will be in need of approximately 60 radio operators for the main event!

Please check out the PDF file for all the pertinent details. Email me direct for any questions, to volunteer please goto the information below

Prepare for this exciting event by volunteering at smaller events prior to the River Bank Run.

We will hold a Pre-Event meeting on Friday May 11th at the American Red Cross West Central Michigan Chapter at 1050 Fuller Ave.

If you have a preference on a partner or must leave early from the event please specify in your email. Some positions close as early as 9:30 AM the day of the event.

To sign up please email rbr06@... and keep an eye on www.kcraces.net for more information!

401. Re: [WestMichiganHams] QSL Card going to 3Y0X?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-02 22:24:57 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 393 Message: 401

Gotcha

mhz
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2006 1:42 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] QSL Card going to 3Y0X?

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402. DXCC #1

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-02 22:33:25 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 402 Message: 402

As you all know, Bill AB8SC came through with the call we all sought. That call is W8CRA.

Later, Frank Lucas changed his call to W3CRA. W3CRA is now the call of the Collins Radio Association.

Got a Collins? Even if you don't and just like them, please take some time to visit www.collinsra.com. Collins owners may want to consider joining the Association.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

403. New Scanner Law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
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The new scanner law has been signed by the governor.

http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(5jndjy552wq451ftc5l20x45)/mileg.aspx?page
=BillStatus&objectname=2005-HB-4544

I can not tell when it goes into effect. It says both immediate effect
and takes effect 90 days after it is enacted on the same page. It is
predicted to be enacted on 3/7/06.

http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2005-2006/billenrolled/House/pdf
/2005-HNB-4544.pdf

Thanks!

Tim Deater

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404. Fw: The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 09 (Mar 3, 2006)

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> ==>ARRL HAM AID "GEAR READY TO GO" AWAITS NEXT DISASTER
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> When another disaster on the scale of Hurricane Katrina comes along, the
> League will be able to deploy "ham gear ready to go," thanks to
> manufacturers' donations of Amateur Radio gear, ARRL members' generous
> monetary contributions and a federal grant. The ARRL Ham Aid-sponsored "Go
> Kits" now being assembled at League Headquarters are the third leg of a
> program that's already reimbursed certain out-of-pocket expenses for ham
> radio hurricane zone volunteers and helped restore Amateur Radio backbone
> infrastructure along the US Gulf Coast.
>
> "To me, this is a first step in ramping up ARRL's ability to support
> Amateur
> Radio volunteers in the field before the next big disaster hits," says
> ARRL
> Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH. "It won't replace or
> supplant
> anything that's already on the ground and working well, but it will
> strengthen it and add flexibility to Amateur Radio's overall response
> capabilities." The equipment and cash donations, coupled with a grant from
> the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), will mean
> Amateur
> Radio Emergency Service (ARES) field volunteers will never go without in
> terms of equipment. Hobart says $25,000 in Ham Aid funds have been set
> aside
> for the Go Kits.
>
> The Go Kits will enable the League to loan out needed equipment on a
> moment's notice. Emergency Communications Specialist Harry Abery, AB1ER,
> spends his days at ARRL Headquarters securely stowing various equipment
> complements in rugged, waterproof Pelican 1650 containers.
>
> "The idea is that this makes it easy to ship," explains Abery, "and since
> they're less than 50 pounds apiece, they'll be able to go by air if
> necessary." Flooding won't be an issue. "You can throw them in the water,
> and they'll float," he adds.
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> So far, Abery says, there's an HF Kit, a VHF/UHF Kit, a Handheld
> Transceiver
> Kit and a Support Kit--seven of each, and more on the way. He and other
> League staffers consulted with volunteers who'd been in the field during
> Hurricane Katrina to find out what gear served them best or what they
> wished
> they'd had but didn't.
>
> The HF Kit contains a 100-W HF transceiver, a microphone and a power
> supply.
> The VHF/UHF Kit includes a dualband mobile transceiver, power supply,
> headset, 10 handheld transceivers and a supply of alkaline batteries. In
> the
> Handheld Transceiver Kit are eight dualband handheld transceivers and
> antennas plus a stock of extra batteries. The Support Kit includes a

> length
> of BuryFlex 213 coaxial cable, rope, 15-foot jumper cables with battery
> clamps at one end and an Anderson Powerpole on the other. The kit includes
> various fittings and adapters to connect to the power distribution unit
> and
> to make RF feed line connections. All kits contain any necessary manuals.
> Packed in a separate container, appropriate antennas and antenna
> accessories
> will accompany a given kit.
>
> More than two dozen members of the Amateur Radio industry and individual
> radio amateurs contributed equipment last year for use in the Hurricane
> Katrina relief effort <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2005/09/09/105/>.
>
> Citing Amateur Radio's favorable treatment in recent US House Subcommittee
> and White House reports on the Hurricane Katrina response (see below),
> Hobart said it's imperative to sustain and enhance ham radio's emergency
> communication capabilities for the future. "Disasters happen to be one
> place
> Amateur Radio can shine," she pointed out. "We need to maintain a high
> level
> of readiness to do those things that are second nature to ARES members but
> that the public is just coming to recognize."
>
> Making the Go Kits available to ARES teams, Hobart says, will help to
> cement
> Amateur Radio's position as a community resource. "We want to be able to
> ensure that we have the personnel and the equipment," she said. "With a
> disaster of this magnitude we need to be ready."
>
> ARRL continues to solicit Ham Aid donations to help maintain and sustain
> the
> League's ability to support Amateur Radio volunteers in the field. League
> members can contribute to Ham Aid via the secure ARRL Development Office
> donation Web site
> <https://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/basic/>.
> Simply click "Ham Aid" and complete the on-line form.
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> ==>AMATEUR RADIO GETS FAVORABLE MENTIONS IN FEDERAL KATRINA REPORTS
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> Ham radio received positive mentions in post-Katrina reports from the US
> House of Representatives and the White House. References to the Amateur
> Radio Emergency Service (ARES), the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS)
> and the HF digital e-mail system Winlink 2000 appear in "A Failure of
> Initiative"--the final report of the Select Bipartisan Committee to
> investigate the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina (see
> <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/02/17/2/>).
>
> "Like all levels of government," noted the 364-page report released
> February

> 15, "the National Communication System (NCS) "was not able to address all
> aspects of the damage to the communications infrastructure of the Gulf
> States."
>
> MARS was cited for its role as part of the Shared Resources High Frequency
> Radio Program (SHARES), a federal emergency communication system. The
> report
> says that "within days" of Katrina's landfall, NCS called upon more than
> 430
> SHARES stations across the US to, among other things, assist first
> responders conducting search-and-rescue missions by relaying information
> to
> government agencies, by relaying logistical and operational information
> among FEMA EOCs in Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana, and by handling
> health-and-welfare messages between volunteer agencies in Georgia and the
> American Red Cross national headquarters.
>
> "Additionally, the NCS coordinated the frequencies used by the nearly 1000
> Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers across the nation who
> served in the Katrina stricken area providing communications for
> government
> agencies, the Red Cross and The Salvation Army," the report continued.
> "Emergency communications were conducted not only by voice, but also by
> high-speed data transmissions using state-of-the art digital
> communications
> software known as Winlink."
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> The report further noted, "In Mississippi, FEMA dispatched Amateur Radio
> operators to hospitals, evacuation centers, and county EOCs to send
> emergency messaging 24 hours per day. Cited were comments by Bay St Louis
> Mayor Eddie Favre that Amateur Radio volunteers "were especially helpful
> in
> maintaining situational awareness and relaying Red Cross messages to and
> from the Hancock County EOC."
>
> According to the report, radio amateurs at airports in Texas and Louisiana
> "tracked evacuees and notified families of their whereabouts," while the
> Red
> Cross "deployed Amateur Radio volunteers at its 250 shelters and feeding
> stations, principally in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida."
>
> The Salvation Army, the report pointed out, operates its own system of
> Amateur Radio volunteers known as SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency
> Radio Network). "During the Hurricane Katrina response and recovery
> effort,
> SATERN joined forces with the SHARES program and received over 48,000
> requests for emergency communications assistance utilizing federal
> frequencies made available via the SHARES program," the report noted.
>
> "A Failure of Initiative" asserted that the loss of power and the failure

> at
> various levels of government "to adequately prepare for the ensuing and
> inevitable loss of communications" hindered the hurricane response "by
> compromising situational awareness and command and control operations."
>
> "Despite the devastation left by Katrina, this needn't have been the
> case,"
> the report stressed. "Catastrophic disasters may have some unpredictable
> consequences, but losing power and the dependent communications systems
> after a hurricane should not be one of them."
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> The White House report, "The Federal Response to Hurricane Katrina:
> Lessons
> Learned" <http://www.whitehouse.gov/reports/katrina-lessons-learned.pdf>
> released February 22 also cast Amateur Radio in a favorable light--in its
> Appendix B, "What Went Right."
>
> "Amateur Radio Operators from both the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and
> the American Radio Relay League monitored distress calls and rerouted
> emergency requests for assistance throughout the US until messages were
> received by emergency response personnel," the report said. "A distress
> call
> made from a cell phone on a rooftop in New Orleans to Baton Rouge was
> relayed, via ham radio, from Louisiana to Oregon, then Utah, and finally
> back to emergency personnel in Louisiana, who rescued the 15 stranded
> victims."
>
> The report also points out that Amateur Radio volunteers were on duty at
> the
> National Hurricane Center, the Hurricane Watch Net, Waterway Net, SKYWARN
> and the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN).
>
> The report's Appendix B cites specific reports in the general news media
> about Amateur Radio activities following Hurricane Katrina and points to
> several news stories that appeared on the ARRL Web site.
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> ==>SPACE QSOs A HIT IN DC, JAPAN
>
> Sixteen youngsters attending the Discover Engineering Family Day event
> February 18 in Washington, DC, had the rare opportunity of talking to
> International Space Station Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR, via ham
> radio.
> Operating from the space station's NA1SS a few days later, McArthur also
> answered a series of questions from pupils at Itaki Elementary School in
> Japan. The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS)
> program
> arranged both events. During the Engineering Day contact, one participant
> wanted to know if the Expedition 12 crew had "learned anything really
> cool"
> during its science experiments.

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> "One of the biggest experiments is just the crew members on board, just
> the
> human beings on board, so we learn how our bodies change in space,"
> McArthur
> said, noting that ISS research centers on finding out what's needed for a
> journey to Mars. On other fronts, he's growing crystals in space, while
> crewmate Valeri Tokarev is growing seeds.
>
> As for the really cool stuff: "I think the coolest thing I've learned is
> that living in space is a very pleasant, very nice thing to do," McArthur
> added.
>
> For the Discover Engineering Family Day contact, Verizon donated a two-way
> teleconferencing link between the Sacred Hearts Academy WH6PN Earth
> station
> operated by Dick Flagg, AH6NM, in Honolulu, and the National Building
> Museum
> in Washington. Children and questions for the contact were solicited via
> the
> museum's Web site.
>
> McArthur told the Engineering Day participants that it's possible to get
> headaches in space, especially when the carbon dioxide level gets too
> high.
> Crew members sometimes sneeze, too, he said, and the result in
> microgravity
> can illustrate Newton's Third Law.
>
> "I think a good sneeze really feels good, and it feels really good in
> space!" McArthur enthused. "Of course, if you're not holding yourself
> securely when you sneeze, y'know, just that kind of violent motion can
> send
> you spinning off in a strange direction."
>
> The contact got some publicity in the Washington Post and on local TV
> stations. Some 7000 people turned out for Discover Engineering Family Day,
> and an AMSAT team supported an ARISS booth during the event.
>
> On February 20, youngsters at the Itaki Elementary School Fathers' Club
> took
> part in a direct VHF contact between NA1SS and 8J4I in Japan. McArthur
> told
> them that he became an astronaut because he's an aerospace engineer and a
> pilot, "and being an astronaut seemed to be the most interesting way of
> doing both things." He said his current stint as commander of ISS
> Expedition
> 12 marked his fourth--and by far his longest--trip into space.
>
> "To me, space represents the ultimate challenge for mankind, to show that

> we
> can grow and eventually leave our home planet," McArthur told another
> young
> questioner.
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> Asked which star was the most beautiful, McArthur replied, "our sun." But,
> he went on to say, he thinks all the stars in the sky are beautiful. "They
> are no bigger for us than they are for you," he explained, "but we do not
> have clouds or dust in the air to look through, so they are very clear."
>
> At the 8J4I controls was Kei Fujimura, JJ4RJE. In all, 13 students
> participated in the event, and McArthur answered 19 of their questions
> before the ISS went over the horizon and signal was lost. The event
> attracted media coverage from TV and newspapers. An audience of about 100
> people was on hand for the occasion.
>
> McArthur has completed 29 ARISS school contacts during his five months in
> space--far more than any previous ISS crew member. ARISS
> <http://www.rac.ca/ariss> is an international educational outreach, with
> US
> participation by ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.
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> ==>PRESIDENT HARRISON NAMES ARRL NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING
> COMMITTEE
>
> ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, has appointed 13 individuals to serve
> on
> the ARRL National Emergency Response Planning Committee. The League's
> Board
> of Directors resolved to establish the panel during its annual meeting in
> January "to appropriately prepare for future large-scale disasters." The
> committee will develop a comprehensive recommendation for ARRL responses
> to
> regional, national and international disasters.
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> "This group reflects a nationwide assembly of individuals with direct
> field
> experience in all aspects of emergency communications at various levels
> with
> disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, floods and terrorist
> activity to name a few," Harrison said. "There were many excellent
> recommendations for this committee, which is quite encouraging in itself
> and
> speaks highly of Amateur Radio's productive involvement in emergency
> communications."
>
> ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, will chair the ad hoc
> committee. Appointed to serve on the committee were:
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> Delta Division Director Henry Leggette, WD4Q, (Programs and Services

> Committee liaison); Pacific Division Vice Director Andy Oppel, N6AJO;
> Atlantic Division Vice Director Tom Abernethy, W3TOM; Alabama Section
> Manager Greg Sarratt, W4OZK; Western Washington Section Manager Ed
> Bruette,
> N7NVP; South Texas Section Emergency Coordinator Jerry Reimer, KK5CA;
> Southern Florida Section Emergency Coordinator Jeff Beals, WA4AW; NYC-Long
> Island Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Carrubba, KA2D; Mississippi
> Section
> District Emergency Coordinator Karl Bullock, WA5TMC; Colorado Net
> Manager/State Government Liaison Gene McGahey, AL7GQ; IARU Region II
> Emergency Coordinator Rick Palm, K1CE, (IARU liaison) and ARRL Field and
> Educational Services Manager Dave Patton, NN1N (ARRL staff liaison).
>
> Harrison said the committee will begin its work immediately under
> Craigie's
> direction. Among other things, the National Emergency Response Planning
> Committee will thoroughly evaluate the responses and actions of ARRL and
> the
> Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) during Hurricane Katrina as well as
> lessons learned.
>
> The Board's resolution establishing the committee noted that the emergency
> communications resources and organization needed for national and
> international disasters "are markedly different" from what's required at
> the
> regional and local levels. Given the unprecedented scope and devastation
> of
> the 2005 hurricane season in general and of Hurricane Katrina in
> particular,
> ARRL Headquarters was placed into a leadership coordination role through
> national-level requests for help from served agencies such as the American
> Red Cross.
>
> The ARRL Board will consider the committee's recommendations at its 2007
> annual meeting next January.
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> ==>"HELLO" CAMPAIGN TO PUT FRIENDLY, INVITING FACE ON AMATEUR RADIO
>
> A new ARRL public relations campaign set to launch this April will cast
> Amateur Radio in the light of the 21st century and focus on its universal
> appeal, even in today's already technology-rich society. At the same time,
> the "Hello" campaign will note the 100th anniversary of what many
> historians
> consider the first voice radio broadcast in 1906 by Reginald Fessenden.
>
> "It is quite simply the largest PR campaign that ham radio has ever
> attempted," says ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts,
> W1AGP.
> Built around the word "Hello," the coordinated campaign will set "a
> positive, upbeat tone that highlights the international capabilities of

> Amateur Radio," he explained.
>
> One aim of the "Hello" campaign will be to reframe Amateur Radio within a
> contemporary context. "ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, was correct in
> stating that the Main Street of today is not the same as the Main Street
> of
> yesteryear," Pitts went on to say. "To reach out today, the very first
> requirement is that Amateur Radio operators be perceived as friendly and
> trustworthy. That's a true public relations goal and the prime focus of
> the
> campaign."
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> Pitts says it's not helpful to lament the time in decades past when
> Amateur
> Radio grew pretty much on its own, without too much effort on the part of
> clubs and individuals. "Only our combined, effective action will do that
> today," Pitts says. "This campaign will give hams the tools they need to
> reach out in their communities to non-hams and influence their perception
> of
> Amateur Radio."
>
> The national "Hello" campaign can bring curious people into contact with
> ham
> radio groups, but it will be up to local radio amateurs to make them truly
> welcome, Pitts maintains.
>
> The "Hello" campaign is designed to gain momentum as the year progresses.
> Components will include the release of public service announcements for
> use
> by radio and TV broadcasters and a video for meetings, presentations and
> even broadcast. Other highlights will include a "Hello" campaign Web site
> and special operating events. The high point of the "Hello" campaign will
> come in December on the centennial of Fessenden's first radio broadcast.
>
> History recalls that the Canadian-born and educated Fessenden, using an
> early alternator, transmitted the first audio radio broadcast from his
> laboratory in Brant Rock, Massachusetts. Radio operators aboard ships at
> sea--tipped off in advance to be listening for something special--were
> astounded to hear Fessenden's broadcast that included the scientist and
> inventor playing "O Holy Night" on the violin and reading a Bible passage.
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> The campaign will show that despite the Internet and other technologies,
> the
> possibility of being able to talk with everyday people around the world
> and
> sometimes in exotic locales--coupled with the surprise, art and
> uncertainty
> of DXing--remains a major attraction for Amateur Radio. The "Hello"
> campaign
> also will take advantage of likely FCC action this year to drop the Morse

> code requirement at least for General class applicants.
>
> "We all say we want to make a change for the better for Amateur Radio and
> get others interested," Pitts said. "This is the time, this is the chance.
> Stay tuned! More to come!"
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> ==>INJURED MINER RANDY MCCLOY, KC8VKZ, TALKING, JOKING
>
> Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ--the lone survivor of the January 2 Sago Mine
> disaster
> in Upshur County, West Virginia--is continuing to recover. Speaking on The
> Early Show on CBS TV March 2, McCloy's wife Anna told co-anchor Hannah
> Storm
> that her husband is talking again and even telling jokes.
>
> "He'll listen to jokes and understand," Anna McCloy told Storm. "He'll
> talk
> to me and the kids--just regular conversation."
>
> She also said McCloy has told her he remembers "bits and pieces" of the
> mining disaster that left 12 of his co-workers dead of carbon monoxide
> poisoning. McCloy, 26, who's been in a rehabilitation facility since
> January
> 26, also answers questions appropriately, recognizes his family and can
> "move quite well," Anna McCloy said. She has remained at her husband's
> side
> since his rescue.
>
> McCloy eats with assistance and has expressed distaste for institutional
> cuisine, instead preferring the restaurant and fast food fare his wife
> supplies.
>
> Anna McCloy says she's "not quite sure" if her husband realizes he was the
> only survivor of the mine mishap. "I don't question him about it. When he
> wants to talk about it, I listen to him, but I don't push him, and I don't
> question him," she said.
>
> One of Randal McCloy's physicians, Dr Julian Bailes, told Storm that
> McCloy
> has "improved beyond our expectations" during rehabilitation. "I think we
> see his old personality coming back."
>
> Well-wishers have been sending cards and QSLs to McCloy at PO Box 223,
> Philippi, WV 26435. A fund has been set up to accept donations for
> McCloy's
> benefit: The Randal McCloy Jr Fund, c/o Clear Mountain Bank, 1889 Earl
> Core
> Rd, Morgantown, WV 26505.
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> ==>SOLAR UPDATE

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> Solar sage Tad "Fall Out Boy" Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington, reports:
> Low
> activity continues with another string of zero-sunspot days. Average daily
> sunspot numbers for this week were down by 4 points from the prior week to
> 3.1. Average solar flux declined by 1 point to 76.4.
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> Average sunspot numbers plummeted in February--far below any other month
> in
> the second half of Cycle 23.
>
> This weekend is the ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (SSB)
> <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2006/intldx.html>. Although solar
> activity is low, geomagnetic conditions should remain quiet, which is
> good.
> Sunday, March 5, could see some unsettled activity. The predicted
> planetary
> A index for March 3-7 is 8, 5, 12, 5 and 5. Sunspot and solar flux levels
> should remain very low.
>
> Sunspot numbers for February 23 through March 1 were 0, 0, 0, 0, 11, 11
> and
> 0, with a mean of 3.1. 10.7 cm flux was 75.1, 76, 76, 76.5, 77, 77.1, and
> 77, with a mean of 76.4. Estimated planetary A indices were 3, 6, 1, 5, 3,
> 5
> and 7, with a mean of 4.3. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 4, 4, 1,
> 3,
> 2, 2 and 5, with a mean of 3.
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> ==>IN BRIEF:
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> * This weekend on the radio: THE ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (SSB), the
> Wake-Up! QRP Sprint, the Open Ukraine RTTY Championship, the DARC 10-Meter
> Digital Contest are the weekend of March 4-5. The ARS Spartan Sprint and
> the
> AGCW YL-CW Party are March 7. JUST AHEAD: The North American Sprint
> (RTTY),
> the RSGB Commonwealth Contest, the Idaho, Oklahoma and Wisconsin QSO
> parties, the AGCW QRP Contest, the UBA Spring Contest (CW) and the NSARA
> Contest are the weekend of March 11-12. See the ARRL Contest Branch page
> <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the WA7BNM Contest Calendar
> <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> for more info. JUST
> AHEAD:
> See the ARRL Contest Branch page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the
> WA7BNM Contest Calendar <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>
> for more info.
>
> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:

> Registration remains open through Sunday, March 19, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE). Program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Level 1 (EC-001), Radio Frequency
> Interference (EC-006), Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009),
> Technician
> Licensing (EC-010), Analog Electronics (EC-012) and Digital Electronics
> (EC-013). Classes begin Friday, April 7. To learn more, visit the CCE
> Course
> Listing page <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE
> Department <cce@...>.
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> * Hams help following mud slide: The RSGB reports that radio amateurs
> helped
> coordinate rescue operations after a devastating mud slide on the
> Philippine
> island of Leyte buried an entire village February 17. More than 1800
> people
> are believed to have died when the village of Guinsaugon was engulfed by
> mud
> following a week of torrential rain and a small earthquake. The
> International Radio Emergency Support Coalition (IRESC)
> <http://www.iresc.org/> supported the relief effort by providing
> communication links between the disaster scene and the International Red
> Cross. The IRESC specializes in connecting traditional ham radio
> systems--HF
> transceivers and VHF/UHF repeaters--with Voice over Internet Protocol
> (VoIP)
> technology via EchoLink. The EchoLink net set up for the Leyte disaster
> reportedly went on the air within hours of the mudslide, and Philippine
> amateurs used it to pass lists of missing people and survivors. Other
> messages included requests for food, water, mats, clothing, stretchers,
> medical kits and digging tools.
>
> * W1AW 160-meter frequency change put on hold: QRX on that W1AW QSY! W1AW
> has rescinded plans to change its 160-meter CW frequency and will remain
> on
> 1817.5 kHz for the time being. An announced change to 1807.5 kHz was aimed
> at reducing the possibility of interfering with DX stations that have
> begun
> showing up in the vicinity of 1817.5 kHz. "Lately we have received more
> complaints about W1AW interfering with weak DX signals," said ARRL CEO and
> W1AW Trustee David Sumner, K1ZZ. "After what we thought was due diligence
> we
> decided that it made sense to shift below 1810 kHz, since that is the
> lower
> band edge in Region 1 and would pretty much eliminate the conflict with
> DXers." Monitoring showed that 1807.5 appeared to be generally clear.
> "Unfortunately," Sumner continued, "we failed to pick up the fact that
> PSK31
> operators appear to have adopted 1807 kHz as their 160-meter frequency,

> and
> we don't want to conflict with any established activity centers." Under a
> tight deadline to announce the W1AW operating schedule 30 days in advance,
> the League has called off the frequency shift for now. The question will
> be
> revisited over the summer.
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> * David A. Rosenthal, N6TST, wins February QST Cover Plaque Award: The
> winner of the QST Cover Plaque Award for February is David A. Rosenthal,
> N6TST, for his article "Polar Bear Portable." Congratulations, David! The
> winner of the QST Cover Plaque award--given to the author or authors of
> the
> best article in each issue--is determined by a vote of ARRL members on the
> QST Cover Plaque Poll Web page
> <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/QSTvote.html>. Cast a ballot for your
> favorite article in the March issue by Friday, March 31.
>
> * Dayton 2006 Contest Dinner tickets now available: The North Coast
> Contesters have announced that tickets now are on sale for the 14th annual
> Dayton Contest Dinner. DX Engineering is sponsoring the tickets. The
> dinner
> will take place Saturday, May 20, 6:30 PM, in the Van Cleve Ballroom of
> the
> Crowne Plaza Hotel, Fifth and Jefferson streets, next to the Convention
> Center in downtown Dayton. John Dorr, K1AR, will emcee the event, which
> will
> feature the 2006 CQ Contest Hall of Fame inductions. Tickets are $34. To
> obtain Contest Dinner tickets, contact Craig Clark, K1QX
> <jcclark@...>, Radioware and Radio Bookstore, PO Box 209, Rindge,
> NH 03461; call weekdays, 10 AM until 6 PM Eastern, 800-457-7373;
> 603-899-6957; fax (24/7) 603-899-6826. Credit card orders are welcome.
> Include name and call sign. Tickets will be mailed no later than May 10.
> No
> tickets will be available at the door.--Tim Duffy, K3LR
>
> * Tim Chen, BV2A, SK: Taiwan's first radio amateur, Tim Chen, BV2A,
> founder
> and first president of the Chinese Taipei Amateur Radio League (CTARL),
> died
> February 22. He was 92. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, said Chen's
> passing was sad news. "Tim was always kind, friendly and willing to allow
> you to operate BV," said Harrison, who became acquainted with Chen when
> traveling frequently to Taiwan in the late 1980s and early 1990s. "I'll
> never forget our first meeting on a dark, rainy night in Taipei. Tim
> didn't
> know who I was, other than a fellow radio amateur, but he came out to meet
> me at the BV2B station." ARRL Field and Educational Services Manager Dave
> Patton, NN1N, said Chen--for years the only radio amateur on the air from
> Taiwan--was more famous than he knew. "He was the first BV QSO for most
> DXers who got their start between 1970 and about 1990 and was a guy you

> could count on to call in during contests--BV2A on CW and BV2B on phone,"
> he
> observed. A memorial service was held February 28 in Taipei. Chen was a
> long-time ARRL member. E-mail condolence messages to Chen's family via
> CTARL
> <bv2a@...>.
>
> * DXCC Desk approves operations for DXCC credit: The ARRL DXCC Desk has
> approved these operations for DXCC credit: TS3A, Tunisia, March 24-28,
> 2005;
> T6X, Afghanistan, current operation effective March 8, 2005; TT8PK, Chad,
> December 27, 2005 through February 11, 2006; XW1A, XW1LLR5, XW1X and XW1M,
> Laos, current operation effective October 29, 2005; D2DX, Angola, current
> operation effective December 15, 2004 (a previous announcement accredited
> the D2DX operation effective December 15, 2005). For more information,
> visit
> the DXCC Web page <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>. "DXCC Frequently
> Asked
> Questions" can answer most questions about the DXCC program. ARRL DX
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405. : Revised Scanner Legislation

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-05 20:09:26 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 405 Message: 405

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406. ARRL Letter Pole

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-06 18:50:46 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 406 Message: 406

If you get a few seconds please take part in a poll I have going..

http://www.kcraces.net/announcement.php?id=21

407. scanner law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-06 22:42:11 UTC
From: jfischer@azulstar.com
Topic: 407 Message: 407

Here is a copy of the new bill(law) always carry a copy of your radio license and or you can apply to the state for a permit for use of short wave recevier in vehicle it is free the form is avaiable online through thr state police . and you can also carry a copy of the law. 73 KC8UNY

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408. RE: [WestMichiganHams] scanner law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-06 23:25:37 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 407 Message: 408

I would doubt that they will issue permits for scanners any more now that anyone can carry one unless you are convicted of a felony or are committing a crime. Of course this is after it takes effect. You will still want to carry a copy of the law with you for those officers that do not know about the change.

73

Tim

KC8MSE

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@...m] On Behalf Of jfischer@...
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2006 5:42 PM
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] scanner law

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409. RE: [WestMichiganHams] DXCC #1

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-07 01:06:09 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 402 Message: 409

In the olden days, the western portion of Pennsylvania was in eight land and Frank had a call W8CRA. Then the FCC changed around the call sign districts and moved all of Pennsylvania into three land. All these Penna eights had to get new calls. In fact, in the olden days you got a new call whenever you moved to another call sign district. And your call sign did not just change in number but could have changed significantly. It is only recently that call signs have not been changed when you move. Now we don't know which state a ham lives in only from her call sign. Well, that is unless she signs portable four, for example.

It's only important when working for an award or something. Oh, and some DX will call by the numbers and those portable in a lightly populated area, seven land, might try to slip past the DX when he is calling by the numbers.

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410. Re: [WestMichiganHams] gel cell float charger project

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-07 01:13:44 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 334 Message: 410

The Meijer store on Riley in Holland has that charger on sale again for $36.00 instead of the usual $49.99. And if you're an "old fogey" and get there before midnight tonight (Monday), you can get another 15% off.

Alan NV8A

On 02/24/06 10:08 pm Jim KC8PCJ wrote:

> True but I have 5 smaller Gel cells that I use with my HT in a belt pack.
> Must of the time the are not being use. This should maintain them better
> than a rapid charge because they sat to long. I have a larger automatic
> charger for the bigger batteries. That charger at Meijers does sound like a
> very useful charger though. Is that something they have on the shelf know?

411. Re: [WestMichiganHams] DXCC #1

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-07 01:35:29 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 402 Message: 411

TMI?

I thought it was WCI. (Way cool information)

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2006 8:06 PM
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412. Re: [WestMichiganHams] : Revised Scanner Legislation

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-07 01:50:29 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 405 Message: 412

So what's the change- Exempting Advanced and Novice class operators in the law?? I think it read tech, general and Extra before.

I was (politely) confronted about my "scanner" in my vehicle last Tuesday by one of the officers who took the police report for my burned-up truck. He didn't realize I was a ham, but I explained that the "scanner" was a radio and that I was licensed to use it and he understood.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tom VanderMel" <kb8vee@...>
To: "West Michigan Hams" <westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2006 3:09 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] : Revised Scanner Legislation

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413. Re: [WestMichiganHams] : Revised Scanner Legislation

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-07 02:42:32 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 405 Message: 413

Hello Andrew,

The change is that anyone that does not have a recent felony conviction can have a scanner anywhere they want, including vehicles. If you are a recent (5 years and less past) felon you can't even have one in your house....unless you are an amateur radio operator. If you are a ham you can also be a felon and have a scanner.

The part of the new law that addresses the use of scanners while in the commission or planning of a crime is already covered by federal law.

I think I will start visiting the penitentiaries to recruit some of those fine folks for our upcoming tech classes. (Not)

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Andrew Young" <ayoung@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2006 8:50 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] : Revised Scanner Legislation

> So what's the change- Exempting Advanced and Novice class operators in the
> law?? I think it read tech, general and Extra before.
>
> I was (politely) confronted about my "scanner" in my vehicle last Tuesday
> by
> one of the officers who took the police report for my burned-up truck. He
> didn't realize I was a ham, but I explained that the "scanner" was a radio
> and that I was licensed to use it and he understood.
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Tom VanderMel" <kb8vee@...>
> To: "West Michigan Hams" <westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2006 3:09 PM
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] : Revised Scanner Legislation
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414. Scanner law for printing

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-07 03:19:27 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 414 Message: 414
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi, all.

This should be a cleaner-looking version of the new Michigan sscanner legislation.

Thanks to Phil Marcotte (KC8QOV) for sending this along. and Tom Behler KB8TYJ for sending it to me

415. Sun's next 11-year cycle could be 50 pct stronger

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-07 10:37:42 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 405 Message: 415

All:

While strolling through Google's news headlines I saw, "Sun's next 11-year cycle could be 50 pct stronger"

You can read the text:

http://today.reuters.com/news/articlenews.aspx?type=scienceNews&storyid=2006-03-06T204858Z_01_N06327000_RTRUKOC_0_US-SPACE-SUN.xml
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Good for DX???

416. Re: [WestMichiganHams] scanner law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-07 22:15:41 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 407 Message: 416

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Date: 2006-03-07 22:55:05 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-08 00:03:37 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 407 Message: 418

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I think andrew is right if you have an amateur radio license or a permit from the state your all set from what i read of the law both past and present you still need one or the other to have a scanner in your car operating as for race fans in your trunk turned off your safe . as long you are not using it to plan a bank job or a crime it dosent change otherwise they would not have put the provision in there of haveing a amateur radio license. 73 kc8uny

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419. Re: [WestMichiganHams] scanner law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-08 00:15:14 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 407 Message: 419

I guess I need to learn how to spell "prohibited."
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2006 5:15 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] scanner law

Isn't it still illegal to have one in a vehicle unless you have a permit or Amateur license? I think it just changes the wording so Novice and Advanced holders won't be prohobited from having them in vehicles.

I might be mistaken since I haven't read the scanner law as carefully as the last (ahem) law I read and discussed on a reflector.
----- Original Message -----
From: Deater, Tim
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2006 6:25 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] scanner law

I would doubt that they will issue permits for scanners any more now that anyone can carry one unless you are convicted of a felony or are committing a crime. Of course this is after it takes effect. You will still want to carry a copy of the law with you for those officers that do not know about the change.

73

Tim

KC8MSE

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of jfischer@...
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2006 5:42 PM
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] scanner law

Here is a copy of the new bill(law) always carry a copy of your radio license and or you can apply to the state for a permit for use of short wave recevier in vehicle it is free the form is avaiable online through thr state police . and you can also carry a copy of the law. 73 KC8UNY

I am pleased to report that Governor Granholm signed the attached legislation on March 2, 2006 and it became enacted on that date. These changes to Section 508 MCL will take effect 90 days from that date. The holders of all classes of amateur radio licenses will become

totally exempt from the receiver restrictions. I suggest that anyone carrying a transceiver capable of receiving public safety frequencies also carry a copy of this Act along with your Amateur Radio License.
73,
Dale WA8EFK
ARRL Section Manager - Michigan

STATE OF MICHIGAN
93RD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2006
Introduced by Reps. Elsenheimer, Jones, Newell, Nofs, David Law and Sheltrown
ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4544
AN ACT to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, codify, and add to the statutes relating to crimes; to define crimes and prescribe the penalties and remedies; to provide for restitution under certain circumstances; to provide for the competency of evidence at the trial of persons accused of crime; to provide immunity from prosecution for certain witnesses appearing at such trials; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act," by amending section 508 (MCL 750.508), as amended by 2002 PA672.
The People of the State of Michigan enact:
Sec. 508. (1) A person who has been convicted of 1 or more felonies during the preceding 5 years shall not carry or have in his or her possession a radio receiving set that will receive signals sent on a frequency assigned by the federal communications commission of the United States for police or other law enforcement, fire fighting, emergency medical, federal, state, or local corrections, or homeland security purposes. This subsection does not apply to a person who is licensed as an amateur radio operator by the federal communications commission. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than $1,000.00, or both.
(2) A person shall not carry or have in his or her possession in the commission or attempted commission of a crime a radio receiving set that will receive signals sent on a frequency assigned by the federal communications commission of the United States for police or other law enforcement, fire fighting, emergency medical, federal, state, or local corrections, or homeland security purposes. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a crime as follows:
(a) If this subsection is violated in the commission or attempted commission of a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of at least 93 days but less than 1 year, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than $1,000.00, or both.
(b) If this subsection is violated in the commission or attempted commission of a misdemeanor or felony punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of 1 year or more, the person is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years or a fine of not

more than $2,000.00, or both.
(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to a person who carries or has in his or her possession a radio receiving set described in subsection (2) in the commission or attempted commission of a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of less than 93 days.
(4) This section does not apply to the use of radar detectors.
Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted.
This act is ordered to take immediate effect.
ss//Clerk of the House of Representatives
ss//Secretary of the Senate
Approved
ss//Governor

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
wa8efk@...

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420. Re: [WestMichiganHams] scanner law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-08 01:15:45 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 407 Message: 420

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Ahem... now you know where my sons get their sense of humor... or lack of it...
Jon Ab8rD

Andrew Young <ayoung@...> wrote:
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421. Re: [WestMichiganHams] scanner law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-08 02:41:55 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 407 Message: 421

I know your sense of humor from WAAYYYY back, if you recall.
----- Original Message -----
From: Jon Plyler
To: WestMichiganHams@...m
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2006 8:15 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] scanner law

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423. Re: Ham Class Lessons

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-08 17:22:33 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 423 Message: 423

Jon,

I finally got the 'go ahead'.

We are planning classes to start either on the 28th of March or the 4th of April at MTA. That is a Tuesday evening class, running 8 weeks. Class will run from 7pm to 9pm.

Right now we are still in the preliminary stage. I am looking for feedback. Is Tuesday OK for everyone? If not, please let me know.

The classes will be concurrent in content with the day classes held at the school. Some of the students may even join our night class. In addition to passing the FCC test, lessons will be given on operating skills, local repeater operation, overviews of the West Michigan amateur groups and hands on radio time.

This year, room is not an issue. I am now taking names for the class. The cost of the class has not yet been determined. If I can get free text and materials there will be NO COST for the class. We are also looking at ways to get the price of licensing to as close to free as possible.

Stay Tuned!!

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Jon & Anna
To: 'K8MHZ'
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2006 11:57 AM
Subject: RE: Ham Class Lessons

Do you have any dates set up yet?

Would be glad to help where we can.

Jon

From: K8MHZ [mailto:k8mhz@...]
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2006 11:34
To: Jon & Anna
Subject: Re: Ham Class Lessons

Great!

I would also love to have Matt and Samuel there too. Koley will be there and I think the three of them would be an enourmous motivator and ice breaker.

73,

mhz

----- Original Message -----

From: Jon & Anna

To: ghmariner@... ; 'Barbara Stellard' ; 'Aaron Eling' ; 'Mark Downing' ; 'Mark Derby'

Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2006 11:25 AM

Subject: RE: Ham Class Lessons

Please let me know if I can be of any help to you. I work 3rd shift, but live only a couple miles from MTA and would be glad to help when I am able.

Jon Plyler

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424. Boyd Mason's Te-Ne-Ke is famous...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-09 14:42:34 UTC
From: Craig Christilaw
Topic: 424 Message: 424

The latest issue of "CQ" magazine (March 2006) includes an article about "A Compact and Effective 40-10 Meter Portable Station" by Phil Salas, AD5X. The article includes a very nice photo of his portable station, including his favorite portable key, the Te-Ne-Ke, which is his "portable key of choice". Congrats to Boyd Mason, NE8KE, for developing such a great product, and to all those at NOARC who work so hard to produce this fine amateur radio Morse Code key. The members of NOARC have been building these keys for many years, and hopefully will continue to have success with this fine club project. If you are not a subcriber to "CQ" magazine, it is avalible at Barnes & Noble bookstores.
73
Craig Christilaw K8CRC

425. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Digest Number 54

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-10 21:30:08 UTC
From: jfischer@azulstar.com
Topic: 425 Message: 425

>look real close at the picture . see you sat kc8uny

There is 1 message in this issue.
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> Topics in this digest:
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> 1. Boyd Mason's Te-Ne-Ke is famous...
> From: "Craig Christilaw" <k8crc@...>
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426. The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 10 (Mar 10, 2006)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-11 06:04:09 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 426 Message: 426

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> The ARRL Letter
> Vol. 25, No. 10
> March 10, 2006
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> * +Ham radio praised as "part of the solution" at FCC Katrina hearing
> * +Via ham radio, ISS commander tells kids he's enjoying life in orbit
> * +FCC advises California licensee to take two years off to avoid
> enforcement
> * +ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist John Hennessee, N1KB, SK
> * +Commission spells out vanity call sign renewal procedures
> * +Solar Update
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> This weekend on the radio
> ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration
> ARRL CCE program issues Technician Course advisory
> +Motorola white paper epitomizes BPL-Amateur Radio rapprochement
> IARU represented at World Telecommunication Development Conference
> 2006
> DXCC Honor Roll deadline looms
> DX still king for 90-year-old radio amateur
> Yet another DX record claimed on 134 GHz
>
> +Available on ARRL Audio News <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/audio/>
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> ==>Delivery problems (ARRL member direct delivery only!):
> letter-dlvy@...
> ==>Editorial questions or comments: Rick Lindquist, N1RL, n1rl@...
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> ==>FCC DIRECTS MANASSAS BPL SYSTEM TO ACT FOLLOWING HAM'S INTERFERENCE
> COMPLAINT
>
> The FCC this week directed the City of Manassas, Virginia, and its BPL
> system operator COMTek to conduct measurements to ensure its system
> complies
> with FCC Part 15 rules. FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Chief Joseph P.
> Casey called on the city and COMTek March 7 to follow up on a report of

> suspected BPL interference filed January 19 by ARRL member Dwight Agnew,
> AI4II. The Commission also instructed the city to "resolve any continuing
> harmful interference." Agnew, who frequently travels through Manassas and
> operates mobile, alleges harmful BPL interference along Virginia Business
> Route 234.
>
> "I had been talking to a friend in Ohio while on my way home from work,"
> Agnew told Casey via e-mail. "I could no longer hear him over the
> interference on 40 meters (7.2 MHz) while driving through the city."
> Agnew,
> who says the interference went away once he left the city, characterized
> its
> effect as "like a giant, fuzzy mute."
>
> COMTek operates the Manassas BPL system using Main.net equipment on
> frequencies between 4 MHz and 30 MHz over a city-owned power grid. The FCC
> wants the city to take measurements during peak BPL usage hours at
> locations
> Agnew cited in his complaint and submit them within 30 days. Casey made it
> clear that the city "must either eliminate any continuing harmful
> interference" to Agnew's operations or reduce BPL emissions in the area to
> 20 dB below the Part 15 limit. The League challenges the assumption that
> this level of attenuation necessarily will resolve interference issues.
>
> To date, the FCC itself has not taken any measurements on any part of the
> Manassas BPL system. When radio amateurs have filed interference
> complaints
> involving BPL systems elsewhere, the Commission typically has tended
> instead
> to rely on measurements made by system operators.
>
> In January, after COMTek failed to meet its own commitment to resolve
> longstanding interference complaints from local radio amateurs dating back
> nearly two years, the ARRL again demanded the system's immediate shutdown.
> Agnew's complaint is a new one, however.
>
> In a separate letter March 7, Casey told four Manassas hams with
> complaints
> already on file that they must provide "further information" within 30
> days
> or the FCC "will take no further action" on their complaints. The FCC,
> which
> has yet to respond to any of the earlier ham radio complaints, concedes
> that
> it continues to receive reports of harmful interference.
>
> To expedite the information-gathering process, the ARRL on March 8 alerted
> all radio amateurs living in ZIP code 20110 (Manassas) that "now is the
> time" to submit harmful interference complaints relating to the city's BPL
> system. "The first step is to verify that BPL is actually the source of

> the
> interference," ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, advised. He stressed, however,
> that the League does not want amateurs to file complaints unless they have
> actually experienced BPL interference.
>
> "With the FCC finally taking official notice of the presence of harmful
> interference in Manassas, the tide finally is beginning to turn," Sumner
> concluded.
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> ==>VOLUNTEER RADIO AMATEURS "PART OF THE SOLUTION," FCC KATRINA PANEL TOLD
>
> Addressing the FCC independent panel reviewing Hurricane Katrina's impact
> on
> communication networks, ARRL Alabama Section Manager Greg Sarratt, W4OZK,
> praised Amateur Radio's ability to get the job done. Speaking before the
> panel March 7 in Jackson, Mississippi, Sarratt said Amateur Radio
> volunteers
> were tremendously effective in their ability to re-establish communication
> links using their own gear or by building systems from scratch.
>
> "Amateur Radio operators themselves were part of the solution, providing
> experienced communications operators to replace and supplement local
> public
> service communications personnel in the devastated area," Sarratt said.
> The
> volunteer radio amateurs and their equipment proved "very effective" in
> supporting emergency management, the Red Cross, the Southern Baptist
> Convention, The Salvation Army and many other organizations, he told the
> panel.
>
> For 37 days following Hurricane Katrina, Sarratt--working at an American
> Red
> Cross disaster relief staging area in Montgomery, Alabama--headed the
> volunteer effort to process Amateur Radio volunteers headed to the Gulf
> Coast to assist recovery operations. Sarratt told the FCC panel that his
> operation processed and deployed more than 200 ham radio volunteers from
> 35
> states and Canada to devastated communities in Mississippi. Volunteers set
> up communication facilities at kitchens, shelters, emergency operations
> centers, distribution centers, warehouses and various command and control
> centers, he said.
>
> "In each town we set up a high frequency (HF) Amateur Radio station to
> communicate out of the area to Montgomery and the outside world," Sarratt
> explained. "We also set up a communications network connecting every Red
> Cross facility in a town on a local short-range radio frequency. Our
> network
> included fixed and mobile disaster vehicle stations."
>
> Sarratt told the FCC panel that interoperability is the most important

> thing
> Amateur Radio can bring to the table in emergency and disaster
> communications. "Amateurs demonstrated their adaptability by communicating
> successfully with a multitude of amateur, commercial, public service, EMA,
> Salvation Army and Red Cross radio systems and personnel," he said.
>
> "Radio amateurs bring a wealth of resources to the public service and
> emergency communications table," Sarratt summed up. "The ARRL and Amateur
> Radio will continue to prepare, train, practice and test ourselves for the
> next event," he told the FCC panel. "Public service is a large component
> of
> the charter of the Amateur Radio Service." He suggested installing
> permanent
> Amateur Radio stations in federal, state and local emergency operations
> centers as well as at selected public service, Red Cross chapters and
> other
> served agencies.
>
> Sarratt offered some recommendations for the FCC panel to consider,
> suggesting that the Commission and the ARRL:
>
> * collaborate to issue FCC credentials to the ARRL for Amateur Radio
> responders.
>
> * be key partners in an Amateur Radio awareness program for multiple
> government agencies and the first-responder community.
>
> * continue working together on critical frequency spectrum protection and
> interference-avoidance issues.
>
> "The disasters of 2005 have proven the worth of Amateur Radio Service and
> its selfless cadre of operators; we were tested as never before," Sarratt
> concluded, adding "we must assume the next 'big one' is just around the
> corner."
>
> ARRL provided a written report to the independent FCC review panel. ARRL
> President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, recently named Sarratt to serve on the ARRL
> National Emergency Response Planning Committee.
>
> Dave Vincent, the station manager of WLOX-TV in Biloxi, Mississippi, also
> praised ham radio in his remarks before the FCC panel. He said WLOX was
> lucky to have a ham operator at its studio. Without the help of Amateur
> Radio, Vincent said, "it probably would have been a couple of days before
> we
> would have known whether the persons in our two bureaus had survived the
> storm."
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> He said ham radio also enabled the station to contact EOCs in the three
> hardest-hit coastal counties. "Without this link we would not have had any
> way to communicate with officials along the coast," he said.

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> ==>OHIO, NORTH CAROLINA YOUNGSTERS HELP ISS COMMANDER BOOST HIS QSO RECORD
>
> Speaking via NA1SS, Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR, this
> month told youngsters in Ohio and North Carolina that he's been really
> been
> enjoying his International Space Station duty tour. The Amateur Radio on
> the
> International Space Station (ARISS) program arranged both contacts. During
> a
> March 1 QSO with students at Country Day School in suburban Cincinnati,
> Ohio, McArthur described his delight at being in space for his first
> long-term visit.
>
> "I think the biggest surprise was how much fun it was to be in space,"
> McArthur said. "I thought I would enjoy the work, but what I found was
> that
> everything about being in space is delightful."
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> Lifting off from Earth also was "another really cool thing to experience,"
> McArthur explained in response to one student's question. "You're lying on
> your back, and then all of a sudden you're gone, and it's a very
> thrilling,
> exciting thing," he said. "When you come back, you realize how wonderful
> zero gravity is, because gravity is just a lot of work--you feel tired,
> you
> feel heavy and, very often, dizzy."
>
> Later in the contact, McArthur said the best part of being an astronaut is
> being able to tell people how exciting it is to explore space "and what an
> important thing that is for humankind." In all the third, fourth and fifth
> graders at Country Day managed 19 questions asked and answered during the
> approximately 10-minute pass. Science teacher John French led the effort.
>
> A few days later on March 3, McArthur chatted with youngsters at Harry
> Hallyburton Elementary School in Drexel, North Carolina--his home state.
> McArthur told the third graders in Deborah Childers' class that some of
> the
> ISS crew's scientific research could directly benefit people.
>
> "We're doing scientific research every day to help to understand the human
> body better, and that can lead to new discoveries in medicine," McArthur
> said. "But the real focus of our flight is to learn how people can live
> and
> work in space for a very long time, because we think someday, human beings
> will colonize other planets."
>
> Responding to another question, McArthur told the youngsters that brushing
> one's teeth in space does present a dilemma regarding what to do with "all
> the foamy toothpaste" when you're done.

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> "We have two choices," he said. "We can either swallow it, which is what I
> usually do, or if you don't like to do that, then you just hold a towel up
> to your mouth and spit it directly into a towel."
>
> Tony Hutchison, VK5ZAI, served as the Earth station for both ARISS school
> group contacts, and Verizon Conferencing provided a two-way teleconference
> link between Australia and the schools.
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> McArthur now has logged a record 30 ARISS school QSOs. ARISS is an
> international educational outreach with US participation by ARRL, AMSAT
> and
> NASA.
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> ==>FCC OFFERS DEAL TO CALIFORNIA LICENSEE TO AVOID ENFORCEMENT ACTION,
> FINES
>
> The FCC has offered a California licensee a deal: Give up your Amateur
> Radio
> license for two years or face further enforcement action and possible
> fines.
> Special Counsel in the FCC Enforcement Bureau Riley Hollingsworth wrote
> Steve L. Wingate, KG6TXH (ex-AE6QD), of Corte Madera on February 22 to
> review a history of enforcement correspondence to Wingate dating back to
> April 2004.
>
> "The Enforcement Bureau has continued to receive complaints about the
> operation of your station since January 2005," Hollingsworth told Wingate.
> Conceding that while not all of the complaints were valid or recordings
> genuine, Hollingsworth said evidence the FCC determined was legitimate
> showed a pattern of similar alleged violations "for which you were warned
> twice, and for which you twice gave assurances of future compliance,"
> Hollingsworth pointed out.
>
> Complaints about Wingate's alleged misdeeds led the Wireless
> Telecommunications Bureau to set aside Wingate's vanity call sign and
> renewal applications, Hollingsworth noted, "and now warrant enforcement
> action against you." Sanctions could include license revocation and fines
> of
> from $7500 to $10,000 "or both," Hollingsworth warned.
>
> Wingate's responses to Enforcement Bureau letters coupled with continued
> complaints, including recordings, and telephone conversations between the
> FCC and Wingate "indicate that by your own admission you have a serious
> problem with an impairment that prevents you from maintaining control over
> your station," Hollingsworth said.
>
> Hollingsworth emphasized that if Wingate declines to "accept this
> opportunity to resolve this matter," the Commission would proceed with
> enforcement action against his Amateur Extra class license.

>
> Wingate has not yet taken the deal, Hollingsworth told ARRL this week, but
> he did request copies of recordings that accompanied complaints of his
> most
> recent alleged on-air behavior.
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> ==>ARRL STAFF MEMBER JOHN C. HENNESSEE, N1KB, SK
>
> The ARRL and the wider Amateur Radio community are mourning the loss of
> long-time Headquarters staff member John Hennessee, N1KB (ex-KJ4KB), of
> Newington, who died March 2. He was 42. Hennessee was a regulatory
> information specialist in ARRL Field and Educational Services. In that
> role,
> he answered a seemingly never-ending stream of members' questions about
> FCC
> rules and regulations and other legal issues pertaining to ham radio. He
> also was the primary editor for The ARRL FCC Rule Book. ARRL CEO David
> Sumner, K1ZZ, described Hennessee as "a valued member of the Amateur Radio
> community far outside the walls of Headquarters" who achieved a lot in his
> brief lifetime.
>
> "John came to Newington 20 years ago, fresh out of college, and quickly
> became an expert in FCC rules and local land-use regulations affecting
> radio
> amateurs," Sumner commented. "His death leaves a hole in the fabric of the
> ARRL family."
>
> First licensed at age 14 as KA4AUR in his hometown of Cheraw, South
> Carolina, Hennessee joined the ARRL Headquarters staff as in 1986
> following
> graduation from Wingate College in North Carolina.
>
> To handle hundreds of questions each year regarding how to interpret the
> FCC
> rules required Hennessee to keep abreast of ongoing Amateur Radio legal
> and
> regulatory matters and proceedings. That task became increasingly
> difficult
> for him as his eyesight and general health continued to fail. Nonetheless,
> he persevered in keeping on top of what was happening in areas ranging
> from
> the PRB-1 limited federal pre-emption and covenants, conditions and
> restrictions (CC&Rs) affecting ham radio antennas to new Amateur Radio
> rules
> and privileges, license restructuring, reciprocal licensing and licensing
> rules and procedures in other countries. He also maintained the regulatory
> pages on the ARRL Web site
> <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/>.
>
> Earlier in his Headquarters tenure, Hennessee for several years edited the

> "Washington Mailbox" and "Happenings" columns in QST. He also contributed
> to
> The ARRL Handbook, the ARRL Operating Manual and Now You're Talking!
>
> Over the years, Hennessee was a Handi-Ham camp volunteer. "Campers loved
> his
> gentle Southern manner." said Handi-Ham Manager Patrick Tice, WA0TDA.
> "Unfailingly polite and ever so patient, John made each Handi-Ham member
> feel like a long-lost friend!"
>
> In addition to ARRL, Hennessee also belonged to the Quarter Century
> Wireless
> Association and was an active member of the Newington Amateur Radio
> League,
> where he was a Field Day regular. Over the years, he enjoyed operating
> various bands and modes, and he enjoyed CW and low-power operating (QRP).
>
> Those who knew or worked with Hennessee remember him as consistently
> friendly, selfless, loyal, gracious, upbeat, willing and eager to help
> whenever and wherever needed and, above all, as an asset to Amateur Radio
> in
> general and to the ARRL in particular.
>
> "The world is a better place because of John, and a sadder place without
> him," said Senior Assistant Technical Editor Larry Wolfgang, WR1B, who
> worked with Hennessee on numerous publications. Former ARRL Field and
> Educational Services Manager Rosalie White, K1STO, was Hennessee's
> supervisor during much of his HQ tenure. "John gave his all to ARRL
> Headquarters and to the League's members," she said.
>
> ARRL staff members gathered this week at Headquarters to reminisce about
> Hennessee. "I like to think ARRL provided him with an outlet to share his
> gifts with the world," Sumner observed. "Let's celebrate that this South
> Carolina boy improbably found a home in Connecticut."
>
> Survivors include his mother, Carole Hennessee, two sisters and his
> beloved
> cat, Darlene. A service was held March 9 in Cheraw.
>
> The family invites memorial gifts to the First United Methodist Church, PO
> Box 129, Cheraw, SC 29520. Condolences sent to ARRL, 225 Main St,
> Newington,
> CT 06111 will be forwarded to the family.
>
> ==>FCC CLARIFIES RENEWAL PROCEDURES FOR VANITY CALL SIGN HOLDERS
>
> With the renewal window about to open for the first Amateur Radio licenses
> assigned vanity call signs in 1996, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications
> Bureau (WTB) has attempted to clarify filing procedures. The WTB says
> vanity

> call sign holders whose licenses expire on or after June 4, 2006, must
> file
> electronically or on paper via the Universal Licensing System (ULS)
> <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/> to renew their licenses. Amateur Radio
> renewal applications may only be filed within 90 days of the license
> expiration date.
>
> "Licensees of stations assigned vanity call signs have the option of
> keeping
> the vanity call sign or requesting that it be changed to a sequentially
> assigned call sign," the WTB points out. Those opting to keep their vanity
> call signs for the new 10-year license term must pay the current
> regulatory
> fee, now $21.90, when renewing (the vanity call sign regulatory fee may
> change in August or September). If the licensee no longer wants to keep a
> vanity call sign, no fee is required, and the applicant should request a
> sequentially assigned call sign instead.
>
> Amateur Radio licensees holding vanity call signs granted prior to 1996 do
> not have to pay a regulatory fee when renewing. This is because Congress
> did
> not begin requiring the FCC to annually recover its regulatory costs until
> 1993. Additionally, such licensees are not specifically tagged as vanity
> call sign holders in the ULS.
>
> To renew electronically via the ULS, licensees should log into ULS License
> Manager <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/> Online Filing (click on "Log In")
> using their FCC Registration Number (FRN) and Commission Registration
> System
> (CORES) password. Anyone doing business with the FCC must supply an FRN on
> any application.
>
> To keep a vanity call sign, licensees should select "Renew" under the
> "Work
> on this License" option. Fees for electronically filed applications may be
> paid online or mailed to Federal Communications Commission, Regulatory
> Fees,
> PO Box 358835, Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5835.
>
> Online filers choosing not to renew a vanity call sign should select the
> "Systematic Call Sign Change" option from the "Work on this License" list.
> To obtain a new call sign, licensees should answer "No" to the question
> "Your license is eligible for renewal. Renew call sign (vanity call
> sign)?"
> Doing this will result in the issuance of a renewed license bearing a
> sequentially assigned call sign.
>
> Licensees filing on paper must use FCC Form 605 (main form), and--if a fee
> is required--Form 159 (remittance advice). Licensees wishing to keep their
> vanity call signs should enter "Renew" under "Purpose" on Form 605 and

> enter
> the present call sign in item 5. Manual filers choosing not to renew their
> vanity call signs must file Form 605 (main form) Schedule D in order to
> obtain a new systematic call sign. The "Purpose" on the main form must be
> "Renewal/Modification," and the "Systematic Call Sign Change" question on
> Schedule D must be answered "Yes."
>
> If no FRN is provided on the main form, an FCC Form 160 (registration) is
> also required for manual filing. All forms are available via the FCC Forms
> page <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>.
>
> For more information on how to renew an Amateur Radio vanity call sign,
> visit the FCC Help & Support page <http://esupport.fcc.gov/index.htm> or
> call the ULS Customer Support Hotline, 877-480-3201 (TTY 717-338-2824).
>
> The ARRL handles routine non-vanity renewals for members free of charge.
> At
> this time, it does not process renewal applications for post-1995 vanity
> call sign holders, but ARRL plans to add that capability in the near
> future.
>
> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
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> Sun Gazer Tad "I'll Follow the Sun" Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington,
> reports: BIG news! A new computer model of solar dynamics produced by
> scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) predicts
> the next solar cycle to begin a bit later than previously thought, but to
> be
> as much as 30 to 50 percent more intense than the current solar cycle just
> ending. The model claimed to "predict" cycles 16-23 with 97 percent
> accuracy
> using earlier data.
>
> The NCAR news page has a report
> <http://www.ucar.edu/news/releases/2006/sunspot.shtml>. So does the NASA
> Web
> site
> <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/news/topstory/2006/solar_cycle.html>.
> Another article from Science@NASA claims the Cycle 23 solar minimum is
> already here
> <http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2006/06mar_solarminimum.htm>. A news
> story also appears on the ARRL Web site
> <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/03/07/5/>.
>
> Current propagation: Solar activity remains low, with many recent days of
> zero sunspots and even more ahead. March 10 could have unsettled to active
> geomagnetic conditions, with unsettled conditions March 11, quiet to
> unsettled March 12, and quiet March 13.
>
> Sunspot numbers for March 2 through March 8 were 0, 0, 13, 28, 27, 25 and

> 24, with a mean of 16.7. 10.7 cm flux was 76.1, 75.5, 75, 74.2, 73.6,
> 74.4,
> and 72.4, with a mean of 74.5. Estimated planetary A indices were 4, 4, 3,
> 2, 8, 12 and 4, with a mean of 5.3. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were
> 4,
> 2, 1, 1, 8, 6 and 3, with a mean of 3.6.
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> ==>IN BRIEF:
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> * This weekend on the radio: The North American Sprint (RTTY), the RSGB
> Commonwealth Contest, the Idaho, Oklahoma and Wisconsin QSO parties, the
> AGCW QRP Contest, the UBA Spring Contest (CW) and the NSARA Contest are
> the
> weekend of March 11-12. JUST AHEAD: The SARL VHF/UHF Contest, the 10-10
> International Mobile Contest, the BARTG Spring RTTY Contest, the Russian
> DX
> Contest, the AGCW VHF/UHF Contest, the CLARA and Family HF Contest, the
> Virginia QSO Party, the UBA Spring Contest (6 meters), the 9K 15-Meter
> Contest and the Run for the Bacon QRP Contest are the weekend of March
> 18-19. See the ARRL Contest Branch page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>
> and
> the WA7BNM Contest Calendar
> <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> for more info. JUST
> AHEAD:
> See the ARRL Contest Branch page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the
> WA7BNM Contest Calendar <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>
> for more info.
>
> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Sunday, March 19, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE). Program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Level 1 (EC-001), Radio Frequency
> Interference (EC-006), Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009),
> Technician
> Licensing (EC-010), Analog Electronics (EC-012) and Digital Electronics
> (EC-013). Classes begin Friday, April 7. To learn more, visit the CCE
> Course
> Listing page <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE
> Department <cce@...>.
>
> * ARRL CCE program issues Technician Course advisory: The ARRL
> Certification
> and Continuing Education (CCE) program reminds prospective radio amateurs
> that a new Technician (Element 2) question pool goes into effect July 1.
> The
> two Technician License courses (EC-010) the CCE program will offer in
> April
> will reflect the current question pool. The first class begins April 7 and

> continues through June 2 (registration ends March 20); the second begins
> on
> April 28 and continues through June 23 (registration ends April 17).
> Because
> these online courses are based upon the current question pool, CCE advises
> students completing these April classes to take the FCC Technician class
> (Element 2) examination by June 30.For more information contact the CCE
> Department <cce@...>.
>
> * Motorola white paper epitomizes BPL-Amateur Radio rapprochement: A new
> Motorola white paper, "Practical, Proven Broadband over Power Line,"
> describes how its Powerline LV BPL system "passes muster with Amateur
> Radio
> operators." Motorola and ARRL have cooperated in tests of the system,
> which
> the League has cited in FCC filings as one that minimizes radio frequency
> interference--both from and to the system--by design. "Motorola's white
> paper bears out that the ARRL is not opposed to the deployment of
> well-engineered BPL systems designed with interference avoidance in mind,"
> ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, commented. "We are opposed to BPL
> interference." Sumner said the League remains opposed to deployment of BPL
> technology having "an inherently high probability of causing harmful
> interference to radio communication." The Motorola white paper includes a
> summary of the company's experiences after installing a Powerline LV
> system
> at ARRL Headquarters and W1AW, as reported in November 2005 QST
> <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/pdf/0511085.pdf>. The Powerline LV system
> avoids putting digital signals on medium-voltage power lines and
> incorporates enhanced ham band notching.
>
> * IARU represented at World Telecommunication Development Conference 2006:
> An International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) delegation is representing
> Amateur Radio at World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC)
> 2006.
> The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) conference got under way
> March 7 in Doha, Qatar. IARU Vice President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA, IARU
> International Coordinator for Emergency Communications Hans Zimmermann,
> F5VKP/HB9AQS, and IARU Region 1 Vice Chairman Tafa Diop, 6W1KI, are
> attending. WTDC 2006 will focus on development priorities aimed at
> bridging
> the "digital divide." Following in the footsteps of the recently concluded
> World Summit on the Information Society, the resulting Doha Action Plan
> will
> focus on utilizing the full potential of information and communication
> technologies to "connect the unconnected and accelerate the pace of social
> and economic development," the ITU says. Approximately 1000 delegates from
> government, the private sector and international and regional
> organizations
> were expected to attend WTDC 2006, which continues through March 15. ARRL
> Technical Specialist Jon Siverling, WB3ERA, tracked US preparations for

> the
> conference.
>
> * DXCC Honor Roll deadline looms: The deadline for the next ARRL DXCC
> Honor
> Roll list is rapidly approaching. In order to appear in next list, which
> will be published in August 2006 QST, operators must be current on the
> DXCC
> Honor Roll as of March 31, 2006--the last day applications may be
> postmarked. To qualify for the DXCC Honor Roll, operators must be within
> the
> numerical top 10 of the overall entities on the DXCC List. Since there are
> 335 current entities on the DXCC List, the minimum level to make the Honor
> Roll is 326 current entities. Deleted entities do not count toward DXCC
> Honor Roll. Wall plaques remain available for those currently or
> previously
> on the Honor Roll. The DXCC Web site has the order form and more
> information
> <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>.
>
> * DX still king for 90-year-old radio amateur: Veteran DXer and contester
> John Thompson, W1BIH, has been largely out of the game since disposing of
> his tower, antennas and linear and moving into a retirement community in
> Massachusetts last year. But the DXCC Honor Roll member held onto his
> transceiver and his desire to work the few rare ones he lacked. When the
> 3Y0X Peter I DXpedition got under way in February, Don Greenbaum, N1DG,
> did
> his older friend a good turn by taking Thompson to his station February 9
> for a crack at 3Y0X. During the last two Peter I Island DXpeditions,
> Thompson was at his winter home, PJ9JT, so Peter I has been among his most
> wanted. It only took about 30 minutes for W1BIH to make himself heard
> through the fray on 15-meter SSB and exchange reports. "We got him!"
> Thompson exclaimed seconds after the quick QSO. Greenbaum captured the
> occasion on video <http://005d89a.netsolhost.com/videos/videos/w1bih.wmv>.
> Once confirmed and submitted to DXCC, the 3Y0X QSO will elevate W1BIH into
> a
> tie for second place in the DXCC standings at 390 entities--including
> deleted entities--or 335 current entities. W1BIH subsequently worked 3Y0X
> from his retirement community station on 20-meter CW while running 100 W
> into a G5RV strung from his window some 20 feet above ground.
>
> * Yet another DX record claimed on 134 GHz: Inveterate microwave
> enthusiast
> Brian Justin, WA1ZMS, says he's once again topped his own claimed world DX
> record on the 134-GHz band. On February 26, Justin, operating as WA1ZMS/4
> in
> EM96ur, and Pete Lascell, W4WWQ, in FM07fm--both in Virginia--exchanged
> reports on FSK-CW (copied by ear) over a distance of 114.4 km
> (approximately
> 70.9 miles). That beats his previous world DX record of 79.6 km

> (approximately 49.35 miles) set in December.
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> Data Page" link (in the Members Only box). Click on "Modify membership
> data," check or uncheck the appropriate boxes and/or change your e-mail
> address if necessary. (Check "Temporarily disable all automatically sent
> email" to temporarily stop all e-mail deliveries.) Then, click on "Submit
> modification" to make selections effective. (NOTE: HQ staff members cannot
> change your e-mail delivery address. You must do this yourself via the
> Members Only Web Site.)
>
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> sources:
>
> * ARRLWeb <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/>. (NOTE: The ARRL Letter will
> be
> posted each Friday when it is distributed via e-mail.)
>
> * The QTH.net listserver, thanks to volunteers from the Boston Amateur
> Radio
> Club: Visit Mailing Lists@...
> <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/letter-list>. (NOTE: The ARRL
> cannot assist subscribers who receive The ARRL Letter via this
> listserver.)
>
>

431. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Wake up DX-ers !

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-12 00:10:16 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 427 Message: 431

Jim:

Great News! Congratulations! We knew you could do it! Wonderful! Welcome to DX!

Bill, AB8SC

434. Ham in a Day..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-12 01:04:24 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 434 Message: 434

All
More to come about this program and how they did it in Kent County. Stay tune. Tom

Subject: Ham in a Day..

Hi all, I would like to congratulate and welcome 23 new hams to the community..

In our very long Ham in a Day Session we were able to get a 100% success rate!!! We had 23 people take the class, 23 people take the test and 23 people pass it.

I will have another write up with more details on it very soon!

Now, since today was so successful we have already scheduled another class for April 15th 2006 it will run the same way..

30.00 Per person, including your testing fee and materials!

To sign up please email jeffnawrot@...

8AM until 5PM
>
>

435. Re: gel cell float charger project

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-13 17:55:38 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 334 Message: 435

The charger at Meijer's sounds like a decent deal. It will bring a discharged battery back to full charge much quicker than a float charger set at a regulated voltage (usually around 13.60 volts). A float charger will fully charge a battery, but it takes a lot longer because the charge rate falls off rapidly as the battery approaches the float voltage.

So use the Maijer's-type charger to charge after use, then move to a REGULATED VOLTAGE float charger to keep it there, or a type of <smart> charger to handle that for you. Charging a battery long-term with a so-called <trickle charger> available off the shelf somewhere is a good way to fry a good battery in a fairly short time.

Hope this helps...

Laryn K8TVZ

436. Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-14 00:17:49 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 436 Message: 436

The Center for Women in Transition will be hosting the Girls on the Run 5K race at 8:00 (for volunteers) am on May 20th in Grand Haven. More details will follow. Please let me know if you plan on volunteering.

For those who participated last year, you should remember the magnitude of this event. There were nearly 1,000 runners including the students and coaches. It was a pretty exciting run with a lot of community support.

I will be sending a volunteer form approximating our count at 10-30 people, but more is better. The run has a lot of corners and uses part of a very busy street in Grand Haven. Please help keep the runners protected.

Andrew Young
N8ARY

437. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-14 10:54:26 UTC
From: Craig Christilaw
Topic: 436 Message: 437

Hi Andrew,
If I am home that weekend, you can count me in.
Craig K8CRC
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2006 7:17 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

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N8ARY

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438. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-14 11:00:16 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 436 Message: 438

Count on me Bro

73,

Mark K8MHZ
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Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.375 / Virus Database: 268.1.2/274 - Release Date: 3/3/2006

439. Re: Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-15 14:42:08 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 436 Message: 439

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Andrew Young" <ayoung@...>
wrote:
>
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Run 5K race at 8:00 (for volunteers) am on May 20th in Grand Haven.
More details will follow. Please let me know if you plan on volunteering.
>
<SNIP>

Andrew-
I will be there.

Greg, KC8HXO

440. Get your Amateur Radio License in just one day!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-15 23:33:05 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 440 Message: 440
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Please Distribute to anyone who may be interested!!!

Ham in a day!

Get your Amateur Radio License in just one day!

Sponsored by the:

Kent County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service

No Techno-Babble needed, this class is for anyone who wants their amateur radio license

Date: Saturday April 15th 2006

Cost: $30.00 Includes the $14.00 FCC license Fee

Location: Red Cross 1050 Fuller Ave NE

Pre-Registration is required to reserve a spot in the class

Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Testing will start at 4:00 PM

To Pre-Register Email jeffnawrot@... or call 616-889-7101

Bring either drivers license or 2 pieces of identification

Coffee and Treats will be provided! Dress comfortably!

441. Marshall Hamfest, 3/18/2006, 8:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-16 12:58:46 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 441 Message: 441

Reminder from the Calendar of WestMichiganHams
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Marshall Hamfest
Saturday March 18, 2006
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event does not repeat.)

Set up birthday reminders!
http://us.rd.yahoo.com/cal_us/rem/?http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal?v=9&evt_type=13

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442. Fw: Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-16 22:39:15 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 442 Message: 442

----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@...>
To: <n8ctt@...>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2006 16:50
Subject: Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

The Hiawatha ARA announces their Ham of the Year, Ralph Watters, N8HXZ. The
Lowell ARC, Grand Rapids ARA and Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance clubs have
jointly chosen their Ham of the Year who is Joe Bell WD8USA. Marinette and
Menominee Radio Club's Ham of the Year is Jim Pearson, KS8O. Congratulations
to all of these honored and deserving individuals from your staff of the
Michigan Section.

A reminder from the MiTN: This daily traffic net for the Michigan area meets
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443. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-16 22:25:59 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 37 Message: 443

> The Hiawatha ARA announces their Ham of the Year, Ralph Watters, N8HXZ.
> The
> Lowell ARC, Grand Rapids ARA and Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance clubs
> have
> jointly chosen their Ham of the Year who is Joe Bell WD8USA. Marinette
> and
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-17 17:58:00 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 444 Message: 444
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING

OPERATIONS - KCSD
March 31 1800-2200 Awareness Training before the Ops Class at
1630
Apr 1 1200-2200
Apr 2 1200-1800ish
Must attend all three for Operations Credit
You can attend March 31 for Awareness Credit

ALL ABOVE ARE FREE

SEARCH MANAGER $40
May 6 and 7 2006
Times TBA
Location KCSD

Please Reserve your Space
Questions or to sign up ---email--- sar@...

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Kc-arpsc mailing list.
http://www.kcraces.org

To unsubscribe or change your email address, send an email to
webmaster@...

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.385 / Virus Database: 268.2.4/283 - Release Date: 3/16/2006

445. Fw: The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 11 (Mar 17, 2006)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-18 10:06:44 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
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> * Solar Update
> * IN BRIEF:
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> +AMSAT names Director of Education
> CUTESats get OSCAR numbers
> +NASA honors TV journalist, anchor Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD
> DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit
> Correction
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> ==>Delivery problems (ARRL member direct delivery only!):
> letter-dlvy@...
> ==>Editorial questions or comments: Rick Lindquist, N1RL, n1rl@...
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> ==>AMATEUR RADIO POISED TO STAY WITHIN FCC WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
> BUREAU
>
> The FCC approved a proposal March 17 to create a new Public Safety and
> Homeland Security Bureau (PS&HSB) that would assume some functions now
> under
> the umbrella of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB). But it
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> appears
> that the Amateur Radio Service--now within the WTB's Public Safety and
> Critical Infrastructure Division, headed by Michael J. Wilhelm,
> WS6BR--will
> remain within the WTB, according to Anthony Dale, Acting Director of the
> FCC's Office of Managing Director (OMD).
>
> "The Critical Infrastructure piece--that's things like taxi cabs, Amateur
> Radio, chemical plants, all that type of thing--those are not public
> safety-specific functions," Dale said in response to a reporter's question
> following the FCC open meeting. "The plan is to keep those in the Wireless
> Bureau."
>
> Creation of the new bureau was a topic of some discussion during a meeting
> earlier this month of the ARRL Executive Committee. With the complete
> details of the reorganization still uncertain, however, the League is
> adopting a wait-and-see attitude for now.
>
> Mika Savir, an attorney advisor within the FCC's OMD, presented the
> proposal
> to the Commission. "By this action, the Commission would take an important
> step to better address public safety, homeland security, national
> security,
> emergency management and preparedness and disaster management," she said.
> "As you know, the Commission has a statutory mandate to assist in
> promoting
> the safety of life and property, as well as the national defense, through
> the use of communications."
>
> An official document spelling out just which functions and services will
> end
> up where has not yet been made public, and even Dale did not appear to be
> entirely clear on specifics. He and others stressed that some PS&HSB
> functions may overlap those of other bureaus.
>
> The FCC said the changes are subject to Congressional notification before
> they become effective. In addition, the Commission must work with the
> National Treasury Employees Union Local 209 to secure its approval for
> issues affecting the Commission's workforce.
>
> The last changes affecting the functions of the WTB occurred in 2003. This
> reorganization has been several months in the planning. Some observers had
> speculated that Amateur Radio would be shifted to the PS&HSB, thus
> removing
> it from the WTB's market-based approach to regulation. Moving some of the
> WTB's current responsibilities to the new bureau, however, could speed up
> the process of moving Amateur Radio-related proceedings through the
> Commission.
>
> The PS&HSB will have three divisions: Policy, Public Communications

> Outreach
> & Operations, and Communications Systems Analysis. In addition, the bureau
> will have a front office consisting of senior leadership and management
> staff.
>
> The new bureau would be the seventh within the FCC. Commissioner Michael
> Copps said the proposed reorganization goes beyond "reshuffling" of the
> bureaucracy. He expressed the hope that creation of the new Public Safety
> and Homeland Security Bureau would be viewed as "the first step in putting
> the FCC out front--where it long should have been--in providing
> communications security for all Americans in this dangerous age."
>
> The Commission voted unanimously to approve creation of the new bureau.
>
> ==>"HELLO" CAMPAIGN PROVIDES RALLYING POINT TO PROMOTE AMATEUR RADIO
>
> The first components of the ARRL's "Hello" Amateur Radio public relations
> campaign now are available. "This campaign will give hams the tools they
> need to reach out in their communities to non-hams and influence their
> perception of Amateur Radio," says ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager
> Allen Pitts, W1AGP, who conceived the campaign and is its principal
> Headquarters contact. The "Hello" campaign is aimed at recasting Amateur
> Radio in the light of the 21st century and focusing on its universal
> appeal.
> At the same time, it will mark the 100th anniversary of what many
> historians
> consider the first voice radio broadcast in 1906 by Reginald Fessenden.
>
> "For years, ARRL public information officers (PIOs) and others interested
> in
> promoting Amateur Radio have been looking for leadership and a rallying
> point from which we can join together in a major promotion for ham radio,"
> Pitts said. This is it! Tools include a distinctive "Hello" Web site
> <http://www.hello-radio.org/> and radio and TV public service
> announcements.
>
> Based on the word "Hello," which Pitts calls "possibly the most pleasant
> word in any language," the coordinated campaign will set "a positive,
> upbeat
> tone that highlights the international capabilities of Amateur Radio," he
> explained. The "Hello" Web site is designed for non-hams to learn a little
> bit about Amateur Radio and to arouse more interest. The site points
> prospective Amateur Radio licensees to groups that have indicated they
> will
> provide a warm welcome to newcomers. The national "Hello" campaign can
> bring
> curious people into contact with ham radio groups, but it will be up to
> local radio amateurs to make them truly welcome, Pitts maintains.
>
> "The key to creating a new ham operator is to develop a relationship with

> a
> current ham operator," says Pitts. Behind the effort is "an army of
> dedicated, truly motivated PIOs and others who want to see ham radio
> flourish."
>
> A series of 30-second radio public service announcements (PSAs)
> <http://www.arrl.org/pio/pr.html> has been developed for the "Hello"
> campaign. "You can help by downloading the PSAs from the ARRL Web site
> onto
> a CD and taking it to your own local radio station," Pitts suggests.
>
> A broadcast-quality video for the "Hello" campaign will be available in
> April.
>
> Copies of the special four-page "Hello" brochure
> <http://www.arrl.org/pio/hello/Hello-Campaign-Brochure.pdf> are available
> from ARRL Headquarters for use during presentations to non-ham groups.
> (Full
> details on the "Hello" campaign plus a pull-out copy of the brochure are
> available in the April issue of QST.) The brochures are suitable for talks
> to schools, clubs, displays and other venues promoting Amateur Radio to
> the
> public. There is a space on the back page to add local club info.
>
> "For 100 years, the magic of the human voice over radio has brought
> imaginations to life. It opened a whole new era of human communication,"
> the
> brochure declares, urging, "It's your world. Get on the radio and say
> "Hello."
>
> To obtain copies, e-mail the "Hello" campaign <hello@...>. Donations
> are welcome (make checks out to "ARRL") to help cover return postage to
> ARRL, Public Relations, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.
>
> "Hello" logo bumper stickers will be on sale through the ARRL on-line
> catalog <http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=9731>. Buttons for the "Hello"
> campaign will be available at Dayton Hamvention and at other major Amateur
> Radio events. Banners for the "Hello" campaign will be flying at Dayton
> Hamvention and at the National Association of Broadcasters convention in
> April. After that, they will be made available for use at major events in
> 2006.
>
> "ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, was correct in stating that the Main
> Street of today is not the same as the Main Street of yesteryear," Pitts
> says. "To reach out today, the very first requirement is that Amateur
> Radio
> operators be perceived as friendly and trustworthy. That's a true public
> relations goal and the primary focus of the campaign."
>
> ==>SPACE QSO HELPS INTRODUCE AMATEUR RADIO TO GERMAN STUDENTS

>
> Twenty-one soon-to-be radio amateurs attending the Evangelisches Gymnasium
> in Lippstadt, Germany, talked shop with ISS Expedition 12 Commander Bill
> McArthur, KC5ACR, on March 8. The Amateur Radio on the International Space
> Station (ARISS) program arranged the direct VHF QSO between DN2LP at the
> school and NA1SS in space. The school incorporated ARISS lesson plans into
> its curriculum, and all of the participating students had already passed
> their Amateur Radio exams and are awaiting their new call signs. One
> student
> wanted to know if McArthur had ever taken an insect into space by
> accident.
>
> "Yes, on shuttle missions we would very often see mosquitoes, because
> Florida is a place that has so many," McArthur responded. "They seem very
> confused and die very quickly."
>
> Other students at the school--which accommodates youngsters and youth
> between the ages of 10 and 19--were curious about the effects of
> microgravity. One girl wanted to know if it was possible to have a runny
> nose in zero G.
>
> "Fortunately, we don't get sick on orbit very much and therefore don't get
> runny noses," McArthur explained. "But we do experience head congestion
> because of the shift of fluids from our legs to our upper body and head."
>
> McArthur also told the students that a candle cannot burn in space because
> microgravity prevents the necessary convection currents from forming, and
> if
> you were to cry, tears would not be shed but gather around the eye
> instead.
>
> All of the students at the church-run school have been studying physics.
> One
> of the QSO participants asked how much of the ISS depends on electricity.
>
> "Everything we have onboard is electrical," McArthur replied. "The primary
> uses of electricity are heater and our fans and pumps." The solar arrays
> on
> the ISS can produce approximately 18 kW of power right now. When the space
> station is completed, its power production will jump to 110 kW.
>
> One student stumped McArthur with his question, "Which state law is
> recognized on the ISS?" Responded McArthur to the amusement of the
> students
> and the audience: "You got me on that one. I just don't have an answer."
>
> Some 900 students attend the school, located in the state of North
> Rhine-Westfalia. Control operator Ralf Karrasch, DF4DC, and teacher Daniel
> Ahrens, DO7DAN, supported the participating students in preparing to take
> their ham radio license examinations, reports ARISS Mentor Peter Kofler,

> IN3GHZ, noting that everyone who took the test passed. "Congratulation to
> the new members of our worldwide radio ham family!" he commented.
>
> A team of radio amateurs from local clubs set up the satellite station at
> the school that included automatic antenna tracking on the primary
> station,
> Kofler said. The station equipment was located in the huge assembly hall,
> where an audience of 400 students, parents and teachers followed the
> contact. The NA1SS signal was loud and clear throughout the nearly
> 10-minute
> contact, which drew cheers and applause from students and audience as it
> ended.
>
> The QSO attracted the attention of German news media. Westdeutscher
> Rundfunk
> (WDR) TV and radio and Hellweg Radio covered the ham radio event, which
> was
> broadcast live on the two radio channels. An article touting the
> successful
> ham radio contact appeared the following day in the local newspaper Der
> Patriot.
>
> The Lippstadt contact marked the 30th ARISS school QSO McArthur has
> handled--by far a record for any ISS crew member.
>
> ARISS <http://www.rac.ca/ariss> is an international educational outreach
> with US participation by ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.
>
> ==>DONATIONS HELP LEAGUE MAKE HEADWAY AGAINST BPL INTERFERENCE, OTHER
> THREATS
>
> Contributions to the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund have helped the League to
> make significant progress in the battle against interference from
> Broadband
> Over Power Line (BPL). But the fight's not over, says ARRL CEO David
> Sumner,
> K1ZZ, who calls the BPL effort "one of the most important" the ARRL has
> ever
> undertaken to protect Amateur Radio spectrum." Thanks in part to the
> generosity of League members, however, Sumner offered up some good news as
> the Spring 2006 Spectrum Defense Fund campaign kicks off
> <https://www.arrl.org/forms/fdefense/2006/spring/>.
>
> "Contrary to the predictions of its shameless promoters, 2005 was not a
> big
> year for BPL," Sumner said in a letter to League members. "The number of
> cities in which BPL service was widely available to consumers was the same
> at the end of the year as at the beginning: two." Cable and DSL providers
> add more new broadband customers in a single morning than have ever been
> served by BPL, he said. Sumner also pointed to shutdowns of BPL trials in

> Pennsylvania and Idaho.
>
> "Most utilities that have looked at BPL have decided not to pursue it," he
> said. But Sumner cautions that Amateur Radio cannot count on BPL's "likely
> failure in the marketplace" to keep the radio spectrum safe from
> pollution.
>
> The ARRL has been in the forefront of raising the visibility of the BPL
> radio interference issue, Sumner asserted. "We have kept after the FCC to
> correct ongoing spectrum pollution from BPL, particularly from the
> much-ballyhooed system in Manassas, Virginia." At the same time, the
> League
> has cooperated with BPL companies that take the interference issue
> seriously
> and design their systems to avoid it.
>
> "The ARRL is not opposed to BPL, but we remain steadfastly opposed to
> interference caused by BPL systems," Sumner stressed.
>
> Spectrum Defense Fund contributions have enabled the League to petition
> the
> FCC to "properly draw the line between BPL systems that can be deployed
> without serious harm to radio communication and those that
> cannot"--something the current BPL rules don't do. Until such rules are in
> place and properly enforced, "we won't let the spectrum polluters and
> their
> apologists off the hook," Sumner said, adding that the League also will
> keep
> after the FCC to "do the right thing."
>
> In the meantime, Sumner says, BPL companies that take interference
> seriously
> are gaining traction at the expense of those that deny the problem exists.
> "This is no accident," he said. "It's the result of the ARRL's relentless
> media relations efforts to keep radio interference at the center of the
> BPL
> discussion."
>
> While it's attracted much of the attention in recent years, BPL is just
> one
> of many threats to the Amateur Radio spectrum we enjoy. "A dedicated team
> of
> volunteers and staff works constantly on your behalf," Sumner said. He
> notes, for example, that the League is attempting to leverage the
> five-voice-channel "toehold" it obtained for Amateur Radio in the vicinity
> of 5 MHz into something more like a traditional amateur allocation.
>
> Sumner concluded by pointing out that membership dues alone don't cover
> the
> costs of protecting, promoting and advancing the Amateur Radio Service.

> Members may contribute to the Spectrum Defense Fund via the ARRL's secure
> donations Web page
> <https://www.arrl.org/forms/fdefense/2006/spring/fdefense.html>.
>
> ==>AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE ACTIVATES IN TORNADOS' AFTERMATH
>
> Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) teams in Missouri this week
> assisted
> emergency managers in that state with damage assessment after a huge
> string
> of tornados swept through the nation's midsection March 12. Nine people
> were
> reported dead in Missouri and one in Indiana in the aftermath of the
> severe
> weather. Missouri Section Emergency Coordinator Don Moore, KM0R, told ARRL
> that he and three other radio amateurs deployed March 13 as a
> "quick-response team" to Pettis County, Missouri, just south of Sedalia
> along US Route 65 to support the county's emergency operations center
> (EOC).
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>
> "There was some major wind through here," Moore told ARRL. The severe
> weather damaged or took down utility lines along US Route 65 and
> elsewhere.
> The Pettis County Emergency Management Agency requested the ARES call-up.
> Nine ARES members ultimately activated to help seven damage-assessment
> teams. ARES stood down later the same day.
>
> ARES handled minimal voice traffic, Moore said. While the ARES group was
> prepared to pass damage assessments to the EOC via WinLink 2000, that
> turned
> out not to be necessary. The ARES team did communicate with the Missouri
> Emergency Management Agency to demonstrate Winlink from the field, he
> added.
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> Missouri appears to have been the state hardest hit by the weekend storms,
> which generated hail said to have been the size of softballs. Damage in
> the
> Show-Me State stretched from west to east, with houses reportedly
> destroyed
> along a 20-mile path south of St Louis.
>
> Tornadoes also struck Kansas, where the University of Kansas canceled
> classes March 13 due to safety concerns. The school, located in Lawrence,
> reportedly suffered damage to nearly two-thirds of its buildings, but no
> serious injuries were reported. Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio
> Network
> (SATERN) members were requested to deploy the SATERN Mobile Generator
> Trailer when the storms knocked out power in Douglas County, Kansas.

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> SATERN Kansas State Coordinator June Jeffers, KB0WEQ, reports that SATERN
> members moved the generator from Olathe to Lawrence, keeping in touch with
> the emergency nets along the way. SATERN and ARES members in eastern
> Kansas
> remained on standby in case they were needed.
>
> In Arkansas, Section Manager David Norris, K5UZ, reports Franklin County
> ARES/RACES and Sebastian County RACES activated SKYWARN nets over the
> weekend. "Northwest Arkansas was hammered late last night with quite a bit
> of damage in Centerton," he told ARRL March 13. He reported several people
> injured and considerable property damage.
>
> Arkansas SEC J.M. Rowe, N5XFW, reported SKYWARN nets were active as the
> severe weather approached.
>
> In Illinois, Section Manager Sharon Harlan, N9SH, noted that severe storms
> rolled across her state March 12. Houses and businesses throughout the
> capital city of Springfield were damaged or destroyed, and roads into the
> city had to be closed.
>
> The violent weather developed from a line of thunderstorms that stretched
> from the southern Plains and into the Ohio valley. Twisters also hit
> Oklahoma.
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> ==>MISSISSIPPI BECOMES 22nd STATE TO ADOPT PRB-1 STATUTE
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> After several earlier tries, Mississippi this week became the 22nd state
> to
> revise its statutes to incorporate the language of the limited federal
> preemption known as PRB-1. Mississippi Gov Haley Barbour signed the bill
> March 13, reports ARRL Mississippi Section Manager Malcolm Keown, W5XX.
> Echoing the language of PRB-1, the new law calls on localities
> establishing
> ordinances regulating antenna placement, screening or height to
> "reasonably
> accommodate" Amateur Radio communication. The Mississippi measure also
> takes
> note of Amateur Radio's communication support in emergencies and
> disasters.
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> "This legislation supports the Amateur Radio Service in preparing for and
> providing emergency communications for the State of Mississippi and local
> emergency management agencies," the statute reads. The new PRB-1 provision
> became law when Barbour signed it.
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> The new law provides that local land use regulation ordinances involving
> the
> placement, screening, or height of amateur radio antenna structures "must
> reasonably accommodate amateur communications and must constitute the

> minimum practicable regulation to accomplish local authorities' legitimate
> purposes" to address health, safety, welfare and aesthetic considerations.
> Under the new law, local authorities will determine the types of
> reasonable
> accommodation to be made and the minimum practicable regulation necessary
> to
> address these purposes "within the parameters of the law."
>
> "We now have a Mississippi PRB-1 Law on the books!" Keown exulted in a
> message to Mississippi League members. Keown this week called on his
> section's members to contact all those involved and thank them for
> contributing to the success of the PRB-1 legislation. Similar bills were
> introduced this session in the House and Senate, but the House version, HB
> 736, was the successful measure. The Senate version of the PRB-1
> legislation, SB 2709, passed the full Senate but died in committee in the
> House.
>
> Keown says efforts have been under way since 2001 to get such legislation
> through the Mississippi Legislature. In past years, PRB-1 bills have made
> it
> through one legislative chamber only to die in committee in the other. A
> ceremonial signing of the PRB-1 legislation will be scheduled after the
> legislative session ends.
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> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
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> Solar swami Tad "I'll Follow the Sun" Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington,
> reports: Average daily sunspot numbers and solar flux values were down
> just
> slightly this week when compared to last, and the geomagnetic indexes were
> up just a bit. We only saw one day with zero sunspots, and there weren't
> any
> really stormy days with high geomagnetic K and A indices.
>
> The prediction for the next few days is a solar flux value of 75, and, in
> fact, that continues in Thursday's prediction from the US Air Force for
> the
> next 45 days. The USAF also predicts Sunday, March 19, will be a day of
> geomagnetic activity, with a planetary A index projected to reach 20. The
> five-day projection for planetary A index from March 17-21 is 8, 8, 20, 15
> and 12. This slightly higher activity is based on what was occurring in
> the
> area of the sun that will be facing us this weekend, looking back to
> February 19-22 when the planetary A index was 6, 20, 17 and 12.
>
> This projection for geomagnetic activity seems shared this week by
> Geophysical Institute Prague, which projects quiet conditions for March
> 17,
> 22 and 23, quiet to unsettled for March 18, unsettled for March 20 and 21,
> and unsettled to active on March 19.

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> Sunspot numbers for March 9 through 15 were 12, 12, 0, 18, 14, 34 and 22,
> with a mean of 16. 10.7 cm flux was 72.9, 72.2, 74, 73.2, 72.6, 73.6, and
> 74.2, with a mean of 73.2. Estimated planetary A indices were 4, 12, 12,
> 6,
> 3, 4 and 7, with a mean of 6.9. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 3,
> 9,
> 9, 3, 2, 2 and 6, with a mean of 4.9.
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> ==>IN BRIEF:
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> * This weekend on the radio: The SARL VHF/UHF Contest, the 10-10
> International Mobile Contest, the BARTG Spring RTTY Contest, the Russian
> DX
> Contest, the AGCW VHF/UHF Contest, the CLARA and Family HF Contest, the
> Virginia QSO Party, the UBA Spring Contest (6 meters), the 9K 15-Meter
> Contest and the Run for the Bacon QRP Contest are the weekend of March
> 18-19. JUST AHEAD: The CQ WW WPX Contest (SSB), the UBA Spring Contest (2
> meters), and the Spring QRP Homebrewer Sprint are the weekend of March
> 25-26. See the ARRL Contest Branch page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>
> and
> the WA7BNM Contest Calendar
> <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> for more info.
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> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Sunday, March 19, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE). Program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Level 1 (EC-001), Radio Frequency
> Interference (EC-006), Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009),
> Technician
> Licensing (EC-010), Analog Electronics (EC-012) and Digital Electronics
> (EC-013). Classes begin Friday, April 7. NOTE: Because Technician
> Licensing
> (EC-010) courses beginning in April are based upon the current question
> pool, students completing these April classes should take the FCC
> Technician
> class (Element 2) examination by June 30. A *new* Element 2 question pool
> goes into effect July 1. To learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page
> <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE Department
> <cce@...>.
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> * AMSAT names Director of Education: AMSAT-NA has named H. Paul Shuch,
> N6TX,
> as its Director of Education. An AMSAT Board of Directors member, Shuch
> received his doctorate from the University of California-Berkeley and has
> an
> extensive background in teaching, curriculum development, communications,
> and engineering. AMSAT says Shuch's highest priority will be integrated

> curriculum development at all educational levels, with an emphasis on
> using
> satellites in the classroom, to enhance the teaching of science, math,
> geography, social studies, technology, and the social sciences. "I will
> invite all teachers within AMSAT to share with me their current, past, or
> planned use of satellites in the classroom, their instructional materials,
> and their desires in terms of future curricular development," Shuch said.
> AMSAT already participates in the Amateur Radio on the International Space
> Station (ARISS) program, which helps to educate about human spaceflight
> and
> offers youngsters a chance to speak with the ISS crew via ham radio. Shuch
> says he'll seek ways to encourage ARISS schools and teachers "to take the
> next step, with programs to leverage that enthusiasm into an ongoing
> interest in math, science and Amateur Radio." Among other initiatives, he
> also wants to bring satellite builders and satellite users together in an
> educational setting and get satellite developers "fired up about
> supporting
> the classroom use of their creations."
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> * CUTESats get OSCAR numbers: AMSAT has issued OSCAR numbers to the CUTE
> (CUbical Tokyo Institute of Technology Engineering) satellites. CUTE 1,
> launched in June 2003, is Cubesat-OSCAR-55 (CO-55), and CUTE 1.7, launched
> in February 2006, is Cubesat-OSCAR-56 (CO-56). CO-56 now is transmitting a
> CW signal with housekeeping data. The downlink is 437.385 MHz, and the CW
> is
> about 50 WPM. The satellite's call sign is JQ1YGW. The command team asks
> anyone receiving the satellite to report any data collected for further
> study <http://lss.mes.titech.ac.jp/ssp/cute1.7/ireceived_e.html>. The
> latest
> version of the CW telemetry decoder software is available on the Lab for
> Space Systems/Tokyo Institute of Technology Web site
> <http://lss.mes.titech.ac.jp/ssp/cute1.7/software_e.html>. More
> information
> on CO-55 and CO-56 is on the CUTE Web site
> <http://lss.mes.titech.ac.jp/ssp/cubesat/index_e.html>.
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> * NASA honors TV journalist, anchor Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD: NASA has
> honored legendary CBS TV news anchor Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, for his
> coverage of the US space program. Cronkite, who has narrated two ARRL
> Amateur Radio videos, received the Ambassador of Exploration Award
> February
> 28. "His marathon, live coverage of the first moon landing brought the
> excitement and impact of the historic event into the homes of millions of
> Americans and observers around the world," NASA said in announcing the
> award. NASA is presenting the Ambassador of Exploration Award to the 38
> astronauts and other key individuals who participated in the Mercury,
> Gemini, and Apollo space programs for realizing America's vision of space
> exploration from 1961 to 1972. Cronkite is the first non-astronaut and
> only
> NASA outsider to receive the award, which consists of a small, encased

> sample of lunar material mounted for public display. Cronkite is the
> best-remembered journalist for his commentary and enthusiastic coverage of
> the historic progression of missions from the early Mercury launches,
> through the ground-breaking Gemini missions, to the Apollo 11 and
> subsequent
> moon landings.
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> * DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit: The ARRL DXCC Desk has
> approved this operation for DXCC credit: YI/OM2DX, Iraq, operation
> commencing June 9, 2003. For more information, visit the DXCC Web page
> <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>. "DXCC Frequently Asked Questions" can
> answer most questions about the DXCC program. ARRL DX bulletins are
> available on the W1AW DX Bulletins page <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/dx/>.
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> * Correction: The story "Ohio, North Carolina Youngsters Help ISS
> Commander
> Boost His QSO Record" in The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 10 (Mar 10, 2006),
> contained some incorrect information. The name of the science teacher at
> Country Day School is Jan French.
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> be
> posted each Friday when it is distributed via e-mail.)
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> * The QTH.net listserver, thanks to volunteers from the Boston Amateur
> Radio
> Club: Visit Mailing Lists@...
> <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/letter-list>. (NOTE: The ARRL
> cannot assist subscribers who receive The ARRL Letter via this
> listserver.)
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446. Oakfield Townishp / Kent County / MI Tower Ordinances

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-19 19:35:36 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 446 Message: 446

It appears I may be moving from downtown Grand Rapids to near Lincoln Lake Road and M-57 in Northern Kent County. I need to start findind guidlines for putting in a tower. I have not been able to find any info on Oakfield Township. Can anyone on this list point me in the right direction so that I can be prepared and buy the right size tower and get the appropriate approvals.

Thanks,
Mike Wolthuis
kb8zgl

447. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Oakfield Townisip / Kent County / MI Tower Ordinances

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-19 23:05:28 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 446 Message: 447

The easiest way is to not put up a tower for a ham antenna. Put one up for a TV antenna. Use the TV antenna for 2 meter sideband and after a few Sundays start putting up your ham antennas.

The laws are different and much more relaxed for TV antenna towers.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Michael J. Wolthuis" <wolthui3@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2006 2:35 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Oakfield Townisip / Kent County / MI Tower Ordinances

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> Lake Road and M-57 in Northern Kent County. I need to start findind
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> info on Oakfield Township. Can anyone on this list point me in the
> right direction so that I can be prepared and buy the right size tower
> and get the appropriate approvals.
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> Thanks,
> Mike Wolthuis
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448. March 2006 Spark

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-20 15:16:24 UTC
From: Craig Christilaw
Topic: 448 Message: 448

Hello NOARC/West Michigan Amateur Radio operators...
The latest issue (March 2006) Spark newsletter has been posted to the
yahoo group.
73
Craig Christilaw K8CRC

449. Radio a) collection b) museum c) hoard d) pile e) all of the above

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-21 01:57:19 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 449 Message: 449

If you think you have a lot of radios, check out this guy!

http://members.cox.net/wa6mhz/

Be sure to take the time (lots of it) to download all the pictures. There is an interesting story at the end.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

450. Re: Radio a) collection b) museum c) hoard d) pile e) all of the above

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-21 03:55:22 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 449 Message: 450

> If you think you have a lot of radios, check out this guy!
>
> http://members.cox.net/wa6mhz/

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> Mark K8MHZ
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YYYYYYeeeeeaaaaaah. He has a few alright. Didn't catch any Regencys in the pix though, but they're probably there somewhere. I still have the first 2M rig I owned, a Regency HR2MS. It cost me around $350 as I recall, c1972. That was several weeks pay for many people back then, and ALL the rig did was scan, with a whopping 6 transmit and 8 receive channels, crystals of course. I think the rigs of today are a bargain for what you get.

Laryn K8TVZ

452. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Radio a) collection b) museum c) hoard d) pile e) all of the above

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-21 17:59:46 UTC
From: rmartin0943
Topic: 449 Message: 452

Layrn and Mark,
Thanks for sharing this with the group. Alot of this is
from the area I called home. Thanks for the memories.

Ron
kc8mva

> > If you think you have a lot of radios, check out this
> > guy!
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> Laryn K8TVZ
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453. Music to my ears

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-23 02:59:00 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 453 Message: 453

I am sitting here listening to Jean KC8WSE passing traffic on the West Michigan Traffic Net.

How does she do it ????

She is totally amazing!!

When I grow up I want to be just like Jean! Jean is the only ham I know that can pass traffic with such skill and grace, such unrivaled accuracy, her voice is like music, and she can do it...blindfolded!

Nice job as well for Doc.

It is a pleasure and an honor to have such fine operators as friends.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

454. Music, cont'd

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-23 03:04:05 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 454 Message: 454

And let's not forget David, KC8WGA, a 13 year old General that is now passing traffic. He does a fine job. If I NEVER grow up I want to be just like David.

Some fine ops on the link.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

455. manual CH 704

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-24 02:04:27 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 455 Message: 455

I was given an aqua guide CH 704 direction finding radio today. It is in very good condition but I do not have a manual for it. It was made by aqua meter instrument corp. Any one have any idea where I can get a manual. I have done some searching on the web but have not had any luck in finding one yet.

456. TV 8 - Special on the April 3, 1956 West Michigan Tornadoes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-25 02:39:47 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 456 Message: 456

Good evening,

The next few weeks are special. A lot of effort has been put forth towards this 50th anniversary of the F5 tornado that tore through West Michigan on April 3, 1956.

Hudsonville Emergency Services has been heavily involved in projects associated with commemorating this anniversary and we have received support & encouragement from many. Some of this work has contributed significantly to this TV-Special through providing materials, facts, research, and through working with the Producer.

We are sincerely very thankful & grateful for the help we have received from OCEC and WMSAR in the past.

Would you please help us get the word out about these upcoming special events? An anniversary such as this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to encourage our communities to be ready!

TV Special

Tracking The Storm: 50 Years Later
Wood TV 8, WOTV 4
Monday, March 27 @ 7pm
http://www.woodtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=4673320&nav=menu44_13

Over 1,000 images can be found at: www.godandneighbor.com Many of these, I am confident, will be included in the TV-special.

Commemoration:

The National Weather Service and the City of Hudsonville are hosting a commemorative even on April 3, 2006 at 5:30 PM. This event is for survivors and eyewitnesses only. If you know of someone who is a survivor or eyewitness and would like to attend this event, they must RSVP. Please call 616-669-0200 X421 to request an invitation. Time is running out!

Public Open House:

The City of Hudsonville is also hosting a public open house on Saturday, April 22 from 10am to 2pm.

Additional information on that can be found under "Events, Press Releases" at www.godandneighbor.com or www.hudsonville.org/ES

Thank you to many of you for your encouraging words throughout these efforts.

Sincerely,

John Klaassen
Director

Hudsonville Emergency Services

Ottawa County, Michigan
jklaasse@...

616-669-0200 x648 (Voicemail Only)

457. Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-25 23:40:17 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 436 Message: 457

I have 5 Amateur Radio volunteers so far- Is everyone else going to Dayton?

The Center for Women in Transition will be hosting the Girls on the Run 5K race at 8:00 (for volunteers) am on May 20th in Grand Haven. More details will follow. Please let me know if you plan on volunteering.

For those who participated last year, you should remember the magnitude of this event. There were nearly 1,000 runners including the students and coaches. It was a pretty exciting run with a lot of community support.

Volunteers So Far:

Mark D
John F
Greg S
John W
Craig C

Andrew Young
N8ARY

458. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Oakfield Townishipp / Kent County / MI Tower Ordinances

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-25 23:55:15 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 446 Message: 458

It's easier to ask forgiveness than permission.

I would just compare my plan to the TV antenna installations of your neighbors like Mark said.

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459. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 00:36:41 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 436 Message: 459

by using my rotating yellow light i will be able to cover 2 positions.

John WB9JSR

Andrew Young <ayoung@...> wrote:
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460. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 00:52:33 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 436 Message: 460

Thanks John, I needed that!! ;))

Glad I wasn't drinking milk when I read it!

73 K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2006 7:36 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

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John WB9JSR

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YAHOO! GROUPS LINKS

a.. Visit your group "WestMichiganHams" on the web.

b.. To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:
WestMichiganHams-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

c.. Your use of Yahoo! Groups is subject to the Yahoo! Terms of Service.

Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
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Version: 7.1.375 / Virus Database: 268.1.2/274 - Release Date: 3/3/2006

461. MAARC Field Day 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 01:20:19 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 461 Message: 461

Hello, all:

The MAARC web site has been updated to include the following link for Field Day:
http://www.qsl.net/w8zho/fd2006.html

The site is confirmed and we have permission to camp overnight at Fruitland Township Park, a marvelous venue!

Look for updates on this site as we near the time for this annual "show" of our skills as a club in the field.

We're in the early planning stages, but we've got smooth sailing and continuing offers of good help. Questions are welcome.

73,
Linda, AB8QH, and Jon, AB8RD
MAARC Field Day Co-Chairs

462. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 11:47:14 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 436 Message: 462

Andrew, You can put me on the list. Thanks, Jason MacKay kc8ovs

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463. Muskegon County Skywarn Training--Monday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 12:00:40 UTC
From: k8cop
Topic: 463 Message: 463

A reminder that the annual Muskegon County Skywarn Training will be held this monday, March 27, 2006 at the Mona Shores High School, 1121 Seminole Rd. Norton Shores, MI. Training starts at 7:00 PM.

Jim Duram, K8COP
EC Muskegon County

464. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 13:59:59 UTC
From: Craig Christilaw
Topic: 436 Message: 464

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Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2006 6:40 PM
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465. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 14:18:05 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 436 Message: 465

Craig, It will probably be cheaper to do the girls on the run race, you won't have all those nice deals to drool over. Hope you get the time off either way. Jason KC8OVS

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466. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 14:52:36 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 436 Message: 466

Do the folks at Dayton know that Girls on the Run is the same weekend? I am sure if they did they would QSY to another weekend ;)

mhz
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467. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 17:09:02 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 436 Message: 467

Maybe we can have a mini-swap afterward in the parking lot.
----- Original Message -----
From: jason mackay
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2006 9:18 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

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468. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 17:17:10 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 436 Message: 468

John,

You should have picked up a few of the red LED ones you can set on the ground last Saturday. They were $10 each.

And I think we are actually moving from calling them rotating lights to "portable visible-spectrum electromagnetic wave intermittent transmitters." This is more in line with Amateur Radio terms.

Thanks for the laugh.

Andrew
----- Original Message -----
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2006 7:36 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

by using my rotating yellow light i will be able to cover 2 positions.

John WB9JSR

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469. speaker question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 17:40:07 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 469 Message: 469

Morning,Can I use an old pair(powered,volume control on speaker)of computer speakers,and feed it 2 sources?Use a Y-adapter to connect 2 scanners to the 1 pair of speakers.Or a info source to do so.

73 KD8CBJ

470. Re: [WestMichiganHams] speaker question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 18:10:52 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 469 Message: 470

Hi Paul,

Sure, no tech issues with connecting 2 scanners to 2 speakers.

You can also use audio isolation transformers to use 1 speaker with 2 scanners.

Just be aware of impedance. No 4 or 2 ohm speakers on an 8 ohm output. a 2:1 mismatch in audio is a bad thing if you turn the volume up all the way!

Have fun,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "paul" <KD8CBJ@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2006 12:40 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] speaker question

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471. Re: [WestMichiganHams] speaker question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 19:08:26 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 469 Message: 471

Thanks Mark,I've been doing the 1:1 iso.thing with sound card packet interface,I should have thought of it. Yeah 2 audio inputs(y adapter)to one speaker just didn't feel right.

73 KD8CBJ

472. Re: [WestMichiganHams] speaker question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-26 19:23:02 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 469 Message: 472

Probably would be a good idea to run the audio through isolation transformers.

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473. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Oakfield Township / Kent County / MI Tower Ordinances

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-27 03:24:48 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 446 Message: 473

In my situation I just put one up! One day, no tower the next a 40 footer! Nothing said by anyone even the closest neighbor about 2 thousand feet away. In the country folks are much more loose and not up tight on small stuff like city dwellers are. Been here 15 years-Nothing said! Not legal advice mind you-just an opinion and as you know, every body has one! DE WD8USA ...-.-

474. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Oakfield Townisip / Kent County / MI Tower Ordinances

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-27 04:50:47 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 446 Message: 474

"Life on the farm is kinda laid back,

ain't nothin' a ole country boy he cain't hack

early to rise, early in the rack,

Thank God I'm a Country Boy"

Godspeed John D. de Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: wd8usa@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2006 10:24 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Oakfield Townisip / Kent County / MI Tower Ordinances

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475. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Oakfield Townisip / Kent County / MI Tower Ordinances

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-27 10:59:33 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 446 Message: 475

But can you sing it in tune?

See you on Karaoke night, Mr Denver.
----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2006 11:50 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Oakfield Townisip / Kent County / MI Tower Ordinances

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476. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Oakfield Townishiip / Kent County / MI Tower Ordinances

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-27 18:49:30 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 446 Message: 476

Mike,

Before doing anything, get a copy of the zoning ordinance for Oakfield Township and find out what it says about height and antennas.

You didn☐t say how high you were looking to go with your tower. Most townships in Kent County limit building heights to 35 ft, some have antenna exemptions. If your only going 40 ft, I wouldn☐t worry about it. But if your going 100 feet, it only takes one #@&$ neighbor complaining to the township office to create lots of problems.

The township I live in allows ham towers, but you need to obtain a building permit for over 35 feet (considered an ☐accessory structure☐) and observe setbacks, etc. Some townships just plain have a 35 foot limit without provisions for ham towers.

One township in this area, a ham was inquiring about erecting a tower and was told by a township official 35 feet was the limit. Upon acquiring a copy of the ordinance, we read where the 35 foot limit exempt Amateur Radio and some other communication antennas. When the township official was asked ☐OK, where in the ordinance are ham towers limited to 35 feet☐. The answer was it wasn☐t, tower went up. This of course refers to what was stated at the beginning of this reply, READ THE ORDINANCE!

To all hams. Whenever your city or township starts looking at antenna/tower/height regulations, find out what☐s going on, contact all hams and CBers in the city/township, and get involved to stop the anti-antenna sentiment that☐s going on. EVEN IF YOU NEVER INTEND TO ERECT A TOWER, that should be YOUR decision. Don☐t let the city/township make that decision for you.

Mike, keep us informed what you find out.

73 Jack NY8D
Vergennes Township
Lowell mailing address.

----- Original Message ----- From: "Michael J. Wolthuis" <wolthui3@msu.edu>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2006 2:35 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Oakfield Townishiip / Kent County / MI Tower Ordinances

> It appears I may be moving from downtown Grand Rapids to near Lincoln
> Lake Road and M-57 in Northern Kent County. I need to start findind
> guidlines for putting in a tower. I have not been able to find any
> info on Oakfield Township. Can anyone on this list point me in the
> right direction so that I can be prepared and buy the right size tower
> and get the appropriate approvals.
>
> Thanks,
> Mike Wolthuis

477. Severe Weather Awareness Week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-28 03:39:05 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 477 Message: 477

All,
Just a reminder that this is Severe Weather Awareness Week in MI as declared by the Governor.

The big event will take place Wednesday between 11 am and noon and it will be a good time for businesses and
schools to test their Tornado Shelter Drill procedures and for those of you who receive print outs of those products to
validate their receipt.

At 11 am the Storm Prediction Center will issue a Test Tornado Watch. World Meteorological Code (WMO) WOUS64 KWNS also called the WOU

This will be tone alerted on the NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio as a Required Weekly Test (RWT)

Shortly after WFO GRR will issue the Test Watch County Notification (WCN). WMO header WWUS63 KGRR.

Around 11:15 am a Test Tornado Warning TOR will be issued and also alerted with the RWT code on the NOAA All Hazards
Weather Radio. WMO Code WFUS53 KGRR.

The TOR will be cleared a few minutes later.

The Watch will be cleared prior to Noon using the WCN.

Again this is a great opportunity for schools, businesses and homes to test their shelter plans. Remember NOAA All Hazards Weather Radios should be as common in buildings as smoke detectors.

Thanks for your help in making this a successful Awareness Week,
Mike

478. Too Funny from our buds across the pond!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-28 05:29:28 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 478 Message: 478

Who says hams don't have a sense of humor? Andrew, Joe, this one's for you!!

http://www.g1lvn.org.uk/webcam/

479. Gotta love it!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-28 05:32:57 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 479 Message: 479
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480. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Oakfield Township / Kent County / MI Tower Ordinances

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-28 14:13:43 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 446 Message: 480
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481. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Too Funny from our buds across the pond!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-28 17:22:04 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 478 Message: 481

Hmm... can't help wondering if the ARRL could use this with their Hello... err, Hallo... program. Sadly enough, I watched it long enough to watch the daisies obliterate the screen. The "dance" is vaguely similar to the one that I threaten to do for my sons when we are in public places - especially in the presence of their friends. Is there a clear point at which fond childhood memories become disturbing dreams and emotional scarring? Ham radio and public humiliation - just a couple of hobbies I can share with my children.
Gotta go - gotta dance!
:-)

Jon AB8RD

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482. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Too Funny from our buds across the pond!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-28 21:41:16 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 478 Message: 482

Don't we all do that in our shacks?

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From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2006 12:29 AM
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-28 23:09:26 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 478 Message: 483

This is from my pal Gareth about the video:

The song is entitled 'Dragostea Din Tea' by the Romanian pop band 'O-Zone.' The Lip sync and dance was originally by "Gary Brolsma", who bears a passing resemblance to myself.

I just added the PSK and morse.

Glad you liked it.

73de G1LVN (M0WWS)

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484. It's not a Brit! We have met the comedians and they are us!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-28 23:13:44 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 484 Message: 484
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The history of 'Numa numa'. Check it out, quite interesting.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Numa_numa

485. [Fwd: Grounding of a Horizontal Antenna]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-29 04:42:49 UTC
From: Don LaBrenz
Topic: 485 Message: 485
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With spring rapidly on it's way, I thought this might be of interest

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486. Re: [WestMichiganHams] [Fwd: Grounding of a Horizontal Antenna]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-29 12:39:48 UTC
From: kc8pcj@verizon.net
Topic: 485 Message: 486

Don, you beat me to it. I was just about to send the same msg. 73s

From: Don LaBrenz <dlabrenz@...>
Date: Tue Mar 28 22:42:49 CST 2006
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] [Fwd: Grounding of a Horizontal Antenna]

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Grounding of a Horizontal Antenna
I have a very basic question, and although I'm worried about showing my ignorance on this subject, let me try. I have a horizontal receive only antenna strung about 20 feet (6 m) high in the back yard. Simple wire (not coax), that runs into a window and then into my radio.
When a lightning storm is nearby, I unplug it from the radio. Besides being concerned about a direct hit on the wire antenna, I am also concerned about voltage surge on the wire from a nearby strike.
There are two options: I can leave the end of the antenna just dangling, or somehow ground it. My questions relate to the pros and cons of grounding, or not grounding the antenna. Everything I've read says to ground unused items, antenna towers, etc.
I guess part of this question is also if you do ground it, is it that now there is less likelihood of an actual strike on it, or is it that if there was a strike, it would have an easy path to ground and not damage the antenna?
So, does grounding (a) help prevent strikes, or (b) save the item?
Thinking about this, I guess I should ask the purpose of the lightning rods on barns in the same context: do these help prevent, or...? But, doesn't grounding "just" provide the path to ground that the lightning stroke is "looking for"? Wouldn't having it floating be better?
Thanks,
Bob
Answer by Abdul M. Mousa: We receive many basic questions of this type. In such cases, we usually provide personal replies rather than post them to avoid disturbing the many experts among our 1800 members. I am making an exception this time as posting may satisfy the needs of many others.
First, let me say that the probability that lightning will strike a 6 m (20ft) high, short horizontal wire in the backyard of a house is extremely small. Hence, from the practical point of view, it may not make any difference whether the wire is grounded or not. Also, a nearby strike to such a short wire is unlikely to produce a significant surge magnitude.
However, if the wire receives a direct strike, then leaving one end "dangling" inside the house could lead to a spark that may start a fire or injure a person. Hence it would be prudent to ground it. This way, same as in case of lightning rods, lightning would be safely discharged to ground.

Assuming that the wire was long enough (say several kilometers) and other factors (height, keraunic level, etc...) were such that the wire receives a significant number of lightning strikes, then the frequency of lightning strikes will be independent of whether the wire is grounded or floating.
By the way, the overhead shield wires on power lines used to be bonded to each tower, i.e. grounded. This, however, generates circulating currents via 60 Hz electromagnetic induction. The related power loss is significant.
For several decades, many utilities have been insulating the shield wires to avoid the power loss and or to serve other purposes, e.g. using the shield wires as communication circuits. It is established, both theoretically and via field observation, that such a floating condition neither affects the frequency of lightning strikes nor impair the shielding function ability of those wires [1].
Reference:
[1] F. Iliceto et al. (1989). "New Concepts on Medium Voltage Distribution from Insulated Shield Wires of High Voltage Lines", IEEE Trans., Vol. PWRD-4, No. 4, pp. 2130-2144. Includes a discussion by A.M. Mousa
Thank you.
Abdul M. Mousa, Ph.d., P. Eng., Fellow IEEE Co-moderator
Visit the Lightning and Power Quality group at Yahoo: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LightningProtection/
Comment by R.T. Hasbrouck: Growing up in the humid Northeast offered many opportunities to experience the unbridled exuberance of summer thunderstorms. As a teenager, there was my own unplanned lightning "experiment." When my amateur radio equipment wasn't being used, I generally made a practice of disconnecting and grounding the antenna lead-in wire. Awakened one summer night by sounds of distant thunder, I was startled to see the corner of my darkened bedroom, where the ham station was located, being illuminated periodically by a blue glow. Upon closer investigation I saw arcing between the inadvertently unterminated lead-in wire and a nearby point that was grounded. From the thunder that followed shortly after each spark, I estimated ("flash tobang" interval of five seconds equals about one mile) the storm to be from 10 to 15 miles away. My antenna was picking up enough of the lightning□s' horizontally-polarized radiated energy to produce sparks an inch long.
Grounding provides a preferential path for lightning current to follow. So, provide a good pathway, and pay attention to where it runs.
I strongly suggest getting a "lightning arrestor device" (LAD---my term) designed for antennas. The company with which I am familiar is Alpha-Delta---there are others as well. The LAD is located outside your house, and its body is connected to a proper earth grounding point by a suitable conductor. The feed line passes through the LAD before entering your house. Under normal conditions, the LAD is "invisible," i.e., it does not affect your radio reception. When a sufficiently high voltage appears on the feed line, an arc over occurs in the LAD, providing a conductive path to its grounded body. Current will then be conducted to earth. Note that high transient electrostatic voltages, capable of damaging the solid-state front end of a modern receiver, can appear on your antenna from distant lightning, nearby lightning, windblown sand, or snow.In the event of a direct strike to your antenna, the LAD will most likely be destroyed, and other collateral damage may occur. In addition to having an LAD, leaving the receiver disconnected (and unplugged from the ac outlet) will provide the highest level of equipment protection.
Regarding the other question---a lightning strike is a random event. When a structure lacking any kind of lightning protection system is struck, current will follow all conductive paths present---wet brick work, metal water pipes, metal conduit, electrical wiring, etc. The result is unwanted and most likely damaging currents flowing where you wouldn't want them to flow. A structure that incorporates properly designed and installed lightning conductors provides low-impedance, preferential paths directly to earth---external to the structure itself. Damage to the structure will be minimal or non-existent.
Good luck.
R.T. Hasbrouck, EE, PE
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487. Packet Stations

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-29 13:00:47 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 487 Message: 487

All
If you know of any packet stations and Digi (not APRS) please send the Freq. to Don for the Digital Radio Group. He is trying to put a map together for our District 6. Thanks Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: "Don LaBrenz" <dlabrenz@...>
To: "Tom VanderMel" <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2006 1:03 AM
Subject: Packet Stations

Tom,
Just a follow up to our conversation on Monday night.

I am still trying to put together a packet map for the district, but it seems the feedback I am getting is a bit scarce.

Any assitance would be greatly appreciated.

73 de Don, WB8I

488. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-29 13:53:04 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 488

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /OakfieldTownshipOrdinance.doc
Uploaded by : wallymsu <wolthui3@...>
Description : Scanned Oakfield Township Tower Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/OakfieldTownshipOrdinance.doc

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

wallymsu <wolthui3@...>

489. : WEAVER'S WORDS -- PLAY BALL EDITION

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-29 13:01:13 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 489 Message: 489

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2006 7:27 AM
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- PLAY BALL EDITION

> (SEND REPLIES TO: JIM WEAVER, K8JE@..., ONLY.)
>
> - BPL PROGRESS
> - PLANNING FOR THE NEXT KATRINA
> - THANKS FOR YOUR LETTERS/E-MAIIL
> - GEORGE IS DOING IT
> - WHATS IN IT FOR YOU
> - 60 METERS
> - THINK ABOUT IT
> - SPEAKING OF TAKING THINGS AWAY
> - FOCUSED PUBLICITY
> - MF/HF BANDPLANNING
>
> BPL PROGRESS
>
> The FCC finally took notice of ARRL's repeated protests against the
> Manassas, VA BPL operation and directed the City of Manassas to prove
> it is not causing interference to amateurs. Amateurs were also
> requested to provide further data to support the claim of interference.
> BPL, which operates under FCC part 15 rules, is an unlicensed device.
> Unlicensed devices are not permitted to interfere with licensed
> operations such as Amateur Radio, fire services, rescue services,
> police services and the like.
>
> What does the FCC action mean? If its demand is sincere, this is FCC's
> first step to accept its responsibility for protecting licensed
> services from poorly designed and implemented BPL systems. If nothing
> else, the demand means that Manassas will need to provide credible data
> showing their system is not dirty. It means the city must divert
> attention from other tasks and, very possibly, a portion of its
> tax-derived income from other uses to defend its BPL system.
>
> For us as amateurs and for ARRL, the FCC action gives hope that the
> Commission under its new Chairman and revised membership will do the
> job it is charged with doing under Federal Law. It also means our
> battle against nterference from BPL may be paying off and that the
> League is winning on behalf of hams throughout the country.
>
> Postscript: Please recognize that ARRL has never been anti-BPL and
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> still is not anti-BPL. We have always been and remain against
> interference caused by it. Where BPL is made free of interference, we
> have no problem with it. This seems to be the case with the Current
> Technologies system being tried in Cincinnati and the newer Motorola
> system that is a combination of wireless and wired technology.
>
> PLANNING FOR THE NEXT KATRINA
>
> It is no secret that the entire country was taken by surprise over the
> huge, destructive impact of Hurricane Katrina and its immediate
> successors. Let's face it; humans generally learn through experience
> whether this experience is favorable or unfavorable. Trying to blame
> everything bad that happened in the aftermath of Katrina on individuals
> is an exercise in futility, exasperation . . . and maybe mostly of
> reality and vindictiveness. On the other hand, it is the wise person
> who learns from oversights and mistakes. This is precisely what the
> ARRL Board of Directors is doing.
>
> The January Board of Directors meeting directed that a new, blue ribbon
> committee be established to study what went wrong with and what went
> right with the Katrina disaster relief operation . . . and to prepare
> against future, similar situations. This emergency communication study
> Committee is directed to submit interim reports throughout its
> existence and its final report at the Board of Directors meeting in
> January 2007. The charge to the
> Committee is to make changes that will improve our ability to respond
> effectively to major disasters and to avoid repeating problems that
> occurred after Katrina. The Committee is to plan for wide area and
> even nationwide
> disasters. Local disasters are generally being handled well; however,
> relevant improvements made by the Committee can be expected to find
> application to local operations as well.
>
> The new committee has been formed and is organizing its work. Its
> members are a veritable who's who of Amateur Radio emergency
> communication. This is no "top brass only" committee. It includes
> good representation not only of the "brass" who can get things changed,
> but also of people who have a lot of experience "where the rubber meets
> the road." These folks have been there and done that when it comes to
> disaster relief . . . including Katrina.
>
> Don't get the idea that no progress will be made until after the
> Committee formally reports its findings next January. Improvements
> will be made as it becomes obvious they will be useful. The interim
> reports will be used to
> develop these timely changes.
>
> THANKS FOR YOUR LETTERS/E-MAIL
>
> Thanks to the approximately 500 or you who wrote your US

> Representatives in support of H.Res. 230. You are having considerable
> impact. Here is what is happening as a result of your effort.
>
> First, replies from Congressmen/women show areas in which our Lobbyist
> can educate our Representatives. We now know what misunderstandings
> many of our Representatives are working under. Time spent in education
> during lobby
> visits can be very helpful in correcting these misimpressions.
>
> Second, there is considerable thought among some Representatives that
> the basic provisions of H.Res 230 should be incorporated into the new
> US Communications Act that is being drafted. This would be even better
> for us
> than getting H.Res. 230 passed. Don't back off of promoting H.Res.
> 230, though. Support for the Resolution is support for the concept
> regardless of the form Congressional action will take.
>
> Don't want to be involved in politics? The only way to avoid politics
> is to live as a hermit and have no contact with family or other people.
> Politics is how we interact with others.
>
> GEORGE IS DOING IT
>
> On the way a to Toledo from the swap at Marshall, MI, Vice Director
> Gary Johnston, KI4LA and I visited Past Director George Race, WB8BGY in
> Albion, MI. George had attended the swap earlier in the day. His
> principal interest in Amateur Radio currently is PSK-31. If you know
> George at all, you know he must keep busy with challenging projects to
> fill his time. In addition to lending an occasional helping hand to
> his wife, Barbara, WB8UWX with cards coming in for the 8th Area
> Incoming QSL Bureau, George is
> building an airplane. Barb has been a dedicated Letter Sorter in the
> Bureau for a number of years.
>
> But, much of the considerable time George previously devoted to Amateur
> Radio as Great Lakes Division Director is now occupied with flying. I
> don't mean models such as I used to fly. George is building a unique,
> STOL (short
> take-off and landing) airplane that he can fly from his side yard.
>
> Go for it, George! Oh, and thanks for all you've done for Amateur
> Radio in Michigan, the Great Lakes Division and the entire US.
>
> WHATS IN IT FOR YOU?
>
> This is, what's in it for you to be active in ARRL? Why should you
> want to promote ARRL?
>
> The bottom line simply is that if you enjoy Amateur Radio, if you want
> Amateur Radio to survive for another generation, if you have invested

> in Amateur Radio equipment . . . you will get personal benefit from
> taking an active role in ARRL. What are the problems and how can you
> help?
>
> I'll discuss just one of these problems today. Others will covered in
> future issues.
>
> ARRL membership is dropping. There are several reasons for this. Lack
> of awareness of the facts is probably the most prevalent reason.
>
> Simply stated, most non-members have not taken the time to learn what
> ARRL is and what it does for each of us radio amateurs and for Amateur
> Radio.
>
> We who understand the reasons we belong need to spread the word. We
> need to let non-members know why they will want to become ARRL members.
> Yes, I said, want to become members.
>
> ARRL is the only effective game in town when it comes to promoting
> Amateur Radio nationally. To be sure, there are other groups that
> promote Amateur Radio, but none of them are organized well enough and
> are big enough to get the job done.
>
> Anyone who wants Amateur Radio to have strong representation before the
> FCC, in the US Congress and in our State governments will want to
> belong to ARRL. This is the only organization that can fight
> effectively for Amateur Radio through the International Amateur Radio
> Union in promoting our great service before governments worldwide.
>
> Amateur Radio would not exist today if it was not for the strong
> defense given it by ARRL. We would have no frequencies -- LF, HF, VHF,
> UHF or any other.
>
> The bottom line to what's in it for you is that the larger membership
> ARRL has, the greater impact it can have on regulators and legislators
> at all levels. The greater the impact ARRL wields the more ARRL is
> able to do for
> you and Amateur Radio. The more ARRL does for you and Amateur Radio,
> the more bang you get out of your membership dollars. It is just this
> simple.
>
> Why not go recruit a new member or two?
>
> 60 METERS
>
> The 60 meter (5 MHz) band is a good one and is enjoyed by many
> amateurs. The problem is we have use of only five, highly defined
> channels and can use only relatively low-power USB on them. ARRL
> thinks we ought to have a wider
> band and be able to use still more means of transmission. This is

> where the US Government's equivalent to the FCC, the NTIA, which in
> turn governs the civil users of the radio spectrum for the US. Amateur
> Radio shares its 5
> MHz frequencies with critical government users. Therefore, ARRL needs
> to convince the NTIA that hams will not interfere with these government
> communications. NTIA representatives appear to be receptive to the
> idea of
> sharing more frequencies with us . . . so far. Although we on the Board
> have our collective fingers crossed, it will be considerably longer
> before our 60M frequencies may expanded -- if they are expanded.
> Things are promising,
> though.
>
> THINK ABOUT IT
>
> ARRL is dedicated to defending and promoting Amateur Radio -- all of
> Amateur Radio. In contrast, some individual hams focus sharply on a
> very narrow
> aspect of ham radio. Having a special interest is fine. Nearly all of
> us have special likes and dislikes. However, it is detrimental to
> Amateur Radio overall when members of any special interest group come
> to look upon
> themselves as being part of the total organization and begins seeing
> themselves instead as the reason the rest of the group exists. There
> is room in Amateur Radio for hams to pursue any form of operation that
> is legal. To believe that only specific forms of technology are worthy
> of
> amateurs to pursue is arrogant and selfish. Such a belief is an
> example of extreme elitism.
>
> SPEAKING OF TAKING THINGS AWAY
>
> I'm not certain if this has ever been said quite so openly as this, but
> the members of the ARRL Board of Directors are human. Yep. Downright
> fallible. We make mistakes. We work very hard to avoid these, but
> every now and then
> a dozy creeps in. One such mistake occurred a number of years ago when
> Incentive Licensing came into existence.
>
> It is not that Incentive Licensing, itself, was a mistake (in my
> opinion). The mistake was the manner in which Incentive Licensing was
> implemented. To make incentives possible, some frequencies were taken
> away from General
> Class licensees to give back to Advance's and Extra's. To say the
> least, this was not good.
>
> Folks, read me well. We will not take anything away from amateur
> privileges in rules we propose.
>
> Yet, even today, there are groups and inidividual members who keep

> demanding that the Board take action to abolish some form of Amateur
> Radio operation that the FCC has found to be legal. What are these?
> AM and semiautomatic digital are two of them.
>
> Wouldn't it be far better to find a way to work together so each of us
> can enjoy our particular niche in hamming?
>
>
> FOCUSED PUBLICITY
>
> Greg Wilkins, WD8JCT of Cincinnati is an over-the-air reader for the
> Reading Radio Service (RRS). As such, he has the freedom to choose at
> least part of the news he will read over the air. It just so happens
> that Greg chooses to include notices about Amateur Radio classes that
> will be offered within a radius of about 50 miles of the Queen City of
> the West (as Cincinnati was referred to by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow).
> With Amateur Radio being a
> particularly desirable hobby for sight-impaired people, making
> announcements about pending ham classes to his largely, sight-impaired
> audience makes a lot of sense.
>
> Do we have any other RRS Readers who can lend a hand with promoting our
> great service?
>
> Nice job, Greg.
>
> MF/HF BAND PLANNING
>
> As I've said before, the next step along the path toward Regulation by
> Bandwidth is to develop a band plan. This is the document that will
> set-aside different sub-segments of our bands for our many forms of
> operation - e.g., CW, SSB, various digital, semi-automatic control,
> ATV,etc. - similar to the way our bands are divided today. The band
> planning effort is just beginning.
>
> Phase I will involve reviewing the current band plan and determining
> what is good, not so good and maybe poor about it. Phase I will also
> involve developing the strategies for subsequent work.
>
> Active participation of any amateur interested in doing this will be
> key to the final success of the band planning project. Because of
> this, amateurs will be kept informed of progress in the project and
> invited to contribute ideas and suggestions to it.
>
> One thing I can guarantee even this early is that the Board of
> Directors will not recommend removing any operating privilege (e.g.,
> semi-automatic operation, AM, FM, SSB, CW, etc.) that exist in current
> FCC rules from the
> coming band plan.
>

> Stay tuned.
>
> 73,
> Jim, K8JE
>
> JIM WEAVER, K8JE
> DIRECTOR, GREAT LAKES DIVISION
> CHAIRMAN, LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE
> 5065 BETHANY RD.
> MASON, OH 45040
> TEL. 513-459-0142; K8JE@...
> ARRL: THE REASON AMATEUR RADIO IS!
> MEMBERS: THE REASON ARRL IS!
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> ---
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> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
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490. Fw: 1ST April - HARC's Next Monthly Mini-Swap

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-03-29 22:19:55 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 490 Message: 490
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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----- Original Message -----
From: "The Aviator" <rafaviator@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2006 5:17 PM
Subject: 1ST April - HARC's Next Monthly Mini-Swap

> ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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> Each month it just keeps getting better and better!
>
> Bring your surplus items, come join us at our new Technology and Training
> building in downtown Holland ( map below). Family and friends always
> welcome to join in for a fun day of fellowship. Parking available.
>
> Start / set up times.
>
> DATE: SAT APRIL 1st 2006 (Talk in : 147.060 94.8pl)
>
> SET UP TIME: SAT 09H30 - 10h00
>
> SWAP TIME: SAT 10h00 to 2.00pm
>
> VENUE: 280 East 8th Street, Holland.
>
> ENTRY FEE : FREE!
>
> TABLE COST : FREE
>
> HARC will provide once again....
>
> * FREE table space
> * FREE trunk swap parking space
> (weather permitting)
> * FREE parking
> * FREE entry
> * FREE coffee
> * 50/50 Draw
>
> (To offset our new buildings upkeep, donations from sellers / visitors
> would
> however be very much appreciated!)
>
> Bring what ever surplus radio / computer equipment to sell / swap. Last 2
> monthS a LOT of equipment changed hands!
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>
> We look forward to seeing everyone there.
>
> ANY QUESTIONS:
> Please contact Ken ZR5AAD/W8
> Cell Ph: (616)726-3929
> E-Mail : rafaviator@...
>
>

492. Local TV Star

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-02 23:54:58 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 492 Message: 492

George (aka Skip) K8RRA, a new member of this board, is a TV star! I just saw him on the PBS program Great Lakes Ports o' Call describing the Grand Haven Musical Fountain. Nice job Skip!

73

John WB9JSR

493. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Local TV Star

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-03 00:01:07 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 492 Message: 493

How timely!

He just joined the reflector today. This may be his first message from the reflector.

Kudos Skip.

Skip,

I got the cables today from RS. The serial does not have a level converter so it can't be used. I can't seem to get the USB cable to work. I am still working on it.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "John Wehmer" <johnwehm@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 02, 2006 7:54 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Local TV Star

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> just saw him on the PBS program Great Lakes Ports o' Call describing
> the Grand Haven Musical Fountain. Nice job Skip!
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> John WB9JSR
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> Checked by AVG Free Edition.
> Version: 7.1.375 / Virus Database: 268.1.2/274 - Release Date: 3/3/2006
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494. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Local TV Star

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-03 00:08:28 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 492 Message: 494

John, isn't "star" a bit over the top?
It was less than even a cameo appearance.
You might call it true "hamming"...
And then I missed seeing it:-(

Cheers...

On Sun, 2006-04-02 at 23:54 +0000, John Wehmer wrote:

> George (aka Skip) K8RRA, a new member of this board, is a TV star!
> >SNIP<

73
de Skip k8rra k

495. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Local TV Star

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-03 00:21:09 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 492 Message: 495

Well, yes skip, star was a little over the top, but you did a very good job describing the fountain and the boardwalk, and it was neat seeing someone I know on TV. The show did a very good job covering the lake shore cities from New Buffalo to Ludington.

"George (Skip) VerDuin" <k8rra@...> wrote:
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de Skip k8rra k

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496. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Local TV Star

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-03 00:42:09 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 492 Message: 496

Thanks Mark,

Does the application support USB as well as RS-232?
The addressing is pretty different?

On Sun, 2006-04-02 at 20:01 -0400, K8MHZ wrote:

> How timely!
>

>SNIP<

>
> I got the cables today from RS. The serial does not have a level
> converter
> so it can't be used. I can't seem to get the USB cable to work. I am
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> Mark K8MHZ
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de Skip k8rra k

497. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Local TV Star

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-02 23:57:08 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 492 Message: 497

Cool Skip. Will it replay again? Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: "John Wehmer" <johnwehm@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 02, 2006 7:54 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Local TV Star

> George (aka Skip) K8RRA, a new member of this board, is a TV star! I
> just saw him on the PBS program Great Lakes Ports o' Call describing
> the Grand Haven Musical Fountain. Nice job Skip!
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> John WB9JSR
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498. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Local TV Star

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-03 02:48:46 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 492 Message: 498

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Mark K8MHZ
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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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499. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Local TV Star

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-03 03:47:21 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 492 Message: 499

Skip,

So far no luck with either the serial cable or the USB on two different computers using two different operating systems.

I think I have been sold a bill of goods. I am waiting for some more info from the guy that said the USB cable worked. Failing that both cables will go back to RS for a refund. I should have known better from someone that made such a claim with no further instruction as how to do it.

Buxxcomm has a CI-V cable for about 8 bucks plus shipping. I really prefer not using mail order, but I guess if it works so be it.

73,

Mark K8MHZ
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500. MAARC Club Meeting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-04 04:24:28 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 500 Message: 500

This Thursday, April 6 is the regular club meeting for MAARC. Our guest this month is Abe, W8HVG, who will be talking about the IRA link system. Our meeting is at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend. For information and directions to MAARC/W8ZHO, please visit our website at http://www.qsl.net/w8zho

The address and link to a map is at the bottom of each page.

For those interested in Field Day for Muskegon County, our FD 2006 plans are also being posted to the website this year.

Jon AB8RD

New Yahoo! Messenger with Voice. Call regular phones from your PC and save big.

501. Wednesday Night Digital Net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-04 17:03:52 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 501 Message: 501

Well, the net hasn't had any checkins the last 2 weeks, so perhaps I should announce it again! It's held every Wednesday night at 8 PM eastern, on the NOARC 145.490 -94.8 repeater. I take checkins the usual way, then each station makes their comment using a digital signal.

The last 2 months I've been using different modes every other week, however from now on I'm going to stick to PSK31, since that seems to be what everyone's interested in. If there's interest, perhaps I'll start a separate net for slow-scan TV (which I was doing on the third week of each month).

If you want to get in on it, all you need is a computer, software, and optionally a soundcard-to-rig interface.

For Windows:
MultiPSK (free): http://members.aol.com/f6cte/index_anglais.htm
MixW ($50): http://www.mixw.net

For Linux:
gMFSK (free): http://www.w1hkj.com

-Joe, KD8ATU

502. Learn to Send Code, Tips

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-04 23:58:33 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 492 Message: 502

All:

I have prepared a brief story on how to use your computer's sound card to help you send better code. This technique will not help you receive the code so much as it will make sending code more comfortable. Use this squeeze technique with your paddles and a keyer for endurance and nearly effortless code.

If you are learning to send Morse code you may be worried that your code will sound choppy or improperly sent. When you start sending, you will sound like you stutter or briefly hesitate in the middle of a character. These feelings are normal. This article will explain how to send code to your computer. The computer software will hear and evaluate your sending and give you good feedback without you having to worry you are sending choppy code on the air.

You will need a few items to get this process to work for you. First, learn to send with paddles. Do not use this method to send with a straight key. There are many schools of thought on this subject and I come down squarely on the side of sending code using paddles and an iambic keyer. You will need a set of paddles. Bencher and others make wonderful paddles which can be works of art. You can make your own paddles or a single lever key. Ask to see my wonderful Italian paddles. Beautiful, and expensive. You need a transceiver that is capable of transmitting code although you will not transmit the code. You will need a keyer. Some transceivers will have a keyer built inside. The keyer will interpret your paddle and translate the paddle closures into a sidetone or the sound of code from the radio. The keyer could be an outboard keyer but this adds another complication. However you might like an outboard keyer. And you will use a computer to listen to your rig's sidetone and interpret the Morse code you are sending. Finally get a shareware software program called CWGet. This software hears your rig's sidetone through the sound card and interprets your code.

The initial step is to set up the radio to think it is sending Morse code. Usually you will put the rig into CW mode. Then you switch OUT the break in feature. The break in tells the rig to transmit the CW (which, during practice you do not want to happen). The CW mode and no break in will tell the rig to only sound the rig's sidetone on each key stroke. The computer hears the sidetone and the software interprets the tones.

Now, choose a frequency somewhere and it does not have to be in the amateur bands because you are not transmitting. Your chosen frequency should be quiet and when you tap the paddles you should clearly hear the sidetone and maybe a little background hiss.

Run the CWGet software and connect the rig's speaker output to the computer's headset soundcard input. I split the rig's speaker output to run an outboard speaker and the computer. My computer's speaker will be muted, but you might like to hear your sidetone on the computer's speaker. Try it a couple of ways. You want the CWGet software to hear the transceiver's keyer sidetone when you close the paddles. Send a series of dits or dahs and fine tune the software so it is sampling the sidetone from your radio. You are all set. Simple, yes?

Initially, set the keyer speed to around ten or twelve words per minute. This gives you some good feedback and helps you find your rhythm. You want to get used to squeezing the paddles together to send a character. Try not to stab at the paddles to send a character. You want to gently stroke the paddle. Send a K or a C by lightly stroking or lightly squeezing. Send a period or slant bar in a similar manner. Then try sending a F without letting up the pressure on the dit side. You can insert the dah between the dits. It is fun! Some folks will tell you there is an upper speed limit to squeeze keying but we are a long way away from thirty words per minute. Take your time and get to the point where the software is following your keying accurately. For example, if you send an A but the software sees an E and a T you know you need to squeeze and not stab. A good sender will make this look effortless as they comfortably send the code. There is no effort and amazingly little finger movement. If you slap the paddles around the desktop you are not stroking the paddles. Be gentle.

To adjust the paddles set the contacts just barely open. Some operators want a wider gap on one side of the paddles, say the dah side. Some old time hams will say this gap should be the thickness of a King of Clubs playing card. You do not need to move the paddle a lot side to side to make the closure. And make the tension as light as you can and still control the paddles. Some folks will like more tension on one paddle. I will make the left paddle the dit and the right paddle the dah. The keyer can be reversed if your paddles are not wired that way. Light touch and little movement will help you send code at upward of twenty words per minute effortlessly. And increase your keyer speed as you get better at squeeze keying the characters. Now sit back with a good book and send the book to the computer software. Mix in a few numbers and after a while it will feel very comfortable.

There are nets where you can go to practice your Morse code, but to build some confidence, you probably only want to send the sidetone to the computer software. When you get more comfortable, you can check into a net and sound like a pro. Also, there is the FISTS Club (see www.fists.org) that can pair you with a code buddy. Your code speed will improve with practice. You will get lots more comfortable sending and receiving code with regular practice. And remember a "Can Do It" attitude makes the process all the better.

Our club will be making outboard keyers as a project later in April. Contact Tom, W8AMZ or Bill, AB8SC for details or to get on our participants list. The whole purpose of the above exercise, and the keyer project, is to get us more comfortable with sending and receiving code. Do these exercises

to get you more comfortable with the code. Do not try these exercises in an attempt to learn and then pass the Element One exam as a step toward your General license. That process is entirely different as you are required to receive the code and sending code is not an option.

While I profess no proficiency with Morse code I still enjoy this mode. My crutch is the CWGet software. I probably have fifty countries confirmed using CW. But I do not profess any proficiency or intimate comfortableness with code. I like to write and provide some pointers. I sincerely hope this material is helpful and that you become a more fluent code operator.

73 es dx de AB8SC

503. Keyer Project 4 U

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-05 13:10:43 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 492 Message: 503

All:

"Reprinted" from Flashovers:

We are pleased to announce a wonderful project for our ham radio members. We are going to build a keyer that you can use to help you send Morse code through not only your HF radio, but you also will be able to use this project to send modulated CW on two meters FM. What all does this mean?

You want to get more fluent with code. To transmit code you will find some hardware useful. Start with a set of paddles that interface to a keyer. The keyer interfaces with your radio so a paddle closure generates a dit or dah in the radio. The keyer is feature packed and along with six memories can be trained to help you learn iambic keying, learn six messages, and run a long time on mere milliamps of power. You will also learn good soldering technique with small components by building this kit.

Tom, W8AMZ is hosting this fine seminar. To help Tom with this project we will need a good count of participants. We will also want to know what make and model of radio you will use with the keyer. We are building this project to assist with the new code training net on two meters that we will use to learn sending and receiving code. Expect that the project will cost about $30 for each keyer. We will order the keyer, enclosure, switches, and rig interface plugs for each individual project. You need to get your call sign on the list before the middle of April so we can make these keyers on April 22 at the clubhouse. The event starts with basic soldering techniques at 9:00 am and then proceeds into the actual kit building. After the day?s activities you will have a handy keyer with lots of function and fun for your use and enjoyment.

504. New/Upgraded Hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-05 18:52:48 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 504 Message: 504

Congratulations to the following new and upgraded hams from last Saturday's VE test session at the Muskegon ARC building:

Karen Strait..... Technician... KD8DHJ
Bill Greene..... Technician... KD8DHK
Andrew Gunneson.. General..... KC8MVQ

Jon AB8RD

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505. Fwd: [3y0x] 3Y0X in the ears of SWL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-05 18:42:23 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 505 Message: 505

Here's a web site you might be interested in for SWL's. A link on their main page about a DXpedition to Libya this coming November.
Jon AB8RD

achraftn <3v4-002@...> wrote:
To: 3y0x@yahoogroups.com
From: "achraftn" <3v4-002@...>
Date: Wed, 05 Apr 2006 13:34:44 -0000
Subject: [3y0x] 3Y0X in the ears of SWL

Dear All,

I published an article about "3Y0X in the ears of SWLs" in the
MDXC/SWL Web Site.

The url: http://www.mdxc.org/swl/

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Achraf, 3V4-002
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506. MCARES Training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-05 20:01:30 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 506 Message: 506

Training Topic for MCARES, at the Red Cross building Monday Night, will be Utility Line Identification. Presented by Joe Kinucan from Norton Shores Fire Department.All are invited.

507. West Michigan Search And Rescue Training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-06 00:04:03 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 507 Message: 507

The monthly West Michigan Search and Rescue (WMSAR) training meeting will be held Thursday 4/6/06 at 7:00 pm at the Ottawa County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) training room.

73

John WB9JSR

508. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fwd: [3y0x] 3Y0X in the ears of SWL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-06 01:55:49 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 505 Message: 508

SWL?

Shoulda Woulda LIked-ta made the contact?

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73,

K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Jon Plyler
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2006 2:42 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fwd: [3y0x] 3Y0X in the ears of SWL

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509. FYI: Cheap gasoline

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-06 21:25:34 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 509 Message: 509

As of about 4:30 pm today (Thursday), Regular was $2.539/gal. at the
16th St. Meijer in Holland, whereas everywhere else I saw it for $2.799
or $2.809.

I had to wait in line for a while.

I know nothing about the price at any other Meijer gas station.

73

Alan NV8A

510. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FYI: Cheap gasoline

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-07 04:12:12 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 509 Message: 510

You saved $5.20 if you bought 20 gallons.

I hope you didn't wait too long.

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----- Original Message -----
From: "Alan NV8A" <nv8a@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2006 5:25 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] FYI: Cheap gasoline

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511. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FYI: Cheap gasoline

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-07 11:22:51 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 509 Message: 511

I didn't have to wait in line at the North Muskegon Meijer store last night about 9:30PM when the price of gas was still $2.53.9. I was very surprised to find it still that low, because the 3 stations just up the street were already at $2.79.9 at 6:00PM. I don't think the Meijer price stayed that low for very long after I filled up, because a tanker was there filling their tanks.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: "Andrew Young" <ayoung@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2006 0:12
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] FYI: Cheap gasoline

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512. FYI: Portable power source

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-07 15:48:01 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 512 Message: 512

People looking for a compact portable power source might like to look at the Radio Schlock 270-4130, which is designed as a self-contained jump-start unit for cars. Originally priced at $39.99, several area RS stores have them on clearance for $19.97.

They have an internal 12v 12AH battery and charging circuitry, a cigarette-lighter socket, and leads terminated in battery clamps. They connect to a regular extension cord (not included) for charging. I think I read that somebody had already opened his up and cut a hole in the case for a set of Anderson PowerPoles.

It won't run your high-power mobile rig for long, but your HT should last a long time on it.

I bought one and may yet buy another (one to keep in each car).

In the interests of full disclosure I have to say that some of my mutual funds *may* include RS stocks (I hardly ever check to see what's there), but other than that I have no connection with RS and usually avoid the stores whenever possible.

Alan NV8A

513. Hearing strange things on HF lately?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-09 17:54:59 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 513 Message: 513

"The low frequency element is approximately 69 feet long and 52 feet above the ground (Figure 2.2-5), and transmits 3.2 MW of energy in a frequency range of 2.8 - 7.6 MHz. The high frequency element is approximately 55 feet long and 45 feet above the ground and transmits 3.2 MW of energy in a frequency range of 7.3 - 10.0 MHz."This is a description of the HAARP system in Alaska. MW stands for million watts, not milliwatts.Mark K8MHZ

514. EchoLink Help

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-09 20:25:35 UTC
From: James Duram
Topic: 514 Message: 514

Anyone had any experience in setting up "EchoLink" with Verizon DSL?
If you do, please contact me direct: k8cop@...
Can't seem to get it to work correctly.

Thanks,

Jim, K8COP

515. WOOD TV Buck Mathews 1964

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-10 14:01:04 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 515 Message: 515

Some of you may remember Buck Mathews the weatherman on ch8. This is an interesting clip featuring him on a special weather program produced by ch8.

<http://video.woodtv.com/index.php?video_id=2595>

Have fun!

Laryn K8TVZ

516. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WOOD TV Buck Mathews 1964

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-10 21:44:44 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 515 Message: 516

I remember Buck Matthews... on the other hand, in 1964 I was more interested in Buck Barry's program.

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Jon, AB8RD

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517. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WOOD TV Buck Mathews 1964

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-10 22:57:03 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 515 Message: 517

There's a lot of great information in this video. Really cool.

Amazing advances have been made in video technology since then. Note the transitions between maps and diagrams. They spin the camera on its tripod.

----- Original Message -----
From: Jon Plyler
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 5:44 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] WOOD TV Buck Mathews 1964

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518. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WOOD TV Buck Mathews 1964

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-11 01:56:28 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 515 Message: 518

That was too cool!

Buck was pretty glib, was he not?

I really miss black and white TV. What was lacking in color and resolution was made up for by our own individual imaginations. Plus it made DeSotos look like cruise missles.

73,

Mark K8MHZ
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wrote:
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> There's a lot of great information in this video. Really cool.
>
> Amazing advances have been made in video technology since then.
Note the transitions between maps and diagrams. They spin the camera
on its tripod.
>

The production is pretty crude by today's standards. Did you notice
Buck looking to the right and down to apparently read his script?

I wish they didn't compress the data so much to be able to stream a
video like this. It makes the image watery looking much of the
time... But it's still fun to watch.

Laryn K8TVZ

520. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WOOD TV Buck Mathews 1964

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-11 11:51:59 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 515 Message: 520

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521. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WOOD TV Buck Mathews 1964

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-11 20:30:30 UTC
From: RICHARD RONNING
Topic: 515 Message: 521

ha the good old days with Buck Berry and Popeyed I rember Yes the good old days
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-12 02:13:59 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 515 Message: 522

I think it's the other way around, DeSotos were here first.

One thing some DeSotos had in common with cruise missiles is that they would go about 500 miles before they blew up.

Not really, DeSotos were great cars. So were Studebakers. My first car was a 1965 Studebaker. My dad bought if for me, used of course. The license plates cost more than the car. Buying insurance would have totaled it. Lucky for me back then we had the 'unisured motorists fund'. Hmmm....come to think of it, that cost 40 bucks and the car only cost 35.

Ya, those were the days....

mhz
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2006 7:51 AM
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523. wanted to partisipate

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-12 23:27:42 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 523 Message: 523

I wanted to be in on the weekly packet training,but those that heard my check in,it took all I had to crock out my call sign.Still here still interested in packet radio.I will be in on the packet exersice,arp.15 sky warn.Can't speak because of illness?Duh you don't have to speak with packet.

73 KD8CBJ
A.K.A.paul

524. Contesting @ W8ZHO

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-13 09:28:55 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 515 Message: 524

All:

This Saturday is the Michigan QSO party. Following the Skywarn training we will have the opportunity to enter the contest and enjoy a little radio fun.

You are encouraged to participate and enjoy the event. It runs from 1600 to 0400 UTC which translates noon to midnight.

We will need operators and loggers. We can operate CW and phone.

A great warm-up for Field Day coming this summer.

See you there?

Bill, AB8SC

525. MIQP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-13 12:29:38 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 515 Message: 525

Michigan QSO Party--CW/SSB, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z Apr 15 - 0400Z Apr 16. Bands: 80-10 meters. Frequencies: CW--45 kHz from band edge, Phone (MHz)--3.850, 7.225, 14.250, 21.300, 28.450. Work stations once per band and mode, MI-to-MI QSOs allowed, mobiles and portables can be worked from each county. Categories: SO, MS, MM, Mobile SO, Mobile MO. Exchange: serial number and MI county or S/P/C. QSO Points: CW--2 pts, Phone--1 pt. Multipliers for MI stations are states, provinces and MI counties; multipliers for non-MI stations are MI counties. Multipliers count once per mode. Score: QSO points x multipliers. For more information: http://www.miqp.org/. Logs due 30 days after the contest to logs@... <mailto:logs@...> or Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris
Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

526. Fwd: [KC-ARPSC] Fox Hunt April 15th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-13 12:44:18 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 526 Message: 526
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

[Attachment content not displayed]

527. Place to stay during Dayton Hamvention®

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-13 12:59:10 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 527 Message: 527

Anyone looking for a relatively inexpensive place to stay during the Dayton Hamvention®, May 19, 20, 21, there is room for two at the University of Dayton dorms.
The dorms are setup two rooms with shared bathroom. Each room sleeps two. One room is available. MUST be NON-SMOKER.

If interested, contact the person holding the reservation and using one of the rooms directly:
John Wasciuk WA8TON
Grand Rapids phone (616)459-2837

73
Jack Amelar NY8D

528. Global Warming Myth

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-13 16:59:37 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 528 Message: 528

Here is an editorial that attempts to explain the global warming myth:
http://www.opinionjournal.com/extra/?id=110008220
<http://www.opinionjournal.com/extra/?id=110008220>

73

John WB9JSR

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No virus found in this outgoing message.
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529. Wunder Radar Widget

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-13 22:18:09 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 529 Message: 529

Hi All,

Here is a radar display that will sit on your desktop and update itself as long as you have an internet connection. It uses a data feed from http://www.wunderground.com. Unfortunately right now it will only allow you to pan, zoom, animate (fast,medium,slow), show storm tracks. This should at lest help get a rough idea of the current radar displays. Then you can go to Weather Underground for more detailed radar displays.

First go this link and download and install the latest Widget Engine.
http://widgets.yahoo.com/

Then go to this link and download the Wunder Radar Widget.
http://widgets.yahoo.com/gallery/?search=wunder+radar

By default the widgets get installed in the
C:/Documents and Settings/"your name"/My documents/My Widgets
In Windows2000 & XP.

If you can't download the radar widget let me know and I will send it to you.

I would like to thank Tom KC8OJT for letting me know about this Widget.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

530. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Contesting @ K8DAA

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-14 01:00:07 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 515 Message: 530

Just to let everyone know, the Holland ARC intends to do the same thing
at our new clubhouse at 280 E 8th st in downtown Holland. We hope that
anyone who's interested will drop by!

-Joe, KD8ATU

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531. The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 15

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-14 06:47:17 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 531 Message: 531

> **********
> The ARRL Letter
> Vol. 25, No. 15
> April 14, 2006
> **********
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> IN THIS EDITION:
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> * +Despite claims to the contrary, Virginia BPL system still interfering
> * +ARRL urges more support for BPL resolution in US House
> * +League inaugurates vanity license renewal program
> * +It's a wrap for ISS Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR
> * +ISS crew swap is successful
> * +ARES, SATERN participate in major New York City disaster drill
> * +Activity from top-10 most-wanted DXCC entity VU4 to start April 18
> * Solar Update
> * IN BRIEF:
> This weekend on the radio
> ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration
> +It's a photo contest!
> World Amateur Radio Day 2006 certificate
> FCC statistics suggest minuscule market share for BPL
> VUCC basic operating area expanded for 50 through 1296 MHz
> First call for presenters, papers for 2006 AMSAT-UK Colloquium
> DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit
>
> +Available on ARRL Audio News <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/audio/>
>
> ==========
> ==>Delivery problems (ARRL member direct delivery only!):
> letter-dlvy@...
> ==>Editorial questions or comments: Rick Lindquist, N1RL, n1rl@...
> ==========
> NOTE: ARRL Headquarters is closed Friday, April 14. There will be no W1AW
> code practice or bulletin transmissions that day. This week's editions of
> The ARRL Letter, ARRL Audio News and the propagation bulletin are being
> distributed Thursday, April 13. ARRL Headquarters will reopen Monday,
> April
> 17, at 8 AM EDT. We wish all our members a safe and enjoyable holiday
> weekend!
> ==========
>
> ==>MANASSAS BPL SYSTEM STILL INTERFERING DESPITE CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY
>
> Interference from the Manassas, Virginia, BPL system persists on ham radio

> frequencies, radio amateurs there say. Their reports fly in the face of an
> April 7 news release from system operator COMTek that a recent engineering
> survey found "no interference unique to BPL" in the amateur bands. On
> April
> 6, COMTek filed a report
> <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/files/COMTek.pdf> with the FCC in
> response to an earlier interference complaint from Dwight Agnew, AI4II.
> COMTek said it does not believe the Manassas BPL system caused the
> interference Agnew and other Manassas ham radio operators have heard.
> Agnew
> told the ARRL this week that the BPL interference continues.
>
> "Yes, it's still there," Agnew said. "Some days it will blow your ears
> off,
> other days not," he explained. "It varies. That's what's so aggravating
> about it."
>
> Another Manassas amateur, George Tarnovsky, K4GVT, who's also complained
> to
> the FCC of BPL interference, echoed Agnew's report. He told the ARRL the
> BPL
> signal still can be heard along "miles of road" on 40 meters as well as
> 20,
> 17 and 15 meters. "It's everywhere," Tarnovsky said. He points out the
> interference level varies based on how heavily the system's approximately
> 900 customers are using the system.
>
> In its April 6 filing with the FCC, COMTek--which operates the BPL system
> for the city--said it takes interference complaints seriously and is
> conducting "an ongoing investigation" to determine whether the "alleged
> interference" is coming from its equipment. The Manassas system uses
> Main.net equipment on frequencies between 4 MHz and 30 MHz, according to
> the
> BPL database.
>
> On March 7, FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Chief Joseph P. Casey
> requested the city and COMTek to follow up on Agnew's January 19 complaint
> citing harmful BPL interference along Virginia Business Route 234. The
> Commission told the city to test its system to be sure it complies with
> FCC
> Part 15 rules and to "resolve any continuing harmful interference."
>
> COMTek's FCC filing included a test report by Product Safety Engineering
> Inc
> of Dade City, Florida, outlining BPL system measurements made on 40 meters
> at one location on Route 234. Product Safety Engineering tempered its
> report, however, by saying its measurements "were not intended to qualify
> the system or BPL equipment with respect to compliance with the FCC
> rules."
> They were intended to "assist the client in gaining an understanding of

> the
> interference potential" of the BPL equipment at "a specific location," the
> engineering firm said.
>
> Conceding that the engineering firm's report was interim and "not fully
> compliant with the FCC's new measurement guidelines," COMTek told the FCC
> it
> would supply a complete survey by April 14.
>
> The ARRL already has called on the FCC to shut down the Manassas system
> until it complies with FCC Part 15 rules. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ,
> says
> COMTek's April 6 FCC filing failed to provide what Casey had requested
> last
> month. That included making measurements at multiple locations Agnew
> described in his January complaint. The engineering report also gives no
> indication that the tests were performed during peak system usage hours,
> as
> the FCC had required.
>
> "No explanation was provided as to why COMTek was unable to comply with
> the
> FCC requirement to resolve the interference complaint and to report within
> 30 days," Sumner said. "Yet on April 7, COMTek issued a news release that
> claimed 'rigorous FCC-mandated testing' had been completed. In fact, the
> testing completed as of that date failed to comply with FCC requirements,
> as
> acknowledged by COMTek itself."
>
> Sumner said "the test results are meaningless" as a measure of the radio
> interference emanating from the Manassas BPL system. "Using the test
> equipment described in the test report to check for radio interference is
> like using an oven thermometer to check for a fever."
>
> Sumner reiterated the League's request that the FCC order the Manassas BPL
> system disabled "until its operation is able to comply fully with the FCC
> rules and instructions."
>
> ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI, charged COMTek with "trying to fix
> interference problems with press releases." ARRL's technical analysis of
> the
> testing indicates COMTek cannot show that it's able to meet FCC-required
> emission limits, Hare said, and doesn't even demonstrate that its system
> is
> not causing harmful interference.
>
> Hare said BPL manufacturers and providers whose technology can operate
> compatibly with Amateur Radio have been working closely with the ARRL and
> local amateurs. "Those that cannot are taking preliminary test results and
> turning them into 'everything-is-wonderful now' news releases," he said.

> "From a technical point of view, that moves us further from solutions, not
> toward them."
>
> ==>SUPPORT STILL NEEDED FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION 230
>
> The ongoing BPL battles in Manassas, Virginia, and Briarcliff Manor, New
> York, underscore the need for better FCC rules to protect
> radiocommunication
> systems from BPL interference. House Resolution 230 (H Res 230),
> introduced
> by Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR, of Arkansas, calls on the FCC to "conduct a full
> and complete analysis" of radio interference from BPL, particularly with
> regard to public safety radio systems.
>
> "Members of Congress need to hear constituents' concerns about BPL
> interference while they are in their home districts this week and next,"
> ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, observed this week. "Rep
> Ross has been joined by six co-sponsors, but more support is needed to
> move
> this legislation along."
>
> H Res 230 recently received a boost when the March issue of NPSTC
> Spectrum,
> the newsletter of the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council,
> carried an article, "Ham Radio and Public Safety Ask for FCC Reevaluation
> of
> Broadband over Power Lines." The article notes "significantly high levels
> of
> potential interference in the VHF low band 30 to 50 MHz range" in several
> test locations.
>
> A sample letter
> <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/filings/hres230/HRes230-SampleLtr.doc
>> is available for ARRL members to use as a starting point in contacting
> their congressional representatives. ARRL members logging onto the
> Members-Only portion of the ARRL Web site
> <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/> will see contact information for their
> Member of Congress. Alternatively, visit http://www.house.gov/.
>
> When writing, please send a copy of your letter to ARRL's Government
> Relations firm: Chwat & Company Inc, ATTN: Eric Heis, KI4NFC, 625 Slaters
> Ln--Suite 103 Alexandria, VA 22314; Fax 703-684-7594;
> <eric.heis@...>.
>
> ==>ARRL VEC ANNOUNCES VANITY CALL SIGN LICENSE RENEWAL PROGRAM
>
> The ARRL VEC now can process license renewals for vanity call sign holders
> for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers,
> although League members will pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals
> continue

> to be processed at no cost for ARRL members. In addition, ARRL VEC Manager
> Maria Somma, AB1FM, points out that trustees of club stations with vanity
> call signs may renew either via the Universal Licensing System (ULS) or
> through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC.
>
> "2006 is an appropriate year for the ARRL VEC to implement this service,
> since the licenses of the many radio amateurs who obtained their vanity
> call
> signs as a result of the FCC program that went into effect in 1996 will
> expire this year," Somma said. The first of those licenses are due to
> expire
> in June.
>
> "As the FCC has already noted, licensees who want to keep their vanity
> call
> signs must pay the regulatory fee, currently $21.90 for the 10-year
> license
> term, when renewing their licenses," Somma noted. "Licensees who don't
> want
> to pay the mandatory regulatory fee to retain a vanity call sign may
> request
> a sequentially issued call sign at the time of renewal."
>
> The FCC has proposed to reduce the vanity call sign regulatory fee to
> $20.10
> for the 10-year license term. The new fee, if adopted, would go into
> effect
> in August or September.
>
> Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their
> license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration
> Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants
> can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/> and
> clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social
> Security Number to obtain an FRN.
>
> Those holding specifically requested call signs issued prior to 1996 are
> exempt from the vanity call sign regulatory fee. That's because Congress
> did
> not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1993. Such heritage
> call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the ULS Amateur
> Radio
> database.
>
> Somma says the ARRL's new license renewal/modification Web pages contain
> complete information on license-filing procedures, including step-by-step
> instructions on how to renew or update a license using the FCC's ULS site
> and a schedule of fees.
>
> League members should visit the "ARRL Member Instructions for License

> Renewals or Changes" page
> <http://www.arrl.org/fcc/memberlicenseinstructions.html>. The
> "Instructions
> for License Renewals or Changes" page
> <http://www.arrl.org/fcc/licenseinstructions.html> covers general renewal
> procedures for nonmembers. There's additional information on the ARRL
> VEC's
> "FCC License Renewals and ARRL License Expiration Notices" page
> <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/renewals.html>.
>
> ==>McARTHUR CALLS IT A WRAP; BRAZIL'S PONTES COMPLETES ONE QSO
>
> Even as he was preparing to depart the International Space Station April
> 4,
> Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR, took time out to talk one
> last time from NA1SS with some excited students on Earth. The following
> day,
> McArthur's traveling companion on his April 9 trip home--Brazil's first
> astronaut Marcos Pontes, PY0AEB--answered questions put to him via ham
> radio
> in two languages by youngsters in Rio de Janeiro. McArthur told students
> at
> Robert McQueen High School in Reno, Nevada, that ISS Expedition 12 would
> be
> his last space mission.
>
> "This will be my last flight into space, and I hope to work to help folks
> with future missions," McArthur explained, "and I would very much like to
> be
> involved with supporting the first mission to go back to the moon and the
> first mission to Mars." The Amateur Radio on the International Space
> Station
> (ARISS) contact was the 38th and final QSO during Expedition 12, which
> began
> last October. McArthur handled 37 of the school contacts--a mission
> record.
>
> McArthur said his time aboard the ISS has been "awfully exciting" and he's
> never gotten bored. But, besides his family, he does miss some things.
>
> "What I miss most are beverages with ice in them," McArthur said. "We have
> no ice up here, and so our beverages are never that cold--I miss that
> quite
> a bit." He said he also misses the smell of coffee, since the crew must
> drink beverages from a bag to keep the liquid from dispersing in the
> microgravity environment.
>
> Darrell Upson, W6ADZ, served as the control operator for the Reno event.
> Upson said student Jordan Anise, KD7OAT, approached him more than 3 years
> ago about arranging a contact with the ISS. The event attracted some media

> coverage, including at least one TV news report.
>
> Despite his busy research schedule, Brazil's Pontes--who arrived aboard
> the
> ISS April 1 with Expedition 13 Commander Pavel Vinogradov, RV3BS, and
> Flight
> Engineer Jeff Williams, KD5TVQ--was able to talk with youngsters April 5
> at
> The American School in Rio. The contact was conducted in English and
> Portuguese, and Pontes answered 17 questions.
>
> "We use our free time mostly to view the earth," Pontes told the students.
> "Very beautiful! It's really beautiful!"
>
> Pontes said he'd thought about becoming an astronaut since he was a child,
> "but my chance was when I was in Monterey studying for my PhD," he said.
> All
> of his mission was "very exciting," he added, especially getting to talk
> to
> students on Earth via ham radio.
>
> Because of his hectic schedule, Pontes was unable to make a second
> scheduled
> contact with youngsters at a school in Portugal.
>
> ARISS-Brazil Team coordinator Tadeu Fernandes, PY1KCF, served as the
> control
> operator for the contact with PY0AEB. The contact attracted considerable
> media attention in addition to a sizeable audience. Contact audio was
> retransmitted via ham radio on HF and VHF as well as via EchoLink.
>
> ARISS <http://www.rac.ca/ariss> is an international educational outreach,
> with US participation by ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.
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> ==>EXPEDITION 12 CREW PLUS ONE RETURN SAFELY TO EARTH
>
> After orbiting Earth more than 3000 times during their six months aboard
> the
> International Space Station, Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur,
> KC5ACR,
> and Flight Engineer Valery Tokarev have returned to the planet. With them
> on
> the return trip was Brazilian astronaut Marcos Pontes, PY0AEB, who had
> been
> the third passenger onboard the Soyuz "taxi flight" that carried
> Expedition
> 13 Commander Pavel Vinogradov, RV3BS, and Flight Engineer Jeff Williams,
> KD5TVQ, to the ISS April 1.
>
> The Soyuz spacecraft with McArthur, Tokarev and Pontes onboard landed in

> central Kazakhstan just before midnight UTC April 8. McArthur and Tokarev
> will remain in Star City for post-flight debriefings.
>
> The most active radio amateur ever to serve aboard the ISS, McArthur
> worked
> all continents--including Antarctica--on both VHF and UHF from NA1SS
> during
> is nearly 190 days in space. He also racked up QSOs with 130 DXCC entities
> and worked all states. The last QSL he needed to confirm WAS--from
> Wyoming--arrived at ARRL Headquarters not long before the end of
> McArthur's
> duty tour. In all, he put more than 1750 contacts into the NA1SS log.
> Since
> the WAC, WAS and DXCC programs don't provide for space contacts, his
> certificates will be honorary.
>
> Pontes flew to the space station as part of a commercial agreement with
> the
> Russian Federal Space Agency, Roscosmos and conducted experiments during
> his
> eight days on the ISS.
>
> Vinogradov and Williams will spend this week getting better acquainted
> with
> their new home for the next six months. No ARISS school contacts are on
> the
> NA1SS schedule until the week of April 24. During their duty tour,
> Vinogradov and Williams will perform two spacewalks and--if all goes
> according to plan--greet two space shuttle crews.
>
> Scheduled to join Expedition 13 this summer on the shuttle Discovery's
> STS-121 mission will be European Space Agency astronaut Thomas Reiter,
> DF4TR, of Germany. He'll also be flying under a commercial agreement with
> Roscosmos. Reiter will remain aboard the ISS when Expedition 14 begins in
> October, to help provide some crew continuity aboard the ISS.--some
> information from NASA and ARISS
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> ==>ONLY A TEST: NEW YORK CITY ARES, SATERN TAKE PART IN DISASTER DRILL
>
> Members of the New York City District Amateur Radio Emergency Service
> (ARES)
> team and the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN)
> participated in a mass casualty disaster drill March 26. Dubbed "Operation
> Trifecta," the exercise got under way with the mock explosion in Maspeth,
> Queens, of a chemical bomb aboard a freight train that occurrs just as a
> commuter train passes. The scenario called for 100 people dead or wounded.
> Police academy recruits covered in blood acted as victims. The elaborate
> simulation involved 1500 emergency workers. ARES supported the American
> Red
> Cross.

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> "We were an integral part of the Red Cross response, and the folks in
> charge
> were duly impressed with our capabilities and deeply grateful for our
> participation," said NYC ARES District Emergency Coordinator Mike Lisenco,
> N2YBB. ARES' role was to provide communication support for the Red Cross
> at
> its emergency operations center, its on-site command vehicle--making its
> inaugural run--and a shelter set up to care for area residents affected by
> the incident. ARES also maintained liaison with SATERN, Lisenco said, "and
> we had additional volunteers standing by had there been a request for more
> operators."
>
> Operation Trifecta referred to the fact that, during the seven-hour drill,
> responders not only had to deal with the explosion and hazardous materials
> but potential saboteurs hiding in the railroad freight cars.
>
> Roger Rischawy, who directs The Salvation Army's Greater New York
> Division-Emergency Disaster Services with assistance from Carlos Varon,
> K2LCV, reports the division assembled two canteen crews, three staff
> vehicles and a SATERN emergency communications van. Greater New York
> SATERN
> Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Jeff Schneller, N2HPO, managed communication
> activities for The Salvation Army's response.
>
> In the wake of Amateur Radio's emergency communication role following last
> summer's Gulf Coast hurricanes, emergency responders once again are
> looking
> to ham radio volunteers as "a resource that is desperately needed in a
> disaster situation," Lisenco said. "To that end, the Red Cross here in New
> York City has redoubled its efforts to maintain a strong working
> relationship with ARES." He said NYC District ARES also has strengthened
> its
> relationship with The Salvation Army.
>
> "We have become an important cog in the response wheel, acting as the
> communications provider for our clients," Lisenco said. "That is what we
> train to do. Nothing more, nothing less. We are ready when all else
> fails."
>
> ==>ANDAMANS (VU4) TO BE ACTIVATED IN A BIG WAY STARTING APRIL 18
>
> Enthusiasm and anticipation have been building within the DX community
> this
> week as the radio window is about to open once again on the Andaman and
> Nicobar Islands (VU4). The National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR) in
> Hyderabad, India, will sponsor a first-of-its-kind event, "Hamfest - (VU4)
> India - 2006," April 18-20 in Port Blair on South Andaman Island. Dozens
> of
> VU4 stations are expected on the air.

>
> India's telecommunication authorities have issued a number of short-term
> licenses to both nationals and foreigners, and operations reportedly will
> extend beyond the three-day festival to April 26. The most recent VU4
> DXpedition, led by Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI, in December 2004, turned into
> a
> disaster communication operation after the devastating South Asia
> earthquake
> and tsunami. Prasad and others involved in the 2004 VU4 DXpedition are
> expected to be active during the Andamans hamfest activity.
>
> All call signs for this event will bear the VU4AN prefix followed by an
> India mainland call sign. There will be no operation from Nicobar Island
> and, so far, no operation on 30 meters.
>
> According to The DX Magazine's 2005 survey of DXers Andaman and Nicobar
> Islands was the 10th most-wanted DXCC entity. There's more information on
> the NIAR Web site <http://www.niar.org>.--The Daily DX
> <http://www.dailydx.com>
>
> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
>
> Sunspot seeker Tad "Hoppin' Down the Bunny Trail" Cook, K7RA, Seattle,
> Washington, reports: Average daily sunspot numbers for the week were up
> more
> than 12 points to 70.7. March 30 through April 5, the daily sunspot number
> at the start of the period was 35, and it rose to 88 by the seventh day.
> April 6 it rose to 105, dropping the next day way down to 65, then 57,
> then
> 46 last Sunday. By Wednesday, April 12, it had risen again to 79.
>
> Geomagnetic disturbances accompanied the rising solar activity. A solar
> windstream from a coronal hole met the interplanetary magnetic field (IMF)
> which was pointing south, and this leaves Earth vulnerable. On April 9 the
> mid-latitude A index was 27, and the K index rose to 4 and 5. The
> planetary
> A index was 39, with the planetary K index reaching 5 and 6.
>
> A condition similar to that of April 9 occurred four days earlier on April
> 5. But at that time Sunspot 865 was still visible. This is the biggest
> sunspot seen the year, and it has since rotated out of view.
>
> There is a nice peppering of sunspots on the side of the sun facing Earth,
> but they are small. We could see another period of geomagnetic disturbance
> Saturday, April 15. Planetary A index predicted for the next few days,
> Thursday, April 13, through Sunday, April 16, is 10, 25, 40 and 25.
>
> Sunspot numbers may rise again later in the month--perhaps over 100 again.
> This would most likely occur around April 24 through May 4.
>

> Sunspot numbers for April 6 through 12 were 105, 65, 57, 46, 70, 73 and
> 79,
> with a mean of 70.7. The 10.7 cm flux was 98.9, 94.5, 91, 89.2, 88.7,
> 89.7,
> and 81.1, with a mean of 90.4. Estimated planetary A indices were 10, 3,
> 5,
> 39, 18, 5 and 2, with a mean of 11.7. Estimated mid-latitude A indices
> were
> 6, 2, 3, 27, 11, 3 and 1, with a mean of 7.6.
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> ==>IN BRIEF:
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> * This weekend on the radio: The TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest, the
> Holyland DX Contest, the ES Open HF Championship, the EU Spring Sprint
> (SSB), the Michigan and Ontario QSO parties, the EA-QRP CW Contest and the
> YU DX Contest are the weekend of April 15-16. The ARLHS Annual Spring
> Lites
> QSO Party is April 15-23. The Run for the Bacon QRP Contest and the Low
> Power Spring Sprint are April 17. The 432 MHz Spring Sprint and the RSGB
> 80-Meter Club Championship (Data) are April 20. The Thursday NCCC Sprint
> Ladder is April 21. JUST AHEAD: The DX Colombia International Contest, the
> SP DX RTTY Contest, and the Florida and Nebraska QSO parties are the
> weekend
> of April 22-23. The Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder is April 28 (UTC). See the
> ARRL Contest Branch page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the WA7BNM
> Contest Calendar <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> for
> more
> info.
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> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Sunday, May 7, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) Program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002), Amateur Radio
> Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003), Antenna Modeling (EC-004), HF
> Digital Communications (EC-005), VHF/UHF--Life Beyond the Repeater
> (EC-008),
> and Radio Frequency Propagation (EC-011). Classes begin Friday, May 19. To
> learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page
> <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE Department
> <cce@...>.
>
> * It's a photo contest! Have you ever wanted to see a photo of yours in
> QST,
> the annual ARRL Amateur Radio calendar or another ARRL publication? Well,
> here's your chance! Not only will your photographic skill be propagated
> far
> and wide, but we're offering a $100 prize to the winning entry. The
> winning

> photo and three runners-up will be published in QST. All submitted photos
> will also be considered for the 2007 ARRL calendar. Photos must be
> received
> at ARRL Headquarters by May 31, 2006. Subject matter must relate to
> Amateur
> Radio and be in good taste. Photos will be judged on overall quality and
> composition. Digital images or color prints are acceptable, but digital,
> images must have at least 300 dpi resolution. E-mail <upfront@...>
> digital images of up to 2 MB or copy to a CD and mail to ARRL Photo
> Contest,
> 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. All entries must include caption
> information describing where the photo was taken, along with the names and
> call signs of anyone appearing in the photograph. Photos submitted become
> the exclusive property of the ARRL, and decisions of the judges (QST
> editorial and production staff) are final. Only one entry per person is
> allowed. Good luck in the contest!
>
> * World Amateur Radio Day 2006 certificate: World Amateur Radio Day,
> Tuesday, April 18, commemorates the founding of the International Amateur
> Radio Union (IARU) in Paris in 1925. The 2006 theme is "Amateur Radio: A
> gateway to information and communications technologies for today's youth."
> With support from PZK, the Polish Amateur Radio Union, MK QTC, the Polish
> radio amateurs' journal again will sponsor the World Amateur Radio Day
> (WARD) certificate <http://ward-award.prv.pl/>. To qualify, stations must
> complete 10 HF contacts or 5 VHF contacts on April 18 between 0000 and
> 2400
> UTC. To obtain the full-color certificate, send a log extract including
> the
> list of QSOs and $6 US (?5) to: The Radio Amateurs' Journal MK QTC,
> Suchacz-Zamek - Wielmozy 5b, 82-340 Tolkmicko, Poland, on or before May
> 31,
> 2006. The World Amateur Radio Day certificate also is available to SWLs
> who
> log the same number of reports.
>
> * FCC statistics suggest minuscule market share for BPL: The latest FCC
> statistics on the status of high-speed Internet services indicate a
> minuscule market share for broadband over power line (BPL). The FCC
> Wireline
> Competition Bureau report, "High-Speed Services for Internet Access:
> Status
> as of June 30, 2005," puts at 4872 the number of business and residential
> "Power Line and Other" connections that deliver at speeds greater than 200
> kbps in at least one direction. The total number of high-speed lines for
> all
> technologies is 42,866,469--the vast majority DSL, cable and traditional
> wireline connections. This puts the share for "Power Line and Other" at a
> bit more than 0.01 percent of the total. The number of residential BPL
> "advanced services" lines--greater than 200 kbps in both directions--is
> 3916

> out of 34,259,411, the FCC report indicates. Although some data have been
> withheld as proprietary, the FCC report indicates there are 18 "Power Line
> and Other" high-speed providers nationwide. Facilities-based broadband
> providers must report the number of high-speed connections in service to
> the
> FCC twice a year.
>
> * VUCC basic operating area expanded for 50 through 1296 MHz: The ARRL
> Membership Services Department has announced an increase in the size of
> the
> basic operating area for VUCC contacts made between 50 MHz and 1296 MHz.
> Effective immediately VUCC rules allow stations to submit confirmations
> for
> contacts made from different locations, provided no two locations are more
> than 200 km (124 miles) apart. The VUCC operating area for SHF operation
> remains unchanged. The change results from a recommendation of an ad hoc
> VHF/UHF Study Committee, appointed by the then-Membership Services
> Committee, chaired by ARRL New England Division Director Tom Frenaye,
> K1KI.
> The ARRL Awards Committee recently added its approval to the change.
>
> * First call for presenters, papers for 2006 AMSAT-UK Colloquium: AMSAT-UK
> has issued a first call for speakers and papers for its 21st Colloquium,
> July 28-30, at Surrey University, Guildford, Surrey, UK. AMSAT-UK seeks
> presentations about Amateur Radio space activities and related topics.
> Speakers/authors also are also invited to submit papers for publication in
> the conference Proceedings. Submit complete documents by June 15 to David
> Johnson, G4DPZ, <g4dpz@...>. AMSAT-UK also invites suggestions for
> program topics. More information on this year's event will be available on
> the AMSAT-UK Web site
> <http://www.uk.amsat.org/Colloquium/default.php>.--AMSAT-UK
>
> * DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit: The ARRL DXCC Desk has
> approved this operation for DXCC credit: TT8PK, Chad, March 15 to May 27,
> 2004, and December 27, 2005, to October 3, 2006. For more information,
> visit
> the DXCC Web page <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>. "DXCC Frequently
> Asked
> Questions" can answer most questions about the DXCC program. ARRL DX
> bulletins are available on the W1AW DX Bulletins page
> <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/dx/>.
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> * ARRLWeb <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/>. (NOTE: The ARRL Letter will
> be
> posted each Friday when it is distributed via e-mail.)
>
> * The QTH.net listserver, thanks to volunteers from the Boston Amateur
> Radio
> Club: Visit Mailing Lists@...
> <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/letter-list>. (NOTE: The ARRL

> cannot assist subscribers who receive The ARRL Letter via this
> listserver.)
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532. UK's Chief Scientist on global warming. Was: Global Warming Myth

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-14 13:29:55 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 528 Message: 532

On 04/13/06 12:59 pm John Wehmer (WB9JSR) wrote:

> Here is an editorial that attempts to explain the global warming myth:
http://www.opinionjournal.com/extra/?id=110008220
> <http://www.opinionjournal.com/extra/?id=110008220>

UK's Chief Scientist warns that global warming problem is more severe:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/4888946.stm

Alan NV8A

533. Re: [WestMichiganHams] UK's Chief Scientist on global warming. Was: Global Warming Myth

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-14 13:45:57 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 528 Message: 533

I wonder what the ratio of man made emmisions of CO2 vs nature's are.

I also wonder how the effect of the destruction of large forests (that change CO2 into Oxygen) plays into the equation.

Another variable is the increase of seaweed in our lakes caused by the dumping of sewage. Seaweed is a major player in the CO2 to O2 conversion game and is thought by some to balance the equation a bit.

We also need to look at Ozone and it's amounts....and how lightning affects Ozone levels.

As you can see, the scientists have much to factor into their calculations. With the speed at which I have seen most projects such as the global warming studies move, I gather it will be at least the dawn of the next Ice Age before the scientists figure out what is causing global warming.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Alan NV8A" <nv8a@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
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534. test

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-15 01:20:07 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 534 Message: 534

My postings to this group have not gone thru so far - trying again.
Hopefully this will work.
KB8TYJ

535. Re: [WestMichiganHams] test

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-15 01:36:08 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 534 Message: 535

it works

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tom Behler" <kb8tyj@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2006 9:20 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] test

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536. For all Skywarn Spotters, especially the ladies.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-15 03:09:20 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 536 Message: 536

CAUTION DURING THUNDERSTORMS

LONDON - Two women were killed by a bolt of lightning in Hyde Park when their underwired bras acted as conductors, a coroner said Wednesday. "I think this was a tragic case, a pure act of God," coroner Paul Knapman told an inquest into the deaths. He recorded a verdict of death by misadventure. The two women, Anuban Bell, 24, and Sunee Whitworth, 39, had been sheltering under a tree in the park during a thunderstorm. Pathologist Dr Iain West said both women were wearing underwired bras and had been left with burn marks on their chests from the electrical current that passed through their bodies. Death would have been instant, he said. The bodies were not discovered until the following day because passers-by thought they were vagrants.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

537. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-15 17:21:13 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 515 Message: 537

Bummer!

7.225 LSB is just outside the General Class range for 40 meters.

Oh well...

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2006 8:29 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP

Michigan QSO Party--CW/SSB, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club,from 1600Z Apr 15 - 0400Z Apr 16. Bands: 80-10 meters. Frequencies:CW--45 kHz from band edge, Phone (MHz)--3.850, 7.225, 14.250, 21.300,28.450. Work stations once per band and mode, MI-to-MI QSOs allowed,mobiles and portables can be worked from each county. Categories: SO,MS, MM, Mobile SO, Mobile MO. Exchange: serial number and MI countyor S/P/C. QSO Points: CW--2 pts, Phone--1 pt. Multipliers for MIstations are states, provinces and MI counties; multipliers fornon-MI stations are MI counties. Multipliers count once per mode.Score: QSO points x multipliers. For more information:http://www.miqp.org/. Logs due 30 days after the contest tologs@... or Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 HarrisRd. Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

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539. mecosta county training opportunity

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-15 18:49:47 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 539 Message: 539

Hi, all.

For those who haven't yet had NWS Basic Skywarn training this year, here's a training opportunity to consider:

Mecosta County Basic Skywarn training Tuesday: April 18 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the classroom of the Big Rapids Department Of Public Safety Building, 435 N. Michigan in Big Rapids.

If anyone needs directions, just give a call on the Big Rapids 146.740 2-meter repeater, and someone will be glad to assist you.

Thanks, and best 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

541. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-15 20:50:01 UTC
From: jfischer@azulstar.com
Topic: 515 Message: 541

>Mark 7.225 is just the starting point just dial around the gen band you
will find some one doing miop 73 john KC8UNY

Bummer!
>
> 7.225 LSB is just outside the General Class range for 40 meters.
>
> Oh well...
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> 73,
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544. MIQP Results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-16 14:29:03 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 515 Message: 544

All:

KC8MDL, W8AMZ, AB8SC, N8YJT, K8PIX, and KD8BGQ worked the W8ZHO contest station Saturday. We did around two hundred QSOs distributed between twenty and seventy-five meters. We had a wonderful experience and enjoyed every caller. We even heard from some old friends, snowbirds, and current friends. We really enjoyed the opportunity to be radio active. Thank you to all the participants and the stations in our log.

Bill, AB8SC

545. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-16 14:39:08 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 515 Message: 545

Bill:

Well, I worked you guys last night on 75 meters through all of the static crashes. I got a very late start, due to other commitments and obligations, but at least had a little fun. ... Got me all psyched for Field Day. ...

Thanks, and best 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County

----- Original Message -----
From: "Bill Fries" <bill_fries@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2006 10:29 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

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546. RE: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-16 14:49:20 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 515 Message: 546

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Bill

547. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-16 14:56:41 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 515 Message: 547

Bill,

Are you saying you don't know how to send the numbers in code on the paddles?

AMZ

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From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2006 10:49 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

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548. RE: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-16 15:39:42 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 515 Message: 548

Well, er, uhm, oh, NO

A guy sure could get lazy with a nice keyer in the shack, though.

549. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-16 16:01:54 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 515 Message: 549

Bill:

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Wonder if anyone had any success yesterday on 40. It was really noisy here, with not much activity, so I just concentrated on 75 from about 9 p.m. till mid-night.

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Take care, Bill, and you sure do have a good group over there in Muskegon. You may or may not recall, but last year, several of us visited your club for the Advanced Skywarn Training you offered. We felt very welcome, and enjoyed the training and the lunch afterword immensely.

In case you don't still quite remember me, I am the visually-impaired ham and EC/RO from Mecosta County.

Finally, tell Jean (KC8WSE) she's doing a great job on the WMTN.

Best 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

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From: "Bill Fries" <bill_fries@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
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550. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-16 16:08:08 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 515 Message: 550

Well uh hmm umm umm, could be true. Sounds like maybe what your saying is well umm maybe WE are setting a bad example for the newer hams you think?

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2006 11:39 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

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551. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-16 16:13:08 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 515 Message: 551

Tom,

Sounds like you need to be a part of the cw practice we are putting together
on the 94. It has a couple of goals in mind. Introduce newer hams to cw
and help them to upgrade to great world of HF, and help the rest of improve
our cw abilities.

Tom W8AMZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "T Behler" <tbehler@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2006 12:01 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

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Date: 2006-04-16 17:00:03 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 515 Message: 552

Tom:

Sure, you are fondly remembered over in Muskegon. Fine Business.

Yes, due to the efforts of her Elmers, Jean is improving and showing promise. We are quite proud of her and all the hams active in our association.

Speaking of Advanced Skywarn, you missed another great seminar on this subject, yesterday. Our new Skywarn coordinator has taken the program to new heights of professionalism and is turning our group into one heck of a nice, well run organization.

Thanks for the flowers!

Bill, AB8SC

553. Fw: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-16 18:20:35 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 553 Message: 553

----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young (N8ARY)
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2006 2:04 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

This is a re-post of a message in case more have joined this group since I first sent it:

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The Center for Women in Transition will be hosting the Girls on the Run 5K race at 8:00 (for volunteers) am on May 20th in Grand Haven. More details will follow. Please let me know if you plan on volunteering.

For those who participated last year, you should remember the magnitude of this event. There were nearly 1,000 runners including the students and coaches. It was a pretty exciting run with a lot of community support.

I will be sending a volunteer form approximating our count at 10-30 people, but more is better. The run has a lot of corners and uses part of a very busy street in Grand Haven. Please help keep the runners protected.

Andrew Young
N8ARY

554. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-16 18:31:47 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 515 Message: 554

Well, I have trouble getting into the 94 repeater from my home here in Big Rapids, although I can access it from our County EOC, since that antenna is much higher.

Actually, I got my Extra the old way via the 20 WPM code speed, and my usual sending speed for the code is probably between 20 and 25 wpm, when I am at my best; it's amazing what time lapses can do to your speed and proficiency.

Anyway, if you can give me the particulars, I'll try to at least listen to your CW practice.

We did that sort of thing a few years ago here in Big Rapids, and some folks actually got pretty good at sending and copying the code.

Problem is now that folks seem to be loosing interest in the code because of the FCC's likely decision to drop it as a requirement.

I keep telling them, though, that it's way too early to draw that conclusion yet, and that if they want to upgrade, it's best not to wait.

73 and long live CW from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tom" <advsound1@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2006 12:13 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

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555. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MIQP Results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-16 18:38:57 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 515 Message: 555

Fb on all, Bill.

Maybe next year, we can make it over there again for the Advanced Skywarn class. It always depends on how many student papers I have to grade as we get close to the end of the semester.

If there's anything I can do to help you guys out with Jean, just give me a shout.

Now that I have finally gotten my e-mails to post correctly to the list, it may be much easier.

You can always contact me, though at my private e-mail address which is

kb8tyj@...

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Bill Fries" <bill_fries@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 16, 2006 1:00 PM
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557. Tulip Time Festival 2006 - NEED ASSISTANCE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-18 01:11:11 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 557 Message: 557

Dear WEST MICHIGAN HAM Member:

The purpose of this email is to ask for your assistance in filling the remaining Amateur Radio Operator (ham) positions for this year's Tulip Time Festival.

We currently have one ham position open for both the Wednesday (5/11) & Thursday (5/12) to walk with an American Red Cross First Aid volunteer. Also we are in need of a Net Control Assistant for same two days. Net Control will be located at the Sheriffs Department Emergency Operations Center (120th & Fillmore).

We currently have ten ham positions open for Saturday (5/13) to walk with American Red Cross First Aid volunteers. Also we are in need of two additional Packet operators, one at the Holland High School, and one at the Sheriffs Department Emergency Operations Center (120th & Fillmore).

The "tentative" schedule for Wednesday (5/10) and Thursday (5/11) is as follows:

* If you want a ride into downtown Holland, be at the Ottawa County American Red Cross building, which is located at 270 James Street by 11:45am. A bus will leave from the ARC building at noon to the American Red Cross Tulip Time Center, which is located on the corner of 8th & Pine (across from the Police Station).
* If you want to drive and park downtown, be at the American Red Cross Tulip Time Center, which is located on the corner of 8th & Pine (across for the Police Station) by 12:15pm to gather supplies.
* At 12:30pm at the American Red Cross Tulip Time Center team members will be introduced to each other along with a short operational debriefing and last minute informational sharing.
* At 12:45pm Teams will be dispatched to their specific parade route block of coverage.
* As the parade/s are finished, Teams will follow behind the parade back to the at the American Red Cross Tulip Time Center to turn in supplies, log off from Net Control, and either wait for the bus ride back to the Ottawa County American Red Cross building on James, or walk back to your personal vehicle.

The "tentative" schedule for Saturday (5/13) is as follows:

* If you want a ride into downtown Holland, be at the Ottawa County American Red Cross building, which is located at 270 James Street by 11:45am. A bus will leave from the ARC building at noon to the Holland High School dome, which is located at Southwest of the corner of 24th & Van Raalte.
* If you want to drive and park at the Holland High School, be inside

by the ARC setup, inside the dome by 12:15pm to gather supplies.
* At 12:30pm at the Holland High School, team members will be introduced to each other along with a short operational debriefing and last minute informational sharing.
* At 12:45pm Teams will be dispatched to their specific parade route block of coverage. Buses will bring volunteers that are covering the Eight Street blocks to the American Red Cross Tulip Time Center, which is located on the corner of 8th & Pine (across from the Police Station) while the volunteers covering the Van Raalte blocks will be walking directly from the Holland High School.
* As the parade is finished, Teams will follow behind the parade back to the at the American Red Cross Tulip Time Center or the Holland High School dome whichever is closest to turn in supplies, log off from Net Control, and either wait for the bus ride back to the Ottawa County American Red Cross building on James, or walk back to your personal vehicle.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering please provide me with your full name, call sign, contact phone number, email address, and any special assignment requests you would like cover.

Best regards,

Steve Vander Hill - N8UJD
svanderhill@....

558. MIQP Catagory

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-18 01:17:05 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 515 Message: 558

All:

>From the www site on the subject of the MIQP:

(b) Multi Operator ? Entries where more than one operator performs the operating and logging functions. Multi-operator entries are categorized in two ways:
Single-Transmitter - Entries with only one transmitted signal on the air at any one time.
Multi-Transmitter - Entries with multiple transmitted signals on the air at any one time.
Multi-operator entries must operate under a single callsign. Multi-operator entries are not categorized by power.

I'm reading this that our club worked as a multi operator single transmitter because our friends likely used their own call signs and not the W8ZHO call we used at the club for the event.

Thanks for the offer of your QSOs from your log. There does not seem to be a club category. And the folks offering QSO credit are offering a handful of QSOs.

Thank you!

Bill, AB8SC

559. Batching QSL Cards?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-18 01:47:17 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 515 Message: 559

All:

>From the ARRL Michigan Section Newsletter I copied the following:

QSL Batching for Affiliated Clubs
If your club is affiliated with the ARRL, you can use the Outgoing QSL Service
to send club station QSLs to DX stations. In addition, you batch cards from club members, who are also ARRL members. This might be a useful service to your club members who occasionally work some DX, but never quite collect enough cards to send in a whole batch themselves.
According to the Web page, http://www.arrl.org/qsl/qslout.html: "ARRL affiliated club stations may use the service (Outgoing QSL Service) when submitting club QSLs by indicating the club name. Club secretaries should check affiliation papers to ensure that affiliation is current. In addition to sending club station QSLs through this service, affiliated clubs may also "pool" their members' individual QSL cards to effect an even greater savings.
Each club member using this service must also be a League member. Cards should be sorted "en masse" by prefix, and proof of Membership enclosed for each ARRL member."
Give it a try!

This means that if anyone wants to send their card via the buro their cards and my cards to the buro can be packaged together. Buro cards are only accepted for members of the ARRL. My first two or three hundred QSL cards (from a couple of contests) were all mailed via the buro. It takes a lot of time to get a buro card back but the cost of a buro card is CHEAP! So I sent buro cards to four or six, oh, say, Germany stations knowing I would get back a card to confirm that country. Sure, you can send a dozen or so buro cards but why not batch these together and send in a pound or two?

Don't forget, buro cards coming to you are handled as incoming cards and you DO NOT need to be an ARRL member. But you DO need to have an envelope and postage at the buro to get any carding coming in from, oh, say, Germany.

We can offer this service to club members if there is a desire. Drop me a note.

Bill, AB8SC

560. The Foundation For Amateur Radio - Scholarships

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-19 22:34:06 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 560 Message: 560

This link may be of interest to those of you who have a young person (who is an amateur radio licensee) headed for college:

http://www.k3qx.com/FAR/index.php

561. Midland Hamfest

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-20 01:04:29 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 561 Message: 561

News on the Midland Hamfest.
Jon AB8RD

Patrick Mullet <pat_mullet@...> wrote:
Date: Wed, 19 Apr 2006 10:38:26 -0700 (PDT)
From: Patrick Mullet <pat_mullet@...>
Subject: Midland Hamfest
To: "Pat Mullet, KC8RTW" <kc8rtw@...>

Midland Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 1049, Midland, MI
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For More Information Contact:
Bill Albe
Hamfest Committee Chairman, Midland Amateur Radio Club
4300 Washington,
Midland, MI 48642
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For Immediate Release

Midland Amateur Radio Club Sponsors
Annual Hamfest and Computer Show

(Midland, MI, April 19, 2006) The Midland Amateur
Radio Club will be holding it's 32nd annual Hamfest on
Saturday, June 17th, 2006, to be held in the
Gerstacker Fair Center on the Midland County
Fairgrounds. The site is just north of US 10 on
Eastman Road, directly across from the Midland Mall.
Vendor set-up is at 6:30 am, with doors opening for
the public at 8:00 am. Tickets are $5.00. The MARC
Hamfest traditionally features commercial vendors as
well as table space available for amateurs with
equipment to sell and trade. A vast array of amateur
radio equipment and accessories, computers and
software, parts, coaxial cable and connectors will
greet visitors to the Gerstacker facility. The
Midland Amateur Radio Club's large stock of vintage
and hard-to-find vacuum tubes will also available for
sale.
Outside, a large space will be available for trunk
sales, and visitor parking is free.
The Club will be offering VE exams on-site for those
wishing to earn their Ham Radio license, or those
wishing to upgrade and earn new privileges.

Registration for the exams begins when the Hamfest doors open at 8:00 am; testing begins promptly at 9:00 am. Applicants need to bring two pieces of ID, copies of any licenses and certificates that applicable and two pencils. Calculators are optional. Test fee is $14.00. If applicants choose to visit the Hamfest after their tests, the gate fee is not included in the testing fee. Candidates should take note that the Technician Test pool will be changing on July 1st. For those planning on staying overnight, accommodations including the Fairview Inn, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn are available nearby. For further Information & Table Reservations ($5.00 each) contact us at:

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Midland, MI 48641-1049
or
Bill Albe, N8FUZ (989) 835-4142 or e-mail:
billalbe@...
Lee Hodges, KC8ITI (989) 652-6213 or e-mail:
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562. Fox Hunt Sunday!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-20 14:10:57 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 515 Message: 562

Hey, you:

The Muskegon radio club is hosting a Fox Hunt on Sunday April 23 at 2:00 in the afternoon. The event is being run from their clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive in Muskegon just a little south of the Red Rooster Restaurant and over by that big Lake Michigan puddle.

Teams of one to fifty are encouraged. Imagine a fifty member's team bus! Excellent!

Fun for all.

Bill, AB8SC

563. K8PY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-20 18:28:39 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 563 Message: 563

Just to let everyone know, Dale Crevier, K8PY from Whitehall had a minor stroke yesterday afternoon.
He is expected to be home this evening from the hospital.

Jim, K8COP

564. to paint or not to paint that is the question.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-20 20:44:06 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 564 Message: 564

Heard both,yes and no as far as painting antennas.Any thoughts?

565. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunt Sunday!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-20 21:42:45 UTC
From: jfischer@azulstar.com
Topic: 515 Message: 565

>bill in grand haven we have a person that has a bus for nascar races it
is called the damnbus. in our case its the hambus 73 john kc8uny

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566. RE: [WestMichiganHams] to paint or not to paint that is the question.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-21 00:29:28 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 564 Message: 566
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I have painted mobile whips without any noticeable signal problems or swr issues. I would think the important thing would be to not create another path for RF to go by painting the insulators or anything like that.

Just my $0.02.
73
Tim
KC8MSE

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com on behalf of paul
Sent: Thu 4/20/2006 4:44 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] to paint or not to paint that is the question.

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567. Re: [WestMichiganHams] to paint or not to paint that is the question.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-21 03:35:18 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 564 Message: 567

Thanks Tim,I just didn't want my homebrew Yagi to clash with the French Colonial motif I have going with the garage.See you the 25th if not sooner

73 KD8CBJ A.K.A. paul

568. Packet Stations as APRS Digipeaters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-21 10:03:46 UTC
From: Andrew
Topic: 568 Message: 568

If anyone is interested in learning a little about APRS, and would like to try setting your station up as a digipeater on 144.39, we are in need of some extra coverage in the northern Muskegon County area.

It would be a good way to put your station to use while it is idle.

The most simple way is to set your alias callsign as RELAY or WIDE1-1. You can also configure your beacon with your position and you will show up on http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=n8ary-14&terra=1°ree=0.004 complete with a satellite image of your location (Substitute N8ARY-14 with your callsign).

You can send messages to other APRS stations and the coverage paths are much longer than most regular packet frequencies.

If you are not sure what to do, Tom V. or I can give you some guidance.

Andrew Young
N8ARY

569. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Keyer Kits

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-21 14:07:38 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 569 Message: 569

Greetings to all,

It turns out we still have one keyer kit left over. We will be assembling them Saturday at the clubhouse. They can be used for HF or to modulate cw on FM VHF such as an HT or mobile radio. If you have any questions or want to reserve that kit for yourself then email me at advsound1@... or call me at 231-767-1095 or if you would like feel free to stop up to the clubhouse visit and or help others with building their kits or just get on the air, we have a great radio shack there. Basic soldering start at 9:00 AM

We will be using the keyer kits on a cw net to teach cw to those who wish to learn or just want to improve their skills.

73' de Tom W8AMZ

----- Original Message -----
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2006 5:42 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fox Hunt Sunday!

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570. Re: [WestMichiganHams] to paint or not to paint that is the question.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-21 21:13:17 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 564 Message: 570

You should be fine painting it. RF will go through paint.
----- Original Message -----
From: KD8CBJ@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2006 11:35 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] to paint or not to paint that is the question.

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571. Field Day Tee Shirts!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-21 23:38:19 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 564 Message: 571

All:

Our radio club is taking orders for Field Day tee shirts. This year's shirts will feature the club logo screened on the back.

Shirts are $16

Pins are $5

I would like your call sign, shirt size, and number of shirts you will need. Sorry, but we will not be able to accommodate any order of fifty or more shirts to an individual ham unless they bring their bus to Field Day. Hi!

We need orders before mid May because those going to Dayton are charged with bringing back the tee shirts!

73

Bill, AB8SC
President and chief tee shirt order taker at the MAARC

572. Global warming and Ice Age cycles

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-23 20:15:04 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 572 Message: 572

The last Ice Age ended about 10,000 years ago. The next Ice Age is expected to peak in 30,000 years.

Just by keeping with cycle temparatures, average global temps should rise for another 10,000 years before they start dropping again.

So who is to blame for global warming?

Just something to think about.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

573. [WestMichiganHams] on global warming. Was: Global Warming Myth, etc

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-24 02:28:53 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 528 Message: 573

Generally accepted facts(?):
On average the earth is warming and human population is growing in number and individual size.
Climate of Earth changed quickly enough to eradicate the large dinosaur populations and other "advanced" animals.
There is a hole in the ozone - growing at the south pole thus passing more UV that is damaging to human skin.
Deviation from average is expected for everything that is represented by statistics.
Individual choice guides individual action / Individuals choose a church - not the other way around.
The church taught the earth is flat and center of the universe, then excommunicated Galileo for thinking otherwise.
Presently it looks like this all started with a "bang".
The time of one human life is but a period on a mile(s) long sentence since formation of Earth.

Generally accepted personal decisions(?).
Do you recycle and otherwise capture things dangerous to our environment?
How many causes have you tried to convince others of?
If you had the choice, would you use DDT to kill mosquitoes in your back yard?
Is fish your only Friday meal?
How many children have you added to earths population?
Does your vehicle get better than fleet average fuel consumption?
Is your home well insulated and 72 degrees in summer and winter?
Will you be moving south west into a milder climate any time soon?
Just how do you decide who to believe best describes reality?
How many of your choices are globally best fit and how many choices are personal best fit?

If you want me to accept that global warming is a myth
If you want me to accept man is the only (major?) cause of global warming
If you want me to accept that the end is near because of global warming
Then there is a long way to go.
If we are to debate our choices in the context of global warming, or exploding population, or energy costs, or ...
Then bring it on and let's have a healthy debate.

On the other hand - remember 6 months ago?
There was a long thread here over time - GMT - EDST - ...
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de Skip k8rra k

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-24 11:56:45 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 574 Message: 574

That's why we need to operate on minimum necessary power- A kilowatt might warm the ionosphere. That could (not)contribute to global warming.

I will get on setting the clock soon. Third shift with overtime makes me an unmotivated procrastinator. I also have to find the programming manual I possibly misplaced when rearranging my shack.

In the meantime, don't set your watch in Grand Haven.
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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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575. Newaygo County Skywarn Training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-24 12:27:10 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 575 Message: 575

Good morning everyone. Newaygo County is hosting Skywarn training in Fremont at 4747 W. 48th St (NC RESA Education and Service Center, also the home of Baker Collage's Fremont campus) at 7:00pm on Tuesday. Everyone is invited to attend. Visit http://tdats.net/skywarn or contact Tim Deater at 924-8806 for additional information or questions.

Thanks!

73

Tim

KC8MSE

576. M-57 Road Side Pickup

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-24 19:00:12 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 576 Message: 576

Reminder of the Road Side Pickup, Tuesday April 25, along Hwy M-57 between Tefft Ave and Berrigan Ave. Sponsored by GRARA and American Red Cross. All are appreciated regardless of club or no affiliation.
Meet at the Park and Ride at Hwy US-131 exit 101 (M-57/Greenville exit) at 6PM. TI 147.26+(98.4Hz). During the operation, or if your arriving late, use Cedar Springs 146.88-(141.3Hz).
Keep in mind the after gathering at the Rockford Corner Bar.
As of this typing, the weather will be cool, rain ending by early afternoon. But just in case, the alternate bad weather date is Thursday, April 27.

73 Jack NY8D
E-mail: mailto:jamelar@...

577. Re: [WestMichiganHams] M-57 Road Side Pickup

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-24 21:51:25 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 576 Message: 577

What is the 'Road Side Pickup' exactly?

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jack Amelar" <jamelar@...>
To: "MIHAM" <miham@...>; "Lowell ARC reflector" <larc@...>;
"KCEST" <kc-arpsc@...>; "GRARA members" <Grara_members@...>;
"West Michigan Hams" <westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 3:00 PM
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578. Re: [WestMichiganHams] M-57 Road Side Pickup

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-24 22:58:37 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 576 Message: 578

Sounds illegal.

----- Original Message -----
From: "K8MHZ" <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 5:51 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] M-57 Road Side Pickup

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> Mark K8MHZ
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Jack Amelar" <jamelar@...>
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579. RE: [WestMichiganHams] M-57 Road Side Pickup

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-24 23:43:07 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 576 Message: 579
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Road side pickup is picking up trash along the side of the road. It's what those Adopt a Highway signs are about along the highways. This is pickup week.

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Andrew Young
Sent: Mon 4/24/2006 6:58 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] M-57 Road Side Pickup

Sounds illegal.

----- Original Message -----
From: "K8MHZ" <k8mhz@k8mhz.com>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 5:51 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] M-57 Road Side Pickup

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580. Tulip Time Festival 2006 - NEED ASSISTANCE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-25 01:29:52 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 557 Message: 580

Hello, the 2006 Tulip Time Festival starts in less than two weeks. This year as in the past thirty years, the West Michigan Amateur Radio Operators (hams) are working with the American Red Cross to provide on a block-by-block basis First Aid and Emergency Communications.
We currently are short for both the Wednesday (5/11) and Thursday (5/12) parades one ham to walk with the a American Red Cross First Aid volunteer, and one ham to be a Net Control Assistant. We currently are short ten hams for the Saturday (5/13) Grand Finale parade, along with two Packet operators.
We are also in need of a couple HTs for some new hams that have just received their licenses and who have decided to volunteer their new privileges providing this community service.
Now comes the favor, if you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please email me (svanderhill@...
<mailto:svanderhill@...>) or call me (616-738-0427) with your/their full name, call sign, contact phone number, email address, and any other information you might think I would need.
Thank you in advance for making this festival a safe, secure, and fun one.
Best regards,
Steve Vander Hill ? N8UJD

581. Re: [WestMichiganHams] M-57 Road Side Pickup

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-25 01:51:35 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 576 Message: 581

Has there been any training for this?

----- Original Message -----
From: "Deater, Tim" <tdeater@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 7:43 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] M-57 Road Side Pickup

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>> > appreciated regardless of
>> > club or no affiliation.
>> > Meet at the Park and Ride at Hwy US-131 exit 101 (M-57/Greenville exit)
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>> > Keep in mind the after gathering at the Rockford Corner Bar.
>> > As of this typing, the weather will be cool, rain ending by early
>> > afternoon. But just in
>> > case, the alternate bad weather date is Thursday, April 27.
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>> > 73 Jack NY8D
>> > E-mail: mailto:jamelar@...
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582. Re: [WestMichiganHams] M-57 Road Side Pickup

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-25 01:59:38 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 576 Message: 582

No training needed-Just show up wear gloves and good shoes-All else provided-In case of rain alternate rain day is Thursday this week-the 147.26 /R will be monitored for talk in. DE WD8USA ...-.-

583. Kent County Search and Rescue Ground SAR Class's

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-25 11:23:39 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 583 Message: 583
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Subject: Kent County Search and Rescue Ground SAR Class's

Please pass on to anyone who may be interested in these upcoming class's

Search Manager May 6&7 Cost 40.00 KCSD 8AM - 4PM

AWARENESS (free)

May 17 2006 or June 6 2006

1900-2200 at KC Sheriff Dept

OPERATIONS (must attend all)-($20 to cover admin costs)

June 8 1800-2200 (lecture at Kent
County
Sheriff Dept)

June 13 1800-2200 (practice location TBA)

June 15 1800-2300ish (practice location
TBA)

June 17 0800- 1400ish (Scenario Townsend
Park)

Questions or to sign up ---email---sar@...

585. West Michigan and Mid Michigan Search and Rescue Training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-25 21:38:51 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 585 Message: 585

As announced previously, WMSAR is giving a class in the Big Rapids area Saturday June 17 with Central (Michigan) SAR. All our personnel are asked to attend this class. There will be both class room and practical training.

Marv WA8ARA

586. Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-26 22:36:40 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 436 Message: 586

I will be attending a meeting for the Girls On the Run event on May 16th, at which I will be picking up tee shirts for the event volunteers. If you are planning on attending and haven't responded yet, please let me know. I will also need everyone's tee shirt size.

For those who don't know, this is a 5k run with about 1,000 participants. There will also be a lot of parents along the route and they will look to us during any emergencies. I got a lot of comments from parents and school officials last year about how good it was to have us along the route for security and safety of the runners. The run is on May 20th at 9:00 am. Volunteers should be at the GHPS lot at 8:00.

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We'll definitely need several more. All you'll need is an HT with a good battery charge because the run is pretty close to the repeater.

Katie N. from the Center for Women in Transition wanted me to thank everyone in advance for their help.

Thanks,

Andrew Young
N8ARY

587. Re: Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-26 22:49:50 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 436 Message: 587

Hello Everyone ... We helped with Girls on the Run event last year and I hope we can give a good showing this year again even thought it is on the same weekend as Dayton ... so if you can please come out and help us out for this run .... reply here on West Michigan Hams or send Andrew or myself a email .... 73 Don Meyer - KB8ODB

--- In WestMichiganHams@...m, "Andrew Young" <ayoung@...> wrote:
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588. Clubhouse Work Bee

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-26 23:01:56 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 569 Message: 588

All:

The folks at the Muskegon radio club are doing a clean up around their clubhouse on Saturday morning. So if you can, drop by and lend a hand. We'll be raking, dusting, cutting, and trying to remove the HUGE tree on the ground and in the way. You could drop by after the March of Dimes walk or after Rockets for Schools. We would love to have your help.

Even with lots of help the effort is expected to be continued on May 13. We'll then have the place whipped into shape for Mother's Day.

Thank you.

Bill, AB8SC
President of the radio club in Muskegon

589. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-26 23:45:59 UTC
From: jfischer@azulstar.com
Topic: 436 Message: 589

>Don tomarrow night is the club meeting if possiable we would like to lay
out plans for the events for the summer {ie.field day ,runs parades ect }
you know more about the runs than i do hope you can make it .73 kc8uny

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590. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-26 23:40:30 UTC
From: jfischer@azulstar.com
Topic: 436 Message: 590

>hello fellow radio nerd make mine a large KC8UNY

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591. Amateur Radio to be in Parade Magazine this Sunday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-26 23:59:45 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 591 Message: 591
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From QRZ.net:

Amateur Radio will be included in the April 30, 2006 issue of Parade Magazine. Parade Magazine is a pullout in most Sunday Newspapers nation wide.
National Military Appreciation Month has selected Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day as one of the focus events for this years article describing events during the Month of May that honors and support those that serve in the Military.
This is a great public relations boost for our hobby. Please be sure to tell your friends and family members about Amateur Radio coverage.
ARMAD is an event that allows the public to share LIVE messages of support to those who serve in the military, Retiree's, and Veterans. The event takes place on the Saturday of Memorial DAY weekend. This year it falls on May 27, 2006.
ARMAD will also be featured along with the Founder of National Military Appreciation Month during the week of May 15, 2006 on ARMY WIFE TALK RADIO. You can listen at:

Get involved and "Ham It Up For The Troops."
Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day

Army Wife Talk Radio

Edited by kb9ibw on April 25 2006,19:57

Attached Image

592. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Clubhouse Work Bee

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-27 00:17:34 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 569 Message: 592

A tree on the ground? Now how did that get there??

I will prod, er, pass this along to the MOD helpers.

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 7:01 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Clubhouse Work Bee

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593. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-27 00:17:38 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 436 Message: 593

My wife, Jeanette KD8CHS (newly promoted to General), and I will be available for this event, each with an HT.

We need one each Large and XL shirts.

Alan NV8A

On 04/26/06 06:36 pm Andrew Young wrote:

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594. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-27 09:42:39 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 436 Message: 594

Hi Andrew, I will take the biggest they have 3 or 4xl. I don't need a second skin. Thanks Jason KC8OVS

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595. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-27 12:25:08 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 436 Message: 595

We can always paint yours on if you want. My wife is good with acrylics.

www.jillybean.biz

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----- Original Message -----
From: jason mackay
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2006 5:42 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

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596. Michigan - Morse Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-27 12:09:20 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 596 Message: 596

....Please distribute to your local ham radio community.....

Hello Everyone:

In case a few of those in Michigan are interested..

On Saturday, April 29, area members of the Morse Telegraph Club will be present at the Steam Railroad Institute Museum at Owosso, Michigan for "Morse Day." This annual event, held in celebration of the birthday of Samuel Morse, consists of a nationwide gathering of land-line telegraph operators at various locations throughout the United States.

The various chapter gatherings are linked together via the National Telegraph Office and hub located at Owosso. This hub facility permits operators from throughout the US and Canada to gather "on-line" using authentic, original telegraph instruments (keys, sounders, etc.), and the original "American Morse Code."

The event will take place from 11-AM to 2-PM at the museum. Please feel free to stop by and visit. While there, you can also tour the grounds and see steam locomotives in various stages of restoration and refit, a rather interesting process in itself.

The museum is located at:

405 S. Washington

Owosso, Michigan 48867.

For more information or directions to the museum, please visit:

www.mstrp.com

For more information on the Morse Telegraph Club, please visit:

www.morsetelegraphclub.org

73,

James Wades, PEM

Executive Director, Michigan Net, QMN

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597. Alzheimer□s Association Talk

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-27 17:35:04 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 597 Message: 597

Notice:

West Michigan Search And Rescue is hosting a speaker from the
Alzheimer's Association on Thursday May 4,2006 at 7:00pm. The
location is the Ottawa County EOC at the Filmore Complex, 12220 Filmore,
West Olive MI 49460. We would like to invite those interested to attend.
There is no charge.

Thanks,

Marv Hoekstra (WA8ARA)
WMSAR

By John Wehmer (WB9JSR)

OCEC

598. House OKs Bill with BPL-Interference Study Amendment

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-28 12:08:34 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 598 Message: 598

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/04/27/2/?nc=1

Alan NV8A

599. Re: [WestMichiganHams] House OKs Bill with BPL-Interference Study Amendment

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-28 13:37:01 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 598 Message: 599

Thanks Alan,

It's nice to have a ham in Congress. We need a few more!

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Alan NV8A" <nv8a@...>
To: <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>; <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2006 8:08 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] House OKs Bill with BPL-Interference Study Amendment

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600. Digital network locally

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-28 15:10:04 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 600 Message: 600

Greetings.

I am into the project of adding another digital node in Grand Haven. At this moment it is active part time on 145.070. It will be more like 24/7 after I find a special connector and it is mounted permanently (another month?).

The software is jnos, and the present configuration includes a BBS and an outgoing Internet gateway via telnet (ampr.org). There are several versions of automation to route interconnects like KA-NODE, and AEA-NODE - I've prototyped NET-ROM. The bad news? - I find no "neighbors".

The other "bad news? - I find my station listed on KC8MSE-7 as a "node". I can't believe NET-ROM will work if you were to try my node out from MSE-7...

Thus the purpose of this note: Where are NET-ROM nodes in western Mich - if any...?

73
de Skip k8rra k

601. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Field Day Tee Shirts!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-28 17:09:08 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 564 Message: 601

Morning,Pocket options?"xxmn smokers"

73 KD8CBJ A.K.A. paul

602. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Digital network locally

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-28 18:43:42 UTC
From: Dave Lamer
Topic: 600 Message: 602

Skip,

I have my JNOS station running on 145.070. It also is a BBS with outgoing telnet.

We should get together and compare notes HI.

73

Dave

Wa8rsa

Telnet wa8rsa.no-ip.org

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of George (Skip) VerDuin
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2006 10:10 AM
To: West_Michigan_Hams
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Digital network locally

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603. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Digital network locally

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-28 19:52:14 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 600 Message: 603

I see you tried to connect on K8RRA-7 Dave,
I've put the BBS on -1...

Our configurations may be a bit different.
I've not had the pleasure to connect to your node / I did not know it
was a nos.
Thanks for the response!

I see from my trace files that you have been active for quite a while.
I seldom hear you directly - mostly I hear others in contact with you.

Comparing notes sounds like a heads-up idea.
I look forward to the chance.

On Fri, 2006-04-28 at 14:43 -0400, Dave Lamer wrote:
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> outgoing telnet.
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>SNIP<

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604. Kenwood TM-741A problem

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-28 21:14:21 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 604 Message: 604

My mobile, a Kenwood TM-741A, has an ongoing intermittent problem. Every once in a while, the 2-meter section loses its memory. The 70cm and 6m sections never have done this. The problem only happens when I turn the unit on, never while using it. The time period between hiccups is several weeks to several months. Does anyone have any ideas?

73

John WB9JSR

605. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Kenwood TM-741A problem

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-28 21:27:55 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 604 Message: 605

Ya John,

It is a secret government enabled radio erasing frequencies so they
won't fall into any citizens hands by accident.

:)

On Fri, 2006-04-28 at 21:14 +0000, John Wehmer wrote:

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606. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Kenwood TM-741A problem

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-28 21:53:15 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 604 Message: 606

John,

It's a Kenwood thing.

You may want to try doing a factory reset. You will loose ALL of your memory settings, but it does work on Kenwoods sometimes. My TM-V7A used to do it until a factory reset was done.

Kenwoods also do not like low voltage, even when off! Have you noticed this happening when you have a low battery or power supply voltage? None is far better than low to a Kenwood.

Good luck, next time buy an Icom or a Yeasu!

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: John Wehmer
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2006 5:14 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Kenwood TM-741A problem

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> ==>HOUSE COMMITTEE OKAYS TELECOMS BILL WITH BPL-INTERFERENCE STUDY
> AMENDMENT
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> The US House Energy and Commerce Committee's version of the Communications
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> Opportunity, Promotion and Enhancement (COPE) Act of 2006 includes an
> amendment requiring the FCC to study the interference potential of BPL
> systems. The panel voted April 26 to send the much-talked-about "telecoms
> rewrite" bill to the full House for its consideration. "Outstanding news!"
> was the reaction of ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ.
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> "This is a major victory for the ARRL," he exulted, noting that the
> amendment "received significant opposition" from utilities. Rep Mike Ross,
> WD5DVR (D-AR), proposed the amendment, and, with the support of Committee
> Chairman Joe Barton (R-TX), the committee agreed by voice vote to include
> it
> in the bill.
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> A year ago, Ross sponsored House Resolution 230 (H Res 230)
> <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/filings/hres230/HRes230.pdf>, which
> calls on the FCC to "reconsider and revise rules governing broadband over
> power line systems based on a comprehensive evaluation of the interference
> potential of those systems to public safety services and other licensed
> radio services."
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> "Hundreds of ARRL members who wrote their congressional representatives in
> support of Rep Ross's H Res 230 helped to achieve this week's success with
> the COPE Act amendment," Sumner observed.
>
> A more-widely reported Internet "network neutrality" amendment to the COPE
> Act bill was defeated. The measure will get a number next week.
>
> A statement released by Ross's office notes that his amendment, which
> received unanimous committee support, "would guarantee that valuable
> public
> safety communications and Amateur Radio operators are not subject to
> interference." One of two radio amateurs in the US House, Ross said
> infrastructure-free Amateur Radio, "often overlooked in favor of flashier
> means of communication," can maintain communication in disasters that
> bring
> more vulnerable technology to its knees. Ham radio operators "are often
> the
> only means of communication attainable in a devastated area," he said.
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> "I believe it is imperative that the interference potential [of BPL] is
> thoroughly examined and comprehensively evaluated to ensure that
> deployment
> of BPL, which I do support, does not cause radio interference for Amateur
> Radio operators and first responders who serve our communities," Ross
> added.
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> The COPE Act BPL amendment adds a section (under Title V) to the proposed
> legislation that would require the FCC to study and report on the
> interference potential of BPL systems within 90 days of the bill's
> enactment. "This puts the House Energy and Commerce Committee on record as

> having concerns about BPL interference," Sumner said. "If we are vigilant
> in
> protecting it against deletion on the House floor--assuming the bill is
> approved by the House--the BPL language will be included in the
> legislation
> that goes on to the Senate."
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> ==>FCC CHAIRMAN NOMINATED FOR NEW TERM
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> President George W. Bush has tapped FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin of North
> Carolina for a second, five-year term on the Commission starting July 1.
> The
> White House this week submitted Martin's name to the US Senate for
> confirmation. Martin says he's honored to be nominated for a second term
> as
> a commissioner and as FCC chairman.
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> "This is an exciting time of growth and innovation in the communications
> sector," Martin said in a statement. "I look forward to working with the
> Administration, Congress, my fellow commissioners and the talented staff
> at
> the FCC to provide all Americans with the services and opportunities
> offered
> by the best communications system in the world today."
>
> Judging by their statements, his three FCC colleagues have confidence in
> his
> leadership. Martin succeeded Michael Powell as FCC chairman in 2005.
>
> In the meantime, politics reportedly is keeping the FCC from having a full
> slate of commissioners. In February, the White House nominated Republican
> Robert M. McDowell of Virginia to fill the still-vacant fifth FCC seat.
> The
> Senate Commerce Committee okayed the telecommunications attorney's
> nomination, but US Senator Mary Landrieu (D-La) reportedly has blocked any
> of President Bush's non-judicial nominations--including McDowell's--from
> going forward to a vote by the full Senate. Landrieu is said to be unhappy
> with the pace of Hurricane Katrina recovery assistance to the Gulf Coast.
>
> The situation leaves the FCC split at two Republicans and two Democrats.
> If
> the Senate stalemate continues, Martin could continue to serve on the FCC
> beyond his term's expiration.
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> ==>SUPPLY AND DEMAND: VU4AN ANDAMANS OPERATIONS CREATE A CLAMOR
>
> For several days this month, the tiny Andaman Islands became the DX mouse
> that roared--well, sort of. Just how loudly depended on your position on
> the
> globe and fickle propagation. A first-of-its-kind event, "Hamfest - (VU4)

> India - 2006," made rare VU4 (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) widely
> available
> worldwide April 18-25. With activities centered in Port Blair on South
> Andaman Island, more than 100 VU4AN stations made a joyful noise on
> several
> modes and bands. Despite the current ebb in the sunspot cycle, many US
> radio
> amateurs were able to take advantage.
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> "They weren't rock-crushingly loud, but they seemed to be making a lot of
> QSOs in North America," said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ--one of the lucky
> ones. Sumner said he worked VU4 on CW and SSB and noted that some of the
> stations were spotted quite a lot on RTTY.
>
> Sumner expressed pleasure that one of his QSOs was with Bharathi Prasad,
> operating as VU4AN/VU2RBI. She led the December 2004 VU4 DXpedition that
> turned into a disaster-communication operation after being cut short by
> the
> devastating South Asia earthquake and tsunami. As a result, Prasad and her
> team won the 2005 ARRL International Humanitarian Award, and she was named
> Dayton Hamvention's Radio Amateur of the Year.
>
> Telecommunication authorities in India authorized the issuance of
> short-term
> licenses to some 40 Indian nationals and 70 foreigners. While VU4AN
> signals
> were dicey or non-existent in some North American locations, many stations
> in the US and elsewhere were able to add this rare one to their DXCC
> total--some on more than one band.
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> According to The DX Magazine's 2005 survey of DXers, Andaman and Nicobar
> Islands was the 10th most-wanted DXCC entity. This month's massive
> operation--sponsored by the National Institute of Amateur Radio
> (NIAR)--may
> have put a dent in the demand. The NIAR offered certificates for stations
> working more than four VU4AN stations as well as awards for working the
> most
> VU4AN stations in several categories.
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> In addition to operating, several participants delivered presentations at
> the NIAR gathering that stressed the positive aspects of Amateur Radio
> operating as well as various technical topics. The intention was to
> promote
> ham radio and to invite more-friendly governmental regulation.
>
> "This VU4-Andaman Islands project took some eight months from start to
> finish and involved many hours and financial support by members of NIAR,"
> commented QST "Hows DX?" and The Daily DX Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR,
> after returning from the Andamans where he operated as VU4AN/VU3OHA.
> "Heavy-duty negotiations between NIAR and the many different government

> branches took place for this activity to happen." McClenny also reported
> that there are now two newly licensed hams in Port Blair, Andaman.
>
> Unless otherwise announced for individual stations, VU4AN QSLs go to Jose
> Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, 6-3-1092/93, Raj
> Bhavan
> Rd, Somajiguda, Hyderabad 500082 INDIA.
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> ==>CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION APPROVES BPL REGULATIONS
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> Saying that broadband over power line (BPL) will bring Internet access to
> "underserved communities," the California Public Utilities Commission
> (CPUC)
> has adopted regulatory guidelines for electric utilities and companies
> that
> wish to develop BPL projects in that state. While the Commission's BPL
> guidelines include a requirement to maintain the safety and reliability of
> the electric distribution system, the state agency has no jurisdiction
> over
> radio frequency interference, which received no mention in the PUC's news
> release. ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI, points out that the
> utility
> industry still must meet another tier of federal regulations that govern
> permitted BPL signal levels and interference issues.
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> "Although this action addresses how BPL operators will be responsible to
> state regulators, it does not address any of the technical problems with
> BPL
> in any way," Hare observed. "Utilities will still have to carefully choose
> BPL vendors with a proven track record of preventing interference
> complaints."
>
> The CPUC said it wants to foster BPL deployment to solve the "last mile"
> problem of broadband delivery and to increase consumer choice in broadband
> providers. "BPL has the potential to bring broadband Internet services to
> communities who do not have broadband service available today from the
> telephone companies or cable companies," said CPUC President Michael R.
> Peevey.
>
> One commissioner suggested that BPL faces an uphill battle. "This is a
> nascent technology with technological, market, and financial hurdles
> before
> it," commented CPUC member John Bohn. "By removing unnecessary regulations
> from its path, we free BPL entrepreneurs to invest and take the risks they
> want, while protecting ratepayers from any downside."
>
> ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, said that while the League's concern is with
> BPL interference and not with BPL's viability in the broadband
> marketplace,
> "it's odd to see the California PUC echoing the pro-BPL rhetoric that was

> coming out of the FCC two years ago and that is so demonstrably wrong
> today." Sumner points out that BPL has been around for years now, and
> "after
> all the hype," the most-recent FCC statistics show no more than about 4000
> BPL lines in service across the US.
>
> "The California PUC would better serve its citizens by focusing on more
> capable broadband technologies, such as fiber and wireless, that do not
> have
> the potential to disrupt radio communication," Sumner concluded.
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> The policy the CPUC adopted April 27 stemmed from a draft developed by
> CPUC
> member Rachelle Chong, a former FCC commissioner.
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> ==>MISSOURI TEEN WINS PRESTIGIOUS GOLDFARB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
>
> Seventeen-year-old Mellissa Ann Meye, KB0WZA, of Camdenton, Missouri, has
> been named the recipient of the 2006 William R. Goldfarb Memorial
> Scholarship, the ARRL Foundation Scholarship Committee has announced. Meye
> is the first young woman to receive this generous award. Licensed in 1996,
> Meye has actively promoted Amateur Radio in her community, was
> instrumental
> in establishing the Osage Amateur Radio Club at her school and serves as
> the
> club's president.
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> "The establishment of this club took many hours of work and convincing the
> school administration of its value," said Lloyd Wood, N0GYE, who
> recommended
> Meye's selection. "Mellissa was so successful in convincing school
> personnel
> of Amateur Radio's value that the high school principal and some of the
> faculty members are presently studying to take their exams."
>
> The terms of reference of the generous Goldfarb scholarship award require
> that recipients demonstrate financial need and significant involvement
> with
> Amateur Radio, in addition to high academic performance. "Ms Meye meets or
> exceeds all of our criteria," the selection committee said. A high school
> senior and General-class licensee, Meye ranks sixth in a class of 132
> pursuing an advanced academic diploma course of study. She plans to attend
> the University of Missouri-Rolla to study petroleum engineering.
>
> Amateur Radio runs in the Meye family. Her father David is KL7QW.
>
> Beyond her academic accomplishments, Meye sports a well-balanced and
> impressive list of extracurricular and community activities. She's a
> member
> of her school's advanced concert chorale, Science Research Team, the

> Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Future Business Leaders of
> America.
> She also has participated in the Upward Bound Math and Science Program
> held
> summers at Northwest Missouri State University and was selected two years
> running.
>
> Said one of her church leaders, Robert D. Ashford: "She has led other
> young
> women of her age group to be better people and has conducted music for the
> entire congregation."
>
> The William R. Goldfarb Memorial Scholarship is intended to assist a
> qualified student to obtain a bachelor's degree at an accredited school in
> one of the following courses of study: business-related computers, medical
> or nursing fields, engineering or sciences. The four-year award to an
> active
> radio amateur is based on outstanding qualifications, need and other
> funding
> sources.
>
> The Goldfarb Scholarship is the result of a generous endowment from the
> late
> William Goldfarb, N2ITP. Before his death in 1997, Goldfarb set up a
> scholarship endowment of close to $1 million in memory of his parents,
> Albert and Dorothy Goldfarb.
>
> More information on the Goldfarb Scholarship is available on the ARRL Web
> site <http://www.arrl.org/arrlf/goldfarb.html>. Applications for the
> Goldfarb Scholarship and other ARRL Foundation Scholarship applications
> are
> accepted each year beginning October 1 and ending February 1 for the
> academic year that starts the following August/September.
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> ==>WEST MOUNTAIN RADIO TO BE PRINCIPAL AWARDS SPONSOR FOR ARRL RTTY
> ROUNDUP
>
> West Mountain Radio, which manufactures the popular RIGblaster digital
> modes
> radio-to-sound card interfaces, has generously agreed to be Principal
> Awards
> Sponsor for the 2006 and 2007 runnings of the ARRL RTTY Round-Up. During
> the
> annual event, which takes place the first full weekend in January, radio
> amateurs around the globe contact and exchange QSO information using
> Baudot
> RTTY, PSK31, ASCII, AMTOR and attended packet operation. ARRL COO Harold
> Kramer, WJ1B, said West Mountain Radio's participation will provide the
> events' top scorers with plaques that might not otherwise be available.
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> "We are pleased that West Mountain Radio has agreed to be the Principal
> Awards Sponsor for the ARRL RTTY Round-Up," Kramer said. "Participation in
> the ARRL RTTY Round-Up has been increasing every year, and we are grateful
> to West Mountain Radio for its support. It is particularly appropriate for
> West Mountain Radio to associate itself with this operating event because
> of
> its continuing commitment and technical contribution to digital
> communication and support of this interest group." West Mountain Radio
> will
> be Principal Awards Sponsor for all unsponsored plaques for the events.
>
> West Mountain Radio's Dan Gravereaux, N1ZZ, said he hopes the cooperative
> arrangement will help to spur more interest in digital mode contesting and
> operating. "We are delighted to be the Principal Awards Sponsor," he
> commented. "We at West Mountain Radio have worked very hard to make RTTY
> and
> other digital modes more accessible to the Amateur Radio community."
>
> Gravereaux says he believes the League, the various digital-mode software
> developers and his company have made an effort to promote more exciting
> modes and "to keep ham radio really fun," and he sees West Mountain
> Radio's
> participation as Principal Awards Sponsor an extension of that activity.
>
> RTTY Round-Up plaques will go to the top-scoring low and high-power
> entrants
> in each overall contest category within each ARRL Division and Canada.
> Entry
> categories include single-operator low power and high power and
> multioperator single-transmitter, low power and high power. Plaques that
> West Mountain Radio is underwriting will bear the company's logo, as will
> all contest certificates sent to contest category winners. Other plaques
> already are underwritten by clubs, individuals or other organizations.
>
> Based in Norwalk, Connecticut, West Mountain Radio
> <http://www.westmountainradio.com/> produces several RIGblaster models for
> operating digital modes with a computer. It also makes the RIGrunner for
> distributing 12 V dc power, PWRgates for emergency backup, RIGtalk for rig
> control, and CBAs for battery testing. Gravereaux says the West Mountain
> Radio team plans to be on the air for the ARRL RTTY Round-Up next January
> using the company's K1WMR club station call sign.
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> ==>EUROPEAN HAMS HEAR SIGNALS FROM THE EDGE OF SPACE
>
> Hams in Germany and Portugal reportedly have received signals from the US
> Voyager 1 spacecraft <http://voyager.jpl.nasa.gov/> in March and April. On
> March 31, AMSAT-DL (Germany) radio amateurs at the Institute for
> Environmental and Future Research (IUZ) at Bochum Observatory used a
> 20-meter radio telescope dish to detect Voyager 1's 8.4 GHz signal.
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> Using Doppler shift and sky positioning, the German team received the
> signal
> from a distance of 8.82 billion miles (14.7 billion km)--nearly 100 times
> the distance from the sun to Earth. This is the first recorded reception
> of
> signals from Voyager 1 by radio amateurs.
>
> Members of the AMSAT-DL/IUZ team included Freddy de Guchteneire, ON6UG,
> James Miller, G3RUH, Hartmut Paesler, DL1YDD, and Achim Vollhardt,
> DH2VA/HB9DUN. Assisting were Theo Elsner, DJ5YM of IUZ, and Roger Ludwig
> of
> Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), as well as the Deep Space Network (DSN)
> tracking station in Madrid, Spain.
>
> Luis Cupido, CT1DMK, in Portugal reported April 15 that he spent "two
> nights
> without sleep" to hear Voyager I at his QTH using a 5.6-meter dish. To
> detect the signal, Cupido says he had to acquire and integrate
> spectrograms
> over an extended period.
>
> "I did several acquisition periods of 15 minutes (900 s), the minimum I
> would expect to see something," he said on his Web site
> <http://w3ref.cfn.ist.utl.pt/cupido/dsn.html>, noting that any longer time
> period would be incompatible with his Doppler-shift correction scheme.
> "The
> receiver is operated at fixed frequency, and the Doppler variation was
> corrected by skewing successive spectrograms in software while
> accumulating
> [images]."
>
> He based positive identification of Voyager 1's signal on the fact that
> signal is "only visible for the right skew amount that corresponds to the
> Doppler variation as predicted by the relative velocity calculation."
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> Voyager 1 was launched in September 1977 to conduct close-up studies of
> Jupiter and Saturn, Saturn's rings and the larger moons of the two
> planets.
> Designed to last only five years, the probe is expected to send back
> astronomical information to NASA and JPL until at least 2020. Voyager 1
> will
> study ultraviolet sources among the stars, and its fields and particles
> instruments will continue to search for the boundary between the sun's
> influence and interstellar space.
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> ==>NON-DELIVERABLE CARD REMAINS IN "QSL LIMBO" FOR 50 YEARS
>
> George Hitz, W1DA, of Sudbury, Massachusetts, can finally account for one
> of
> his QSL cards--one he sent in 1956. While a newly licensed teenager living

> in DeLand, Florida, Hitz, then KN4DPI, fired up his Johnson Viking
> Adventurer transmitter and made contact with Dave, KN6MSI, on 40 meters.
> Like a good operator, Hitz sent off a QSL card, addressed only to "Amateur
> Radio--KN6NMI, Chief Op Dave, Address Unknown, Riverdale, Calif." This
> turned out to be David Leaven, later WI6J, who became a Silent Key in
> 2003.
>
> "I was 14, and like me, Dave was a new ham, and he wasn't in the call
> book,"
> Hitz told ARRL. "I hoped there would be someone at the Riverdale post
> office
> that would know who Dave was, and it would get to him." But Hitz made one
> mistake: he addressed the card to Riverdale instead of to Dave's actual
> QTH,
> Riverside. That simple error left the card sitting in QSL limbo from 1956
> until now.
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> "In 1956, I was just a Novice operator with a primitive station and even
> more primitive operating skills," Hitz explained. "Back then, with my
> radio
> built from a kit and my BC-348 World War II Army Air Corps surplus
> receiver
> and a 60-foot long wire antenna that was 15 feet high, California, was
> like
> a whole other country. And I needed that California QSL!"
>
> Hitz had put a return address on his card, but for reasons perhaps best
> known to the US Postal Service, it finally was returned to his former
> Florida address in early April. It turned up in the mailbox of Mack
> McCormick, a nonham now living in Hitz's childhood home.
>
> "The card apparently has been in the 'Twilight Zone' for 50 years,"
> McCormick said. "It's not wrinkled or anything."
>
> McCormick offered to return the card to Hitz, but Hitz declined. "What
> would
> I do with it?" he said. "I understand the guy who found it is going to
> frame
> it and place it on his coffee table!"
>
> The story of the long-lost QSL card received worldwide attention. "The
> press
> has run wild with this," Hitz said. "I heard this story has been in
> newspapers in India, Iceland, Ireland--all over the world, over 100
> countries! It's almost like I could have DXCC from all the countries that
> have reported it."
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> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
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> Solar flash Tad "That Lucky Ol' Sun" Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington,

> reports: Geomagnetic conditions were quiet this week in most places, but
> on
> April 22 there was a geomagnetic storm at high latitudes caused by solar
> wind and a south-pointing interplanetary magnetic field (IMF). The College
> A
> index in Fairbanks, Alaska, reached 38, and the K index was 7 at its
> highest. The Mid-Latitude A index for the day was only 10--just slightly
> unsettled.
>
> On April 27 there was a strong, but brief, solar flare from Sunspot 875,
> but
> this was not expected to cause major geomagnetic activity. At the time of
> the flare, around 1552 UTC, X-rays caused a radio blackout of nearly a
> quarter-hour.
>
> Sunspot numbers and solar flux have been rising, and solar flux is
> expected
> to remain around 100 over the next week. Geomagnetic conditions may become
> active again around May 2 and May 6, with a big increase in activity
> expected around May 10-13 because of similar activity during the previous
> solar rotation.
>
> Sunspot numbers for April 20 through 26 were 30, 14, 15, 24, 38, 33 and
> 60,
> with a mean of 30.6. The 10.7 cm flux was 78.7, 76.4, 82.4, 86.7, 92.8,
> 95.1, and 100, with a mean of 87.4. Estimated planetary A indices were 5,
> 8,
> 18, 8, 7, 5 and 5, with a mean of 8. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were
> 3, 6, 10, 8, 4, 1 and 2, with a mean of 4.9.
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> ==>IN BRIEF:
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> * This weekend on the radio: The North America High Speed Meteor Scatter
> Spring Rally is April 29 until May 7. The SBMS 2 GHz and Up World Wide
> Club
> Contest, the Helvetia Contest and the Alabama QSO Party are the weekend of
> April 29-30. JUST AHEAD: The AGCW QRP/QRP Party and the RSGB 80-meter Club
> Championship (SSB) are May 1. The ARS Spartan Sprint is May 2. The
> Thursday
> NCCC Sprint Ladder is May 5 UTC. The New England, Seventh Call Area and
> Indiana QSO parties, the MARAC County Hunter Contest (CW), the 10-10
> International Spring Contest (CW), the Microwave Spring Sprint, and the
> ARI
> International DX Contest are the weekend of May 6-7. The RSGB 80-meter
> Club
> Championship (Data) is May 10. The Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder is May 12
> (UTC). See the ARRL Contest Branch page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>
> and

> the WA7BNM Contest Calendar
> <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> for more info.
>
> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Sunday, May 7, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) Program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002), Amateur Radio
> Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003), Antenna Modeling (EC-004), HF
> Digital Communications (EC-005), VHF/UHF--Life Beyond the Repeater
> (EC-008),
> and Radio Frequency Propagation (EC-011). Classes begin Friday, May 19. To
> learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page
> <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE Department
> <cce@...>.
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> * Armed Forces Day 2006 military/amateur activities set: The US Army, Air
> Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard will cosponsor the annual
> military/Amateur Radio communications tests Saturday and Sunday, May 13-14
> t56th Armed Forces Day. Although the actual Armed Forces Day is Saturday,
> May 20, the Armed Forces Day on-the-air activities will take place
> earlier,
> to avoid conflicts with those who might be attending Dayton Hamvention,
> May
> 19-21. The annual activity features traditional military-to-amateur
> crossband (ie, hams transmit on amateur frequencies and receive military
> stations on nearby military channels) SSB voice tests and copying the
> Secretary of Defense's annual Armed Forces Day message via digital modes
> (RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, PSK-31 and MT63). "These tests give Amateur Radio
> operators and Short Wave Listeners an opportunity to demonstrate their
> individual technical skills and receive recognition from the Secretary of
> Defense and/or the appropriate military radio station for their proven
> expertise," the US Armed Forces Day announcement says. QSL cards will be
> provided to those making contact with military stations. Commemorative
> certificates will be awarded to those receiving and copying without error
> the digital Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense. The
> tentative schedule of on-the-air events--including a list of participating
> stations, the Secretary of Defense's message transmission schedule and
> more
> information--is available on the US Army MARS Web site
> <http://www.netcom.army.mil/mars/news/ARMED%20FORCES%20DAY%20(2006).doc>.
> The schedule is subject to change without notice.
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> * SuitSat-1 still in orbit: Tossed into orbit three months ago from the
> International Space Station, SuitSat-1 continues to orbit Earth--although
> its batteries are long since dead, Spaceweather.com reported this week
> that
> skywatcher Kevin Fetter videotaped SuitSat-1 as it passed over his
> Brockville, Ontario, Canada, home (the bright star in the movie is Vega)
> <http://science.nasa.gov/spaceweather/swpod2006/27apr06/fetter.wmv>. A
> spare

> Russian Orlan spacesuit equipped with a voice transmitter, slow-scan TV
> system, voice recordings and various sensors, SuitSat-1 was the brainchild
> of the Russian Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS)
> team. From the outset, radio signals from the unusual satellite were very
> weak due to an undetermined problem. Even so, SuitSat-1 remained in
> operation for more than two weeks, easily outlasting initial predictions
> that it would only transmit for about one week. The last confirmed
> reception
> of SuitSat-1's voice audio was on February 18. Calling the project
> "tremendously successful," ARISS International Chairman Frank Bauer,
> KA3HDO,
> says SuitSat-1 captured the imagination of people around the world,
> despite
> its much-lower-than-expected signal strength. Eventually, SuitSat-1 will
> sink into Earth's atmosphere and disintegrate in a flash of fire. Another
> surplus Orlan suit remains aboard the ISS, so SuitSat-2 could be in the
> offing.
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> * Hugh L. Tinley, K0GHK, SK: QST author and World War II historical figure
> Hugh Tinley, K0GHK, of Omaha, Nebraska, died April 27. He was 88. Tinley
> had
> been suffering from bone cancer. His article, "Riding the Magic Carpet,"
> in
> April QST about using EchoLink to put hospital patients in touch with one
> another proved very popular with readers. An officer on the staff of Gen
> Dwight D. Eisenhower during World War II, Tinley was one of the last
> surviving individuals to have witnessed the signing of the German
> surrender
> documents that ended the war. In 2005, he appeared in an ABC Evening News
> segment, "Old Soldiers," marking the 60th anniversary of the victory in
> Europe. Retired as president of Farmers International, he had been a radio
> amateur for 46 years. During the 1960s, he was an active participant in
> the
> Military Affiliate Radio System's "Operation Hello," helping provide phone
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608. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Kenwood TM-741A problem

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 00:34:47 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 604 Message: 608

Thanks for the input Mark. The unit is used only in the mobile and I have not noticed the problem having anything to do low voltage. I usually turn the unit off after I turn the engine off and turn it back on after I start the engine. I have done a reset of the 2 meter module. There may be a complete reset for all 3 modules, I?ll have to check that out.

73 John WB9JSR

K8MHZ <k8mhz@...> wrote:
John,

It's a Kenwood thing.

You may want to try doing a factory reset. You will loose ALL of your memory settings, but it does work on Kenwoods sometimes. My TM-V7A used to do it until a factory reset was done.

Kenwoods also do not like low voltage, even when off! Have you noticed this happening when you have a low battery or power supply voltage? None is far better than low to a Kenwood.

Good luck, next time buy an Icom or a Yeasu!

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: John Wehmer
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2006 5:14 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Kenwood TM-741A problem

My mobile, a Kenwood TM-741A, has an ongoing intermittent problem. Every once in a while, the 2-meter section loses its memory. The 70cm and 6m sections never have done this. The problem only happens when I turn the unit on, never while using it. The time period between hiccups is several weeks to several months. Does anyone have any ideas?

73

John WB9JSR

609. Looking for a few good hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 01:38:17 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 609 Message: 609

Hello All,

As you may or may not know, MCARES has decided they want nothing to do with the Air Fair this year. Instead, I will be working on one of the committees for the Summer Celebration and they have requested help from the hams, especially those with past experience with the show.

First, and this is good news, hams will NOT be working in the Security Operations effort. What Summer Celebration needs is the following, so far:

Site Committee

Persons to assist in the set up of the show. This will be done during the week prior to the show. Since I have never worked on the site committee before I have little more to pass on other than they still need help in this area.

Child Watch

I think our assistance with Child Watch is the most important thing we do at the Air Fair. They will have some of their own people but they have requested for hams to be there with them. I think they liked us!

AirDales

The new Air Boss is looking for a few people to make a commitment of at least three years to work with Air Operations. One of the things they do is park the planes for the static displays. They also set up the acts on the ramp for the show. Working with Air Operations is a very prestigious role. They also need non-hams that are willing to make a three year commitment so if you know someone with a love for airshows and no ham license, let me know.

Deployable Communications Network

We need a few very skilled hams to work with the non-ham WLAN techs to set up an Intranet. Once in place, we will need people to keep the system running. If the system works as planned, there will be video surveillance cameras on the 'net. This will be a first for the show. We also may need help setting up the portable repeater(s).

I also heard rumors that the Norton Shores Fire Department may need a few of us, too. Chief Purchase is out of town until next week so I have no official info for the roles the FD may have for us. I would like to stress that NSFD has been VERY GOOD to the hams in the area and we would be remiss not to offer our help if they request it.

There are forms to fill out and some stuff to read. So far, my contact with Summer Celebration has shown that Joe Austin is trying very hard to have a very organized event. He has done well with Summer Celebration and I think he will pull it off. I think he is headed in the right direction.

Two things that are crabbed about most is the traffic leaving the show and the same acts coming year after year. This year at 5 pm, the show does not end. The last air act will be a re-enactment of a Viet-Nam helicopter battle with pyro and everything! When the choppers land, the beer tents open and the bands start playing. People will be able to go on the choppers that were in the show for rides. This should ease the outgoing traffic considerably.

There will also be entirely new acts we have never seen. It should be a great show.

Summer Celebration has a big get together each year with food and stuff to show appreciation to it's volunteers. Those that work this year's Air Fair will be invited. I will have more details on that later.

In short the spots should be very enjoyable with much less stress than we had working Security. If you have any questions please e-mail me at k8mhz@..., or here on the reflector if Don the Owner doesn't mind.

Thanks much and 73,

Mark K8MHZ

610. Art Bell

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 02:19:45 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 610 Message: 610

I was surprised to hear that Art Bell left the country today to live in the Philippines.

He took his cats but I am not sure about his ham gear. He is supposed to continue his weekend AM radio show from the Philippines.

His former wife died in January and on April 8 he married a Phillipino girl. At least she looks like a Phillipino girl...kinda...her skin is kinda grey and her eyes are big and almond shaped....is she wearing a wig??

73,

Mark K8MHZ

611. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for a few good hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 02:23:38 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 609 Message: 611

Is there further information about MCARES' "divorce" from the Air Fair?

Alan NV8A

On 04/29/06 09:38 pm K8MHZ wrote:

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612. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for a few good hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 02:32:53 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 609 Message: 612

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Jeff Nawrot
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613. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for a few good hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 04:12:38 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 609 Message: 613

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Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2006 10:32 PM
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614. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for a few good hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 03:24:05 UTC
From: Don LaBrenz
Topic: 609 Message: 614

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> Kent County EC
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Don, WB8I

615. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for a few good hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 04:21:32 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 609 Message: 615

THANK YOU, Don

Not asmany words as I used but just as good as my reply. To bad I forgot to put my call on the end of it.

Tom de W8AMZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Don LaBrenz
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2006 11:24 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for a few good hams

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616. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Digital network locally

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 03:42:56 UTC
From: Don LaBrenz
Topic: 600 Message: 616

George (Skip) VerDuin wrote:
> Greetings.
>
> I am into the project of adding another digital node in Grand Haven.
> At this moment it is active part time on 145.070. It will be more
> like 24/7 after I find a special connector and it is mounted
> permanently (another month?).
>
> The software is jnos, and the present configuration includes a BBS and
> an outgoing Internet gateway via telnet (ampr.org). There are several
> versions of automation to route interconnects like KA-NODE, and
> AEA-NODE - I've prototyped NET-ROM. The bad news? - I find no
> "neighbors".
>
> The other "bad news? - I find my station listed on KC8MSE-7 as a
> "node". I can't believe NET-ROM will work if you were to try my node
> out from MSE-7...
>
> Thus the purpose of this note: Where are NET-ROM nodes in western
> Mich - if any...?
>
> 73
> de Skip k8rra k
>
>
Skip,
The station here has a Net-Node. It's call sign is WB8I-2, but I do not seem to hear you direct. I do not hear any other Net-Nodes in this area.(I do hear them

from acrost the big lake). I am still having trouble hearing Grand Rapids, I may hang another port on the system with a beem pointedin that direction.

Who knows I also notice that the last time I hear WA8RSA, I was hearing a non AMPR IP address. It looked like it was a LAN address.

73 de Don, WB8I

PS. Still looking forward to that cup o' coffee

617. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for a few good hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 06:00:07 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 609 Message: 617

To all readers,

I Tom W8AMZ wrote the earlier response to Jeff the Kent county EC statement. I don't normally get involved in theses little political things on the reflectors, but I sat down this evening to read my email and saw what really made me very upset (that's an understatement). A county EC had the gull to overstep his authority and tell his volunteer members to ignore a call for help from a well qualified radio operator (Mark K8MHZ) who is organizing a large event.

Now yes The Muskegon county EC has decided that ARES will not be operating this event this year. Ok fine he has the right to do so for what ever his reasons are. Well that leaves a ligament event out there in need of help with communications. K8MHZ a licensed amateur radio operator with experience has stepped up to the plate and is helping. Now the efforts of K8MHZ are not only noble but he is also highly qualified for this event and should be supported in every way possible. As licensed radio operators we are allowed to hone our skills, enjoy the hobby and volunteer our services on a voluntary basis only, in any way we can help the community. It's a good thing and is encouraged by all operators and the FCC.

Now I'm not a very good letter writer but I hope I've gotten my feeling across to everybody. I also hope the Kent county members have minds of their own and can decide what is right or wrong and don't ignore a ligament call for help.

73 de Tom W8AMZ

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From: Tom
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for a few good hams

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618. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for a few good hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 13:15:57 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 609 Message: 618

Jeff,

MCARES has told their members that they have no problem with hams working the Air Fair but they have to do it under the auspices of Muskegon Summer
Celebration, not MCARES.

I think you may want to gather some additional info before you simply boycott any event.

Please e-mail me off line if you want further info that you prefer not to discuss on this list. Myself, I have no secrets about the entire ordeal and thusly have no problem discussing the issues in any forum, private or public. It's your call.

73,

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619. Muskegon Air Fair

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 13:27:29 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 619 Message: 619

I think the air needs to be cleared as to some of the comments I have read this morning.

It is true that Muskegon County Amateur Radio Emergency Service is NOT participating with the Muskegon Air Fair this year.

This decision was made at the staff level of this group, not the Emergency Coordinator himself.

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If anyone wants to discuss this further, please contact me direct.

73's

Jim Duram, K8COP
Muskegon County EC/RO

620. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon Air Fair

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 13:29:39 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 619 Message: 620

Thank you Jim!

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Jim, K8COP
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2006 9:27 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon Air Fair

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621. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for a few good hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 14:13:42 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 609 Message: 621

Alan,

There are many issues with the Air Fair as one would expect for an event it's size. The staff has seen our involvement go from a handful of operators to dozens. Last year I would estimate that 30 to 40 percent of the time we spent in staff meetings was discussing the Air Fair. That's a big chunk of time to spend on just one event. MCARES has gone through some changes recently and the staff has decided that they would better serve the group if they did not have to work on the Air Fair. Obviously I voted against not working the Air Fair as I personally feel that it is a great training ground for operation in a harsh environment, plus it allows us to perform some great public services.

The decision did not come from the membership itself. The membership is called upon to work the show, not plan it. They don't have to spend close to four months worth of time briefing and de-briefing. It must be understood that the membership was never asked not to participate at the Air Fair. They were asked not to wear ARES logos, but I think that is a moot point because Summer Celebration will be providing shirts for everyone there. Hats, too, I believe.

I will be working directly for the Summer Celebration committees and we need good people to come help. As mentioned in a previous post Summer Celebration needs non-hams for some spots too.

I hope to see you there!

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Alan NV8A" <nv8a@...>
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 15:11:20 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 609 Message: 622

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 16:05:52 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 609 Message: 623

"If they choose to they do so on there (sic) own with out (sic) the support of an established program."

This is NOT TRUE! Anyone working the Air Fair will have the support of a very established program, the Muskegon Summer Celebration.

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Jeff is correct about not being able to participate as a RACES member. There is a limit to the amount of training RACES members can have each month and it amounts to an hour a week or so if I remember, or is it an hour a month? Any activity that RACES performs outside of being called upon by the Governor becomes technically illegal if it exceeds the stringent limitations set forth by law. Anyone wanting to argue this point will be referred to the appropriate authority having jurisdiction over the matter.

Those wanting to work the show will be working under the direction of the Muskegon Summer Celebration committee and will be covered by that organization. In the past we had no such coverage, in fact, Grevious didn't even know the names of the people working for him.

Thanks to all that have helped in the past with all of our events, and thanks in advance for your continuing support of your community.

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 16:09:11 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 624 Message: 624

Hello Everyone There have been some posts made that are not in the interest of promoting ham radio but instead to undermined other organizations activities. Every member of West Michigan Hams can go to the membership list and send a comment to the individual member they do not agree with and I expect each one of you to do that.
If you are a EC of a group then go to your website and send your comment to your group there that you do not agree with what the other group is doing, please respect our site here as we respect your site and do not post comments on it airing your disagreement of what the other group is doing. No ham is required by law to volunteer his time, we do it because we want too and if it is no longer any fun to do there will be none of us doing anything.

So please remember send comments meant for individuals to there personal e-mail and not just click on reply and send it to everyone

Thank you Don Meyer . KB8ODB

625. Please take a minite and go to the RACES link

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 16:19:35 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 625 Message: 625

Hello ... I have put on a new link to the RACES information site and were I found something interesting by how I see it by this side it a EC of the county has declaired a emergency so we are working under RACES we can not comunicate with or transmitt on there frq. is we are not under RACES operation also ... It looks like there are a lot of restrictions for RACES that are not for ARES ....

73 Don Meyer ... KB8ODB

626. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Digital network locally

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 16:39:08 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 600 Message: 626

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 16:52:46 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 609 Message: 627

Mark,

I am at your service regardless of who is in charge. The removal of security duties is good news to me, since I always felt we were placing ourselves in a high-risk without much authority to enforce anything, if you know what I mean.

I also think the fact we are still being included in the Air Fair scheme of things is great news! It means we have made a good impression. I am glad we have you and your connections to keep us involved.

Andrew
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First, and this is good news, hams will NOT be working in the Security Operations effort. What Summer Celebration needs is the following, so far:

Site Committee

Persons to assist in the set up of the show. This will be done during the week prior to the show. Since I have never worked on the site committee before I have little more to pass on other than they still need help in this area.

Child Watch

I think our assistance with Child Watch is the most important thing we do at the Air Fair. They will have some of their own people but they have requested for hams to be there with them. I think they liked us!

AirDales

The new Air Boss is looking for a few people to make a commitment of at least three years to work with Air Operations. One of the things they do is park the planes for the static displays. They also set up the acts on the ramp for the show. Working with Air Operations is a very prestigious role. They also need non-hams that are willing to make a three year commitment so if you know someone with a love for airshows and no ham license, let me know.

Deployable Communications Network

We need a few very skilled hams to work with the non-ham WLAN techs to set up an Intranet. Once in place, we will need people to keep the system running. If the system works as planned, there will be video surveillance cameras on the 'net. This will be a first for the show. We also may need help setting up the portable repeater(s).

I also heard rumors that the Norton Shores Fire Department may need a few of us, too. Chief Purchase is out of town until next week so I have no official info for the roles the FD may have for us. I would like to stress that NSFD has been VERY GOOD to the hams in the area and we would be remiss not to offer our help if they request it.

There are forms to fill out and some stuff to read. So far, my contact with Summer Celebration has shown that Joe Austin is trying very hard to have a very organized event. He has done well with Summer Celebration and I think he will pull it off. I think he is headed in the right direction.

Two things that are crabbed about most is the traffic leaving the show and the same acts coming year after year. This year at 5 pm, the show does not end. The last air act will be a re-enactment of a Viet-Nam helicopter battle with pyro and everything! When the choppers land, the beer tents open and the bands start playing. People will be able to go on the choppers that were in the show for rides. This should ease the outgoing traffic considerably.

There will also be entirely new acts we have never seen. It should be a great show.

Summer Celebration has a big get together each year with food and stuff to show appreciation to it's volunteers. Those that work this year's Air Fair will be invited. I will have more details on that later.

In short the spots should be very enjoyable with much less stress than we had working Security. If you have any questions please e-mail me at k8mhz@..., or here on the reflector if Don the Owner doesn't mind.

Thanks much and 73,

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Date: 2006-04-30 17:11:55 UTC
From: Dave Lamer
Topic: 600 Message: 628

Hey Don and Skip,

I would like to join in on the cup of coffee.

73 Dave

Wa8rsa

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-04-30 17:20:34 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 609 Message: 629

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630. Message to KCRACES members

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Date: 2006-04-30 23:38:27 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 630 Message: 630

I would like to say to all the KCRACES members that have been monitoring the last few threads that no matter what your decision is for this year's Air Fair I sincerely appreciate your help in the past. I also want to know that I won't hold it against any of you for not wanting to go against Jeff Nawrot's wishes for you to not work the show. I really do understand you not wanting to go against his wishes and I respect your decisions.

Kent County has helped me out when I really needed them. Truly, the spots you folks covered in the past years may have gone unattended had you not came in and offered a hand.

Working the Air Fair is not a piece of cake. The long hours and rough conditions make it a formidable task. To travel from a neighboring county to help out without compensation speaks volumes of your commitments. I believe actions speak louder than words and I truly have appreciated your actions.

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Mark K8MHZ

631. end of Altoids?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-01 01:05:01 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 631 Message: 631

Home to countless homebrews,and "I can build that" the venerable little metal boxer has competion.Dentyne Ice Mints come in an all plastic rectangular box.With minimal trimming they are the perfect size for Radio Cluck 276-148 pc board(sold in sets of 2)Altoid all metal box,projects needing shielding??Either one your circuits will still have the freshest breath in the shack.

73 KD8CBJ

632. First licensed ham

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-01 01:45:50 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 632 Message: 632
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Irving Vermilya-America's #1 Amateur
by Donna Halper
If you were alive during the formative years of amateur radio, you knew Irving Vermilya. From the time he was 12 and he travelled with his dad and his family's minister to Canada to hear Marconi speak, amateur radio was his first love, and he was a life-long ambassador for it. (The story goes that after the talk, which was mainly attended by adults, Marconi came over to the young lad and encouraged him in his interest in wireless. He even gave young Irving a piece of equipment, which became Irv's first receiving set.)

Born in June of 1890, Vermilya grew up in Mt. Vernon, New York, where he built that first rather primitive set in December of 1901, after returning from his trip to see Marconi (as he later recalled, it looked strange, but it worked). Other more advanced (and more professional-looking) sets followed, and his dedication to wireless increased. His spark transmissions were so frequently heard that he was offered jobs on ships that needed a wireless operator. He became a member of the newly formed Radio Club of America in 1911, using the calls VN. (Later, he would use 1HAA, but he was best known as W1-ZE). In late 1912, the government began to require that all wireless operators be licensed. Irv hurried to the Brooklyn Navy Yard to take the test, and was given Certificate of Skill #1. For the rest of his life, he would be known as America's Number 1 Amateur-which he truly was.

Irv Vermilya's involvement with radio continued; at the age of 16, he did in fact go to sea as a wireless operator; a few years later, he was given the important job of running the Marconi Wireless Station, WCC, on Cape Cod. During World War I, he served in the Navy, and then returned to Massachusetts to run the RCA wireless station at Marion. His engineering and wireless skills brought him into contact with such legendary figures as David Sarnoff, Lee DeForest, and Edwin Howard Armstrong.

By 1921, professional radio stations were springing up, and Irv was interested in this new technology too. Using his newly acquired license for a land station, 1ZE, he began doing radio broadcasts in late April (according to the Boston Traveller's ham radio column, he got special permission to be on even before he received the official license in May); his plan for 1ZE was to both promote amateur radio and to entertain his neighbours in and around New Bedford and upper Cape Cod with concerts and local information. His work came to the immediate attention of the Slocum and Kilburn Company, which was planning to open a station at their mill (the mill was similar to what we would call a "general store", since it also sold electrical equipment, tools, and building supplies; the station would be located in the radio department). They hired Irv to build it and run it, and the station went on the air officially the last week of May 1922 as WDAU.

(A "cousin" of WDAU still exists, although today, it is known as WNBH; these initials stand for New Bedford Hotel, where its studios once were located. Interestingly, thanks to the consistent link of Irving Vermilya as owner or engineer, WNBH claims to be the 11th station in the US, tracing itself back to 1ZE in mid 1921 and then to WDAU. However, the evidence seems to suggest that while Irv worked at 1ZE, WDAU, amd WBBG, the first two never directly evolved into WNBH. 1ZE remained on the air, in fact, long after he was hired to build WDAU.

1ZE was renamed by the government as W1-ZE, but Irv still owned and operated this well-respected ham station for over 40 years. Slocum & Kilburn kept WDAU on the air briefly even after Irv left to put WBBG on. It was WBBG that really evolved into WNBH; the station first began to broadcast under those calls in early November of 1925. But being the 11th station in the US makes a great story, and it has been repeatedly stated as a fact both by WNBH and by the New Bedford media. Given Irving Vermilya's many achievements, it doesn't surprise me that he receives credit for one that may not totally be accurate.)

When financial problems beset Slocum and Kilburn in late 1923, Irving acquired the station's equipment and moved it to his house (imagine his wife's surprise) in January of 1924. He began to operate it under the call letters WBBG until mid-1925. (His was one of many small stations that suffered when ASCAP required all stations, no matter what their size, to pay large fees to play ASCAP music; such fees almost drove Irv's little station off the air, but it made him even more determined to find some financial backers so that he could keep the station operating.) He was finally able, with business partner and fellow ham radio operator, Armand J. Lopez, to move his radio station back to New Bedford in November of 1925, requesting the aforementioned WNBH call letters. It was common in radio's early days for stations to have studios at hotels, since this provided a studio audience as well as a house dance band, and it certainly gave WNBH a good community image to have the hotel as its location. Irv continued to play a major role in WNBH's operation, serving as its General Manager, as well as helping to hire the talent and getting the station publicity. His ability as an engineer was well-known, and he frequently kept the station up and running during winter storms or other weather-related problems. In May of 1934, he sold WNBH to the owners of the New Bedford Standard-Times newspaper, but he continued to work there, first as station manager and later as the chief engineer until he retired in 1955.

Vermilya in his later years at WNBH
While Irv Vermilya's career in professional radio earned him considerable praise, he never stopped being involved with ham radio. In 1921, he was named the New England Manager of the ARRL. He was the mentor to Eunice Randall, the district's first woman amateur, and at a time when women were not expected to know anything about radio, Irv was totally supportive of Eunice and encouraged other men to give her a chance-Irv and Eunice were friends for many years, participating in various conventions together, and of course, keeping in touch via their ham sets. Irv wrote columns on ham radio for QST and for various newspapers, and won virtually every award a ham could win-it was impossible to read any magazine about ham radio without seeing another country or continent that W1-ZE had received or been received by. (In the early 1920s, amateur 'tests' were often held to see how far a transmission could go, and Irv was one of the few whose messages were received as far away as Europe.) And as you might expect, he also put a mobile transmitter in his car, and in the early 1930s, he set up the first police radio station for the New Bedford Police department (WPFN). In fact, whenever he could put his radio skills to a positive use, Irv was right there to volunteer, whether it was relaying messages during a hurricane or attracting some publicity for ham radio by engaging in a "foot-sending" contest with Eunice Randall (Eunice usually won). Years later, he was one of the founding members of the Old Old Timers Club, and served on its board. He was also the first American citizen ever given a permit to operate his mobile station in Canada.

I would like to tell you that such a distinguished career and such a highly respected man lived to a ripe old age, but not every story has a Hollywood ending. Depressed by the death of his wife, in failing health, and perhaps feeling the radio industry no longer had a place for him, in late January 1964, Irv Vermilya committed suicide. His death came as a shock to the many people who had admired him; even the Standard-Times editorialized about

what a fine human being he was, and how much he had contributed to broadcasting. Irving Vermilya elevated the status of ham radio, and was an able spokesperson and emissary, whose outgoing personality made friends wherever he went. If it were not for him, New Bedford and large parts of Cape Cod would not have had a professional radio station until the 1930s, and thousands of people who met him via ham radio would not have known what fun this hobby could be. He was a strong believer in community involvement, and whatever station he ran, be it amateur or profession, it would always do its part to help the community. Perhaps he never invented something major the way Marconi did, perhaps his name is not as famous as Sarnoff's, but it is radio's early pioneers who paved the way for the fledgeling industry to grow and succeed. Irving Vermilya devoted his life to radio, and he deserves our thanks for that dedication and his many years of service to the industry he loved so much.

633. Radio Club Meeting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-02 22:35:55 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 632 Message: 633

All:

The radio club is meeting Thursday evening at 7:00 at our clubhouse. Drop by for a great meeting. Al, KV8X will provide the program. He is exploring feed line in the form of coax. Should be very interesting.

Even if you already know everything about coax you can still get a cup of fresh coffee and a stale donut. Sounds great? You bet!

Bill, AB8SC
President of the club

634. Meeting reminders

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-03 00:58:06 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 634 Message: 634

Radio club meeting reminders: GRARA and LARC

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA)
The May meeting is this Friday, May 5 at the Red Cross building, 1050 Fuller Ave. NE (just south of Leonard Street). Doors open at 6:30 PM for eyeball QSOs, business meeting starts at 7:00. All are welcome. http://www.w8dc.org

The traditional after-meeting meal this month will be held either at the Hunan Chinese restaurant or at the Adobe In-N-Out Mexican Restaurant at Leonard and Fuller NE. Everybody is invited to join in in this tradition. If you would like directions to the restaurant, ask any officer at the meeting.

Keep in mind the JUNE meeting will be Friday, June 2 at the HUDSONVILLE FAIRGROUNDS, following the "Roadside Chili Potluck". The potluck is a long standing tradition of the IRA the evening before HAMFESTIVAL. http://www.w8hvg.org

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Lowell Amateur Radio Club (LARC)
The May meeting is this Saturday, May 6, 9AM social, 10AM meeting at Lowell City Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake Ave SE just north of Lowell between Main St (Hwy M-21) and Vergennes St. Normally on the second Saturday, moved this month to the first Saturday to avoid conflict with the River Bank Run where volunteer hams are needed for communications HINT HINT! All are welcome. Talk-in 145.27-(94.8Hz) http://www.qsl.net/w8lrc mailto:w8lrc@...

Monthly W8LRC repeater transmitter grounds cleanup at the Citadel Broadcasting WKLQ site Wednesday, May 10. Location, 2900 Lincoln Lake Ave NE, just north of 3 Mile Rd, 7PM.
Talk-in
145.27-(94.8Hz)

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73 Jack NY8D
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Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
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635. Would we be able to track them also?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-03 19:35:03 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 635 Message: 635

It looks like APRS in the sky. It appears that if we can find the frequency we could track them ourselves. If had a flight to catch you might be able to tell if it is on time.

Craig, have you had any experience with this?

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

Tracking system to better pinpoint planes' locations
Posted 5/2/2006 10:46 PM ET
By Alan Levin, USA TODAY
WASHINGTON - The government is endorsing a new concept for the future of guiding planes that will eventually replace radar in tracking jets over the USA.
Federal Aviation Administration boss Marion Blakey said Tuesday that the new system will improve safety and save billions of dollars for the government and airlines by streamlining how aircraft operate.

Known as ADS-B (Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast), the system works by providing vastly improved information about where a plane is located and where it is heading. It also allows aircraft to receive far more detailed reports from the ground on weather and the location of other planes.

Blakey said the technology is "the future of air traffic control." The FAA's Vincent Capezzuto, who manages the system, said it will revolutionize flying in the same way that the Internet changed computing.

Ever since the 1950s, controllers have guided aircraft using radars, which sweep the skies with radio beams that track metal objects. But because radar is imprecise, controllers must keep planes miles apart to ensure they do not collide. Only controllers on the ground have access to radar, so pilots don't always know the location of other planes.

Under ADS-B, planes use global positioning satellites to determine their exact position and then broadcast once a second where they are. Ground stations costing a small fraction of a radar can receive the radio blips and tell controllers the locations of planes. The same information can easily be transmitted to all the aircraft in the sky so pilots can follow other planes.

The FAA has been testing ADS-B for years, but Tuesday's announcement was the first time the agency has said it intends to make it the backbone of the air traffic system. ADS-B has allowed air traffic controllers in Alaska to follow planes that were hundreds of miles from the nearest radar. Australia

is installing it to track aircraft over stretches of the country's uninhabited interior.

Blakey said the agency intends to place the system in a few spots around the country by 2010. That initial phase will cost the FAA and airlines $600 million but will save them $1.3 billion, she said. The new system will cover all areas currently served by radar by 2014.

Cargo hauler UPS has equipped 107 of its jets with ADS-B and uses it to speed flights into and out of its Louisville hub, Director of Operations Karen Lee said. A recent experiment showed the airline could save $2 million a year in fuel simply by using the system to take more efficient routes to land in Louisville.

ADS-B has been endorsed by airlines and pilot groups, but numerous details need to be worked out. Airlines, for example, have been cautious about the high price tag they must pay. In addition, the FAA is still working out an adequate backup system for ADS-B.

636. Packet net answer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-04 10:56:31 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 636 Message: 636

Thank you for the confirmation on what I thought the law was in regards to a "non ham" assisting in a equip.test.Transmitting is transmitting by what ever means.Thats why I ask the experts.

73 KD8CBJ

637. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Packet net answer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-04 13:15:30 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 636 Message: 637

Can you elaborate? I wasn't on the net.

----- Original Message -----
From: "paul" <KD8CBJ@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 6:56 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Packet net answer

Thank you for the confirmation on what I thought the law was in regards
to a "non ham" assisting in a equip.test.Transmitting is transmitting
by what ever means.Thats why I ask the experts.

73 KD8CBJ

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638. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Packet net answer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-05 03:19:15 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 636 Message: 638

My question was,can a nonham(xyl)assist in an equipment test?Example,packet test,me being mobile,xyl in the lab at my rig/computer.Can she hit the enter key sending mobile me somthing?And/or do I have to be in "physical control"of my equipment? Answers I got.Yes to being there in person(exceptions -remote control application)No to her pushing enter key.Be it smoke signals,or typing in RUN,transmitting is transmitting

639. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Packet net answer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-05 12:41:07 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 636 Message: 639

Paul,

Transmitting legally on Amateur frequencies requires a licensed Control Operator. A Control Operator can operate more than one radio at a time. If you are in control of both pieces of equipment the tests you describe would be legal. The trick is being able to control both rigs from one place. If you can figure out how to do that, you're OK. Remember that you can't transmit control commands on 2 meters. It is OK on 440 and via TX. If the rig that the non-licensee is sitting at was a Kenwood TM-V7A for instance and you had an HT that had DTCS (Digital Tone Coded Squelch) you could control the Kenwood from as far away as you could work 440 simplex. If you don't have the bux for such a set up, a homebrew project may be in order.

Or you could get the XYL licensed or have one or two of us come help.

Good Luck!

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: KD8CBJ@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 11:19 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Packet net answer

My question was,can a nonham(xyl)assist in an equipment test?Example,packet test,me being mobile,xyl in the lab at my rig/computer.Can she hit the enter key sending mobile me somthing?And/or do I have to be in "physical control"of my equipment? Answers I got.Yes to being there in person(exceptions -remote control application)No to her pushing enter key.Be it smoke signals,or typing in RUN,transmitting is transmitting

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640. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Packet net answer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-05 17:56:42 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 636 Message: 640

Mark,My post was answering a questing some one posed to me about the packet net,but thank you

KD8CBJ

641. The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 18

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-06 11:39:03 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 641 Message: 641

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Letter Mailing List" <letter-dlvy@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 6:50 PM
Subject: The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 18

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> Vol. 25, No. 18
> May 5, 2006
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> <n1rl@...>
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> ==>NEW BPL COMPLAINT ARRIVES AS ARRL NUDGES FCC TO ANSWER EARLIER FILINGS
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> Another Manassas, Virginia, radio amateur has joined the growing list of
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> those filing formal complaints about disruptive interference from the
> city's
> broadband over power line (BPL) system. The May 4 letter from ARRL member
> Arthur R. Whittum, W1CRO, went to the FCC's Spectrum Enforcement Division
> just one day before the ARRL again prevailed upon the same office to act
> on
> several earlier--and similar--complaints of BPL interference. Whittum
> reported that BPL interference to his mobile station on April 25 and May 3
> made 40-meter SSB operation impossible "during a transit of streets in
> Manassas" covering about two miles.
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> "The digital hash from BPL obliterated even strong signals on 7255 kHz to
> the point of unintelligibility," Whittum wrote the FCC. "Since I couldn't
> identify who was transmitting or who was net control, I couldn't check
> into
> the nets and couldn't even identify whether or not there was any radio
> message traffic destined for this area."
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> Whittum said his latest complaint is the third he's attempted to submit.
> "The first two seem to have gone astray, even though they were introduced
> in
> advance by e-mail," he told Spectrum Enforcement Division Chief Joseph
> Casey. "I hope this one finds its way to you."
>
> On May 5, the ARRL wrote Casey to ask when the FCC planned to respond to
> longstanding interference complaints from four other Manassas radio
> amateurs. The League said it also wants to know when it can expect the FCC
> to require BPL system operator COMTek, equipment maker Main.net and the
> City
> of Manassas "to comply with the Commission's rules governing radiated
> emissions and the non-interference requirement of ?15.5 of those rules."
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> On March 7, Casey called on the city and COMTek to follow up on the
> January
> 19 complaint of Dwight Agnew, AI4II, citing harmful BPL interference along
> Virginia Business Route 234. The Commission instructed the city to conduct
> measurements to ensure its system complies with FCC Part 15 rules and to
> "resolve any continuing harmful interference." In another letter the same
> day, Casey asked George Tarnovsky, K4GVT; Donald Blasdell, W4HJL; William
> South, N3OH and Jack Cochran, WC4J, to provide additional information
> regarding their longstanding interference complaints or the FCC would not
> consider them further. All four provided the requested addenda by early
> April.
>
> "Since then, no action has been taken by the Spectrum Enforcement
> Division,"
> the League said in its May 5 letter to Casey. "An investigation of these
> complaints is now long overdue and amply justified by the responses of
> Messrs Cochran, Tarnovsky, Blasdell and South to your March 7, 2006,
> letter."

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> On April 6, COMTek filed a report with the FCC in response to Agnew's
> interference complaint. The company said it did not believe the Manassas
> BPL
> system caused the interference Agnew and other Manassas ham radio
> operators
> have heard. Agnew told the ARRL a few days after COMTek's report that the
> BPL interference continues.
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> In a consolidated complaint on behalf of Tarnovsky, Blasdell and South
> filed
> October 13, the ARRL asked the FCC to order the BPL system shut down
> "until
> the operator can demonstrate compliance with the requirement that it not
> cause harmful interference to licensed radio services."
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> ==>A FORCE FOR THE FUTURE: EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR
> HELP
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> To those who wonder--or worry--about what the League is doing to ensure
> the
> future of Amateur Radio, ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart,
> K1MMH,
> offers a prompt response: the ARRL Education and Technology Program (ETP).
> More familiar to many as "The Big Project," the program has provided
> turnkey
> Amateur Radio stations and educational materials to more than 170 schools
> across the US. More important, Hobart says, the ETP each year exposes many
> youngsters and their teachers to Amateur Radio, wireless technology,
> electronics and even robotics--something that likely wouldn't happen if
> the
> program didn't exist. With the ETP kicking off its 2006 fundraising
> campaign
> this month, Hobart emphasizes that the program depends entirely on
> individual donations.
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> "The Education and Technology Program is unique among ARRL's programs in
> that it is totally funded by voluntary member contributions, so the onus
> to
> continue to put stations in schools and to grow the program rests on those
> willing to contribute," she says. "This is an awesome responsibility for
> the
> Amateur Radio community."
>
> Campaign revenue not only covers the cost of placing stations in schools,
> Hobart notes. It also funds a burgeoning schedule of Teachers Institutes
> each summer as well as ongoing efforts to guide national educational
> standards in science and mathematics. Hobart called the Teachers
> Institutes
> "a powerful tool" to inspire educators and to help them develop confidence

> in teaching about wireless technology and electronics through Amateur
> Radio.
>
> Generous gifts helped the ETP to expand to five the number of free
> Teachers
> Institutes it's offering in 2006, its third year, and Hobart is optimistic
> that the program will be able to afford additional sessions in the years
> ahead. Some, but not all, of those who attend are Amateur Radio licensees,
> while others become hams as a result of attending the week-long sessions.
> In
> any event, Hobart points out that Teachers Institute alumni influence
> thousands of youngsters each year.
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> In fact, the "poster boy" for the 2006 campaign is Ronny Risinger, KC5EES,
> a
> teacher at LBJ High School in Austin, Texas--an ARRL "Big Project"
> participant. Risinger attended the first ETP Teachers Institute in 2004 at
> ARRL Headquarters. His success with the program became the centerpiece of
> this year's ETP fundraising effort.
>
> "Ronny's story is a powerful one," said Hobart. "He's a teacher and a ham
> who's taken advantage of all the ETP resources at his disposal. This is
> why
> we tell his story."
>
> Risinger credits the ETP and the Teachers Institute with his success in
> inspiring and teaching his students. He says the League program gave him a
> strong sense of confidence that allows him to be a better teacher,
> presenting his classroom material in unique and engaging ways--and
> especially hands-on projects that captivate his students.
>
> Hobart says Risinger is just one example of how ETP participation and
> attendance at a Teachers Institute can inspire educators and help their
> students to embrace both wireless technology and Amateur Radio.
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> "Supporting the ARRL Education and Technology Program is an opportunity to
> do something about the future of Amateur Radio and attracting the younger
> generation," Hobart says. "Outside of the League's ongoing and essential
> effort to defend our spectrum, I can think of no other initiative that
> prepares ham radio for its future."
>
> Contribute to the ARRL Education and Technology Program by July 31 via the
> secure donation Web site
> <https://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/education/education.html>.
> Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
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> ==>JROTC CADETS AT ALABAMA SCHOOL QUERY ISS ASTRONAUT
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> US Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) cadets at Bob
> Jones High School in Madison, Alabama, got the first shot at speaking with

> new ISS crew member Jeff Williams, KD5TVQ. The Amateur Radio on the
> International Space Station (ARISS) program arranged the May 1 contact
> with
> NA1SS, which marked the inaugural school QSO of Williams' duty tour as
> part
> of Expedition 13. Posing the first question was Williams' nephew, Adam
> Williams, who wanted to know if his uncle found it difficult to adapt to
> living in space.
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> "It takes a little bit of adaptation to get used to living in space, no
> matter times you've been here, but after you've been here the first time,
> you know what to expect, so it's a lot easier to adapt," Williams told his
> nephew. "It still takes a little bit of time to adapt to the weightless
> environment and to know your way around--in this case, in a new
> spacecraft,
> the space station."
>
> Williams flew aboard the shuttle Atlantis in May 2000 on a 10-day space
> station assembly mission. During that flight, he performed a spacewalk
> lasting almost seven hours. He told the Bob Jones students that he's
> already
> looking forward to his next spacewalk, set for later in his mission. As
> opposed to the initial jolt of a shuttle launch, Williams told the cadets,
> the Russian Soyuz rocket launch is easier the first couple of minutes but
> gets rougher as it continues its flight into space.
>
> Williams also described the science experiments he and Expedition 13
> Commander Pavel Vinogradov, RV3BS, have under way. "We do a variety of
> experiments," he explained, adding that some projects deal with fluid
> dynamics, to help understand how fluids behave in a weightless
> environment.
> In addition, the crew is growing crystals to study materials science,
> "because crystals will grow more uniformly and precisely in a weightless
> environment without the force of gravity."
>
> Other research is investigating the effects of weightlessness on the body
> "so that we understand how to counter the impact on the body for future,
> long-duration missions--especially to places like Mars or living on the
> moon
> for a long period of time," Williams said.
>
> Replying to a later question, Williams said he expects astronauts to again
> land on the moon, but he added that he doesn't expect that to happen
> before
> 2010. "Nothing goes as quick as we want it to, but we will go back to the
> moon--I'm confident of that."
>
> The school's senior aerospace science instructor, Lt Col Randy Herd (Ret)
> served as the master of ceremonies for the event as students and other
> faculty members looked on. Tony Hutchison, VK5ZAI, served as the Earth

> station for the event. Verizon Conferencing donated a teleconference link
> to
> provide two-way audio between the school and Hutchison's QTH in Kingston,
> Australia. The contact Dieter Schliemann, KX4Y, served as the ARISS mentor
> for the Bob Jones High School contact, which was the 238th school QSO
> since
> the first crew arrived aboard the ISS in 2000.
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> ARISS <http://www.rac.ca/ariss> is an educational outreach of a
> nine-nation
> consortium, with US participation by ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.
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> ==>FCC WRC-03 AMATEUR RULE CHANGES NOW IN EFFECT
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> Several FCC Part 97 Amateur Radio rule revisions to implement changes
> agreed
> to at the international level during World Radiocommunication Conference
> 2003 (WRC-03) went into effect May 3 upon their publication in The Federal
> Register. The FCC Order
> <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-06-79A1.pdf>,
> released
> in January, affects ?97.111, Authorized transmissions; ?97.113, Prohibited
> transmissions; ?97.115, Third party communications, and ?97.117,
> International communications. The FCC has yet to deal with the so-called
> "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235, which also stemmed from
> decisions
> made at WRC-03. The Commission has proposed deleting the Element 1 5 WPM
> code test as a requirement to obtain any Amateur Radio license.
>
> "These amendments will ensure that the Commission's Amateur Radio Service
> rules conform to Article 25 of the international Radio Regulations adopted
> at the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference, and will further the
> Commission's ongoing efforts to streamline its Amateur Service Rules," the
> FCC Order said.
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> The FCC Order revises:
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> * ?97.111(a)(1) to permit "transmissions necessary to exchange messages
> with
> other stations in the Amateur Service, except those in any country whose
> administration has notified the ITU that it objects to such
> communications.
> The FCC will issue public notices of current arrangements for
> international
> communications." The old language permitted communication among amateur
> stations in different countries "except those in any country whose
> administration has given notice that it objects to such communications."
>
> The FCC said the change does not prejudice its consideration of comments
> to

> rule changes it's proposed to ?97.111(a)(2) in WT Docket 04-140--the
> so-called "Omnibus" proceeding that covers a wide range of rule changes
> and
> proposals. The Commission wants to amend that rule section to clarify that
> amateur stations may at all times and on all authorized channels transmit
> communications necessary to meet essential needs and to facilitate relief
> actions.
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> * ?97.115(a)(2) to facilitate the transmission of international
> communications on behalf of third parties in emergency or disaster-relief
> situations, whether or not a third-party agreement is in place between the
> US and the countries involved. The revision now permits communication with
> any non-US station "when transmitting emergency or disaster relief
> communications" as well as with any non-US station "whose administration
> has
> made arrangements with the United States to allow amateur stations to be
> used for transmitting international communications on behalf of third
> parties."
>
> The revised rule further provides that no station may transmit third-party
> traffic other than emergency or disaster relief communications to a
> station
> whose government has not made a third-party arrangement. Still excepted
> from
> the prohibition is any third party eligible to be the control operator of
> an
> amateur station.
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> * ?97.113(a)(4) to prohibit amateur stations exchanging messages with
> amateur stations in other countries from making transmissions that are
> encoded for the purpose of obscuring their meaning, except for control
> signals exchanged between Earth command stations and space stations in the
> Amateur-Satellite service, something Part 97 already provides for. The old
> rule referred to the use of "codes and ciphers."
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> The same rule also already prohibits transmitting music, communications
> intended to facilitate a criminal act, obscene or indecent words or
> language
> and false or deceptive messages, signals or identification.
>
> * ?97.117 to state that amateur stations may transmit communications
> incidental to the purposes of the Amateur Service and to remarks of a
> personal character.
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> The FCC also revised ?97.3 and 97.309 to update the definition of
> International Morse code and of various digital codes in the amateur rules
> to reflect changes in the Radio Regulations.
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> The WRC-03 Final Acts revising the international regulations that apply to
> the Amateur and the Amateur Satellite services became effective July 5,

> 2003. These latest Part 97 revisions now bring the FCC's Amateur Service
> rules into conformance with the international Radio Regulations.
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> ==>HIGH SCHOOL TO OFFER "RADIO AMATEURS AND DISASTER OPERATIONS" CLASS
>
> A California high school that's participating in the ARRL Education and
> Technology Program (ETP--also known as "The Big Project") will offer a
> year-long elective course, "Radio Amateurs and Disaster Operations"
> (RADIO),
> starting this fall. Moorpark High School math and meteorology teacher Tom
> Baker, NC6B, says the course is the first of its kind anywhere in the US.
> The class curriculum was created in conjunction with the ARRL, the
> American
> Red Cross and various Ventura County agencies. ARRL ETP Coordinator Mark
> Spencer, WA8SME, gives the new course high marks and says it has a great
> chance to succeed.
>
> "This program has in place all three components that will be necessary for
> success: a motivated teacher, supportive school administration and strong
> support and involvement by the local ham community," Spencer said. He
> attended an April 4 meeting at the school to discuss its "Learn and Serve
> Program," and he believes the support shown at that session will greatly
> boost the RADIO initiative.
>
> "The meeting was well attended, and the attendees included representatives
> of all the emergency management participants in the program, the mayor's
> office, the school and district office, school support staff and the ARRL
> Division and Section," Spencer said. Among those on hand were ARRL
> Southwestern Division Director Dick Norton, N6AA, and Santa Barbara
> Section
> Emergency Coordinator Jennifer Roe, AA6MX.
>
> The elective RADIO course is open to students in grades 9 through 12, and
> it
> will feature instruction from certified experts in their respective
> fields.
> After studying, testing and meeting any practical skills requirements, all
> RADIO students will come away with an Amateur Radio license (at least
> Technician class), American Red Cross First Aid Training Certification,
> American Red Cross CPR Training Certification and American Red Cross AED
> Training (Automated External Defibrillator) Certification.
>
> Students will learn about and how to seamlessly interface with the
> National
> Incident Management System (NIMS), Incident Command System (ICS) and local
> government infrastructure. They'll also learn search-and-rescue techniques
> among other disaster and emergency preparedness skills. RADIO participants
> will even learn peer mediation skills.
>
> The RADIO course not only will provide service-learning opportunities for

> students but will make them prime candidates as volunteers for service
> organizations and, later, as potential service professionals.
>
> Moorpark High School, which has an enrollment of approximately 2700,
> established its Amateur Radio club, W6MHS, last August, and it became an
> ARRL-affiliated club in October. In December, W6MHS won an ARRL ETP grant
> and received station equipment through the program (some 170 schools now
> participate in the "Big Project"). This August, Moorpark High School will
> host one of the ARRL ETP Teachers Institutes.
>
> "We are very excited about this program," said Baker of the RADIO course.
> He
> has offered to help other schools in the US to establish RADIO curricula.
> "This will be quite a challenging and enjoyable class. It will give
> students
> skills to become positively and directly involved with their community,
> and
> it gives this high school a pool of talented, trained individuals who can
> assist with many on-campus situations."
>
> Contact Baker (805-378-6305) for more information or visit the RADIO page
> on
> the school's Department of Meteorology Web site
> <http://www.mhsweather.org/pages/10/index.htm>.
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> ==>MINE DISASTER SURVIVOR KC8VKZ RECALLS DETAILS OF TRAGEDY
>
> Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ--the lone survivor of the January 2 Sago Mine
> disaster
> in West Virginia--has expressed his sorrow to the victims' families and
> shared his personal recollections of the tragedy.
>
> "I cannot explain why I was spared while the others perished," McCloy
> wrote
> April 26, the Associated Press reports. The letter publicly revealed for
> the
> first time McCloy's memories of the incident that almost took his life.
> Following weeks of hospital treatment and rehabilitation, McCloy, 26, is
> still recovering from the ordeal.
>
> While he does not remember the explosion that trapped 12 colleagues and
> himself in the mine, he said he does recall the mine's filling quickly
> "with
> fumes and thick smoke," making breathing difficult. He said at least four
> of
> the emergency air packs failed to function, so the miners shared the units
> that did and there were not enough to go around.
>
> The trapped miners also tried to signal their location by beating on mine
> roof bolts and plates with a sledgehammer, McCloy told the victims'

> families
> in his letter. As they began to accept their fate, he said, the group
> prayed
> and wrote letters to their loved ones. He says as his co-workers lost
> consciousness one by one, he just sat and waited, "unable to do much
> else."
>
> McCloy, who did not testify during a public hearing into the Sago disaster
> this week, said he didn't know how long it was before he also fell
> unconscious from the gas and smoke. He was rescued after 41 hours
> underground.
>
> The McCloys and their two children live in Simpson, West Virginia.
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> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
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> Heliophile Tad "Seasons in the Sun" Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington,
> reports: This was a nice, quiet week with no notable geomagnetic activity.
> In fact, the middle latitude K index was zero for a 36-hour period
> centered
> on April 30. At approximately the same time the high latitude college K
> index was zero for 51 hours straight. Average daily sunspot numbers were
> nearly double those of the previous seven days, rising by more than 29
> points to 59.7.
>
> As of early May 5, the IMF was pointing south, leaving Earth vulnerable to
> solar wind. The planetary A index reached five on Thursday, May 4, and
> it's
> predicted to hit 20, 30, 20 and 12 for May 5-8. Geophysical Institute
> Prague
> gives a forecast until May 11 of active geomagnetic conditions on May 5
> and
> 6, unsettled May 7, quiet to unsettled May 8, quiet on May 9, back to
> unsettled on May 10, and unsettled to active on May 11.
>
> Sunspot numbers for April 27 through May 3 were 63, 68, 64, 62, 51, 58 and
> 52, with a mean of 59.7. The 10.7 cm flux was 100.7, 100.1, 101.2, 99.9,
> 93.4, 89.4, and 89, with a mean of 96.2. Estimated planetary A indices
> were
> 5, 12, 3, 1, 2, 4 and 3, with a mean of 4.3. Estimated mid-latitude A
> indices were 3, 10, 2, 0, 2, 4 and 2, with a mean of 3.3.
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> ==>IN BRIEF:
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> * This weekend on the radio: The New England, Seventh Call Area and
> Indiana
> QSO parties, the MARAC County Hunter Contest (CW), the 10-10 International
> Spring Contest (CW), the Microwave Spring Sprint, and the ARI

> International
> DX Contest are the weekend of May 6-7. The RSGB 80-meter Club Championship
> (Data) is May 10. The Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder is May 12 (UTC). JUST
> AHEAD: The Mid-Atlantic QSO Party, the VK/Trans-Tasman 80-Meter Contest
> (phone), the VOLTA Worldwide RTTY Contest, the CQ-M International DX
> Contest, the F.I.S.T.S. Spring Sprint and the 50 MHz Spring Sprint are the
> weekend of May 13-14. The Run for the Bacon QRP Contest is May 15. The
> NAQCC
> 80-Meter Straight Key/Bug Sprint is May 18, the RSGB 80-Meter Club
> Championship (CW) is May 18 and the Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder is May 19
> (UTC). See the ARRL Contest Branch page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>
> and
> the WA7BNM Contest Calendar
> <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> for more info.
>
> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Sunday, May 21, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE). Program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Level 1 (EC-001), Radio Frequency
> Interference (EC-006), Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009), Analog
> Electronics (EC-012) and Digital Electronics (EC-013). Classes begin
> Friday,
> June 2. To learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page
> <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE Department
> <cce@...>.
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> * AMSAT issues first call for papers for 2006 symposium: AMSAT-NA has
> issued
> a first call for papers and presentations for its 2006 Space Symposium
> October 6-8 near San Francisco, California
> <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/2006CallForPapers.php>. Speakers
> are invited to submit and present papers dealing with the science of
> Amateur
> Radio satellites and associated technologies. Speakers originally
> scheduled
> to present at the cancelled 2005 Symposium are encouraged to resubmit
> their
> papers for 2006. Recommended topics include--but are not limited to--AMSAT
> Phase 3E, AMSAT Eagle, microsatellites, cubesats and nanosatellites,
> ARISS,
> antennas, ground stations and more. The AMSAT-NA Board of Directors will
> meet October 5-6, and the annual general membership meeting will be
> October
> 6. AMSAT International will meet October 8. In addition, the IARU
> Satellite
> Committee will hold a public roundtable discussion on frequency
> coordination
> October 8. The ARISS International Delegates Meeting takes place October
> 9-10. Applications to present papers must be submitted by July 15, and
> papers are due August 1. An online registration system is available to

> submit and track abstracts
> <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/2006PapersProcedure.php>. This
> system lets users submit papers and subsequent changes online. Complete
> information on the 2006 Symposium is available on the AMSAT Web site
> <http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/symposium/>.
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> * Astronaut Eileen Collins completes career of space firsts: Astronaut
> Eileen Collins, KD5EDS, is leaving NASA. The first woman to command a
> space
> shuttle and the leader of the shuttle Discovery return-to-flight mission
> last year, Collins plans to pursue private interests and spend more time
> with family. "Eileen Collins is a living, breathing example of the best
> that
> our nation has to offer," said NASA Administrator Michael Griffin. A
> veteran
> of four space flights, Collins' career at NASA has been punctuated by
> firsts. She was the first woman selected as a pilot astronaut, the first
> woman to serve as a shuttle pilot and the first woman to command a US
> spacecraft. Mike Coats, director of NASA's Johnson Space Center called
> Collins "a true pioneer in space and on Earth." Collins was selected as an
> astronaut in 1990. She served as the shuttle pilot on Mir space station
> rendezvous missions in 1995 and 1997. In addition to the 2005 Discovery
> mission, Collins commanded the shuttle Columbia on the 1999 flight that
> launched the Chandra X-Ray Observatory. NASA Flight Crew Operations
> Director
> Ken Bowersox, KD5JBP, described Collins as "a gifted leader who knows what
> it takes to get a team through the most difficult of times."
>
> * James T. Hanson, W1TRC, wins April QST Cover Plaque Award: The winner of
> the QST Cover Plaque Award for April is James T. Hanson, W1TRC, for his
> article "A Home-made Ultrasonic Power Line Arc Detector." Congratulations,
> James! The winner of the QST Cover Plaque award--given to the author or
> authors of the best article in each issue--is determined by a vote of ARRL
> members on the QST Cover Plaque Poll Web page
> <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/QSTvote.html>. Cast a ballot for your
> favorite article in the May issue by Wednesday, May 31.
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> * Former RSGB President John Case, GW4HWR, SK: The Radio Society of Great
> Britain (RSGB) reports that a past society president, John Case, GW4HWR,
> has
> died. Case served as RSGB President in 1991 and continued to be active in
> Society affairs until the mid-1990s. Case was the longtime chairman of the
> RSGB Training and Education, and he led the team responsible for the
> introduction of the Amateur Radio Novice license and was the author of a
> number of RSGB training guides and other publications. A service was held
> April 24 in Cardiff.--RSGB
>
> * Corrections: In The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 17 (Apr 28, 2006), the news
> brief "Armed Forces Day 2006 military/amateur activities set," contains an
> incorrect or incomplete hyperlink to the detailed Armed Forces Day

> crossband
> communication test information. The tentative schedule of Armed Forces Day
> on-the-air events--including a list of participating stations, the
> Secretary
> of Defense's message transmission schedule and more information--is on the
> US Army MARS news page <http://www.netcom.army.mil/mars/news/>. Click on
> the
> "Armed Forces Day" link. In the same issue, the story "Supply and Demand:
> VU4AN Andamans Operations Create a Clamor," contained some incorrect
> information: (1) Indian telecommunications authorities granted licenses to
> approximately 30 foreign licensees for the Andamans event (ie,
> approximately
> 70 operators total). (2) Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI, won the 2005 Dayton
> Hamvention Special Achievement Award. (3) Individual participating
> stations
> will announce QSL routes. Only a few stations are accepting QSL requests
> via
> VU2JOS at NIAR.
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> registration to sign up for e-mail delivery of The ARRL Letter, W1AW
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> Data Page" link (in the Members Only box). Click on "Modify membership
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> modification" to make selections effective. (NOTE: HQ staff members cannot
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> * ARRLWeb <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/>. (NOTE: The ARRL Letter will
> be
> posted each Friday when it is distributed via e-mail.)
>
> * The QTH.net listserver, thanks to volunteers from the Boston Amateur
> Radio
> Club: Visit Mailing Lists@...
> <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/letter-list>. (NOTE: The ARRL
> cannot assist subscribers who receive The ARRL Letter via this
> listserver.)
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642. Fw: WEAVER'S WORDS - DAYTON HAMVENTION(R) ISSUE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-06 11:45:36 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 642 Message: 642

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2006 5:31 AM
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS - DAYTON HAMVENTION(R) ISSUE

> (Reply to k8je@..., only. Do not click on REPLY.)
>
> In this issue --
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> - Have a Question?
> - We won one! Legislative Action did it!
> - Why does ARRL have its hand out so often?
> - WAS through Logbook.
> - Dayton Hamvention?
> - Section Election Contested
> - Overheard on the Bands
> - My Travel Plans
>
> HAVE A QUESTION?
>
> I'm probably asking for more work than I can easily handle, but I'll do
> most anything I for an ARRL member. If you have a question about ARRL
> that you'd like answered, send me an E-mail that contains it. I ask
> only that you pose serious questions and that you do your best to state
> your question in a manner that makes the intent of your question easily
> understood. If there is something you want to know the background for
> a League action, if you want to know the reason the Board considered a
> particular action, ask. If you want to know why I do what I do, ask.
>
> I plan to include at least one question per issue of Weaver's Words for
> as long as the questions last. Neither the Board, our HQ staff nor I
> have anything to hide. I'll do my best to give direct answers to your
> questions.
>
> WE WON ONE! LEGISLATIVE ACTION DID IT!
>
> You may not have put the two subjects together to realize we won a
> great victory in the US House of Representatives, but we did. Your
> letters urging your Congressmen/women to support H. Res. 230 paid off.
>
> No, H. Res. 230 has not been passed by the House. Instead, the basic
> provisions of this resolution were introduced as the Ross Amendment
> into the new communications act bill. This is even better than having
> the resolution passed. A resolution by the House or the Senate merely
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> asks that something be considered. A Bill, on the other hand, is law
> and requires whatever action is indicated.
>
> In addition to the tone set by your letters to your respective House
> members, letters to specific Congressmen got them to accept the Ross
> amendment.
>
> The final battle has not been fought, though. Some time after the new
> bill has been assigned a number, you will be asked to write your
> Congressman, again -- this time to support the bill. As a matter of
> fact, I've just learned the bill has been assigned H.R.5252, but now is
> not yet the time to write. There are a number of things that go on
> within the House that need to shake out before the time is right. To
> be most effective, we need to wait until our experts on Capitol Hill
> give us the word to write. When this word comes, the more writers, the
> better.
>
> Grassroots legislative action does pay off. The Ross amendment would
> not be part of the new communications act if it was not for our
> legislative activity! We have power and not all of it is directed
> through our antennas!
>
> If you wrote on H. Res. 230, pat yourself on your back and know that I
> would personally be giving the pats if I could reach you. If you
> didn't write, please do so the next time the call comes out. There
> will be a next time and your letter can help.
>
> Thanks.
>
> QUESTION NO. 1. WHY DOES ARRL HAVE ITS HAND OUT SO OFTEN?
>
> Members occasionally ask why ARRL sends so many solicitations for
> donations. The sentence that follows the question most often is a
> statement that we should live within the income from our dues.
>
> First of all, I'm happy questions are asked. I fully believe having
> dialogue between the Great Lakes Division members and me is good and
> very desirable. The following is my attempt to answer this one.
>
> To the question.
>
> The dues for ARRL membership are established essentially to provide the
> basic services of the organization. Just as is true of many similar
> organizations, our dues structure is not intended to cover all expenses
> for services your organization performs to support you and Amateur
> Radio. To speak bluntly, if my fellow Board of Directors members and I
> were to set a dues level that would cover the expenses for everything
> the League does, we would probably need to charge about $100 per year.
> Even though this figure could be justified very easily, I suspect that
> many current members would run away as fast as possible when the

> postman brought the next dues statement. You can imagine that our
> membership numbers would fall faster and further than a lead fishing
> sinker in a fish bowl.
>
> On balance, we believe it is better to keep the dues low -- and
> $39/year is low considering the benefits members receive -- and to ask
> for donations from members who are interested and can afford to support
> special programs, than to make the dues cover all necessary activities
> performed by ARRL.
>
> Running a donation program has an added benefit. It offers choices to
> members. The choices? First, you have the choice to participate or
> not to participate in the gifting. Second, there is the choice of
> which program(s) to support -- to fight poorly-constructed BPL, to
> support all frequency defense efforts, to support W1AW, to support the
> education programs ARRL manages, to support . . . you get the idea.
> You can choose to support -- or not to support -- whatever you wish and
> still maintain your basic membership at a low cost.
>
> One more fact many members may not realize is that they even have full
> control over whether or not they receive requests to donate. If
> receiving these requests disturbs you, all you need do is to send an
> E-mail to our very nice Development Officer, Mary Hobart, K1MMH
> (k1mmh@...) and ask her to take you off the Development mailing
> list of potential donors. I know Mary quite well from working with her
> at HQ and can assure you she'll remove you from the list without
> argument. She is far from being "Mary, Mary, quite
> contrary!" but don't tell her I think she is such a nice trooper.
>
> So, what is the value of the ARRL donor program to each of us members?
> 1. It keeps dues for ARRL to a minimum. 2. It allows people who choose
> to do so to supplement their dues payments with donations that enable
> your League to support the membership and Amateur Radio in ways that
> would otherwise be impossible. 3. It does this in a manner that allows
> you and me to choose voluntarily if we will provide the added support
> and, if we do, to choose the projects and programs we support. 4. It
> allows your ARRL to pursue programs that strengthen Amateur Radio and
> ARRL. 5. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.
>
> Fair enough?
>
> WAS THROUGH LOGBOOK
>
> In case you missed the news, ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW) has
> been configured to support the Worked All States award in addition to
> the total DX Century Club (DXCC) program. During the past month,
> nearly twice as many WAS applications were processed through LoTW (9)
> as through the submission of hard-copy QSLs (5). As of a couple of
> weeks ago, nearly 100,000,000 QSOs were entered into LoTW. This figure
> is growing rapidly.

>
> What value does LoTW offer to users? Here are a couple of answers: 1.
> LoTW QSLing is usually much, much more rapid than when hard-copy QSLs
> are exchanged regardless of whether this is done by direct mail or by
> the Bureau. 2. The cost of QSLing is much in the order of pennies as
> compared with the cost of direct-mail QSLing which is in dollars and
> even through the Bureau which is about a dollar. 3. LoTW is the only
> digital form of QSLing that is sufficiently secure and reliable to be
> usable to obtain DXCC and WAS.awards.
>
> For info on LoTW, go to http://www.arrl.org/lotw/. LoTW was developed
> by ARRL at ARRL expense and is available only to ARRL members.
>
> DAYTON HAMVENTION?
>
> I'll be there. Will you?
>
> If you make it to the Greatest Ham Radio Show On Earth this year, look
> me up. I'll be in the ARRL Expo area in the Ball Arena most of the
> time -- at the Grassroots Legislative Action booth. Friday morning
> will find me at the Grassroots Legislative Action forum at 9 AM in
> Forum Room 1, and after this is over at the ARRL Forum at 10 AM also in
> room 1.
>
> These two fora, forums if you prefer, present great opportunities to
> hear in person from League leadership just what is going on and why it
> is going on. Considering the amount of misinformation being spread
> around the Internet about some ARRL actions, it might be still more
> important to realize this is a place where you can look the League
> President or other officials squarely in the eyes and learn what is NOT
> going on!
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> SECTION MANAGER ELECTION CONTESTED
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> For the first time in many years, there will be a contest in the Ohio
> Section election for Section Manager. I wish each of the contestants
> well. There is still time for additional candidates to file for the
> office; therefore, I will not give the names of the two, current
> candidates and give them a possible unfair advantage over anyone who
> decides to enter the race later.
>
> I encourage each member in Ohio to understand the tasks assigned to the
> elected Section Manager and determine how well the respective
> candidates can be expected to fulfill these tasks. The SM
> responsibilities are outlined at
> http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/sm.html. The SM clearly has the
> power to mold the character of the ARRL Section he/she represents. It
> is up to the members of any Section that host contested elections to
> determine just what the character of their Section will become after
> the election is over. The Ohio Section is the one having an election

> this year. Kentucky and Michigan will have their turn in future
> years.
>
> OVERHEARD ON THE BANDS
>
> I overheard a few of you calling S01R, the YXs and the VU4s. I hope
> you all got into their logs. I was fortunate and made it.
>
> MY TRAVEL PLANS.
>
> My pending travel schedule through Jjuly is as follows. Stop by and
> say hello.
>
> May 19-21 -- Hamvention?, Dayton, OH and associated activities.
> Jun 16 -- Salem Area ARC, Salem, OH.
> Jun 18 -- Monroe County Radio Commun. Assoc. Hamfest, Monroe, MI.
> Jul 8 -- Cleveland QCWA.
> Jul 21--22 -- ARRL Board of Directors meeting.
>
> Tnx for taking the time to read this issue. Write me with any
> questions or suggestions or merely to write.
>
> 73, CU on the bands.
>
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE
> Director, Great Lakes Division
> Chairman, Legislative Action Committee
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> K8JE@...; Tel., 513-459-0142; FAX, same
> ARRL, the Reason Amateur Radio is!
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> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
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643. Bring a Friend to the Meeting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-06 12:28:20 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 636 Message: 643

All:

The Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council is encouraging area amateurs to drop by and see our club in action. You are invited! We have a special program on tap for our June 1 meeting that you will just love. Jim Weaver, K8JE and our Great Lakes Division director for our ARRL will be the featured speaker.

For this event we are encouraging all our members to attend and visit with Jim. And our members are encouraged to bring along another ham. We are looking forward to having the clubhouse filled to the brim with hams. Won?t that be a sight!

If you are struggling with the choice of who to invite then drop me or Bob, KC8VTX a quick phone call or e-mail. He is found at jmdupie@... <mailto:jmdupie@...> He has an extensive list of folks who have been members of the club and are not now active. You can surely find a ham contact on the list to invite for this opportunity. Or go on the internet and search for a local ham in the call book. We have a wonderful association and our friends in the amateur radio community will love hearing about our fun loving group.

Maybe you just want to drop by, unaccompanied, to our meeting? That is encouraged, also. And this meeting will be the one to make. I'm hoping that the weather is cooperating because we just might have to hold the meeting outside and give our sound system a real work out! Now that will be a sight!

If you don't know what a call book is or if you need a little nudge then drop me a note. Hams helping hams is the name of the game. And being a good ham you really should not claim a case of mic fright. Let us gather our old friends, our new friends, other ham's friends, and we'll make some new friends. Radio is fun. Let's encourage radio around here in Western Michigan.

See you and your friends there!

Bill, AB8SC
President of the MAARC

644. A Link of Interest?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-06 14:20:10 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 636 Message: 644

LOL! ROLF!

http://www.von-info.ch/hb9afo/histoire/NON-CQ_cq_serenade_fr.mp3

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-06 18:05:57 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 636 Message: 645

Should go to #1, I mean # . _ _ _ _

Heh heh.
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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2006 10:20 AM
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Date: 2006-05-06 21:03:51 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 646 Message: 646

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Date: 2006-05-06 23:55:01 UTC
From: Robert Smith
Topic: 646 Message: 647

Hello Scott, I am interested. Other than here, where and how do I get in touch with you?

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-07 03:07:54 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 648 Message: 648

After Al's (KV8X) program at the club meeting, I started "googling" Moxon. I came up with this web site that seems to include everything we were talking about and maybe a bit more. Anyhow, they have creations for the waves short and long. Take a look!

http://www.moxonantennaproject.com/

Jon AB8RD

Yahoo! Messenger with Voice. PC-to-Phone calls for ridiculously low rates.

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From: K8MHZ
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From: jfischer@azulstar.com
Topic: 649 Message: 652

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From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 655 Message: 655

Hello, the 2006 Tulip Time Festival has started and the first parade is on Wednesday.
We currently are short one ham for the Wednesday parade, two hams short for the Thursday parade, and one ham short for Saturday. We are also in the need of some HTs for some new hams (students of Brian Brethauer) and for those that might not own a HT.
If you, or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please have them email me as soon as possible (svanderhill@...) or call me (616-738-0427) with your/their full name, call sign, contact phone number, email address, and any other information you might think I would need.
Best regards,
Steve - N8UJD

656. Re: [WestMichiganHams] QSL card art exhibit

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-08 03:07:03 UTC
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
Topic: 649 Message: 656

Nice Read.

--- k8mhz@k8mhz.com wrote:

From: "K8MHZ" <k8mhz@k8mhz.com>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] QSL card art exhibit
Date: Mon, 7 May 2007 10:06:49 -0400

The following article was from 2003 but it mentions something I never heard of. An exhibit at an art gallery featuring QSL cards. There is also mention of a book we should be seeking out, "Hello World: A Life in Ham Radio".

I have only been collecting cards for a few months now. I have about 90 cards from 24 countries and 24 states. In the process of collecting them I have made some friends on the air from many different countries. Just more than a signal report, we talked about each other's lives and families, what it is like where we live and have even went on to exchange e-mails. The highlight of my collection came yesterday. A short time ago I made friends with the QSL manager for 4A7L. She was also the QSL manager for The Kingdom of Jordan's King Hussein 1, JY1, now SK. She has un-used QSL cards from him and sets of un-used postage stamps from 1952. She has sent me two sets of stamps (one for my father) and one of the QSL cards. The card is made from very heavy stock, like a matte board, with gold on the edges. The call JY1 is made of embossed gold foil. On the card is a picture of King Hussein, not printed on the card but cut from a photo and glued there. His signature, from a rubber stamp, is on the card. Someone spent a great deal of time designing that card. It will reside in a picture frame along with the stamps and the note explaining them.

I started designing cards as soon as I had to send one out. I now have about 1/2 dozen designs for my own call and have done a few others as well. I never thought about the cards as exhibit worthy art until I read the article, below.

Something I picked out of the article that I kind of liked....the author coined hams as being part of an "elite sub-culture". I like that.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

Art
Radio Ga-Ga
At Spur, One Man's Career in Ham Radio Reveals a Lifetime of Curious Connections
Hello World: A Life in Ham Radio
the Spur Propaganda Gallery through Dec. 22 By J. Bowers

To the uninitiated, sitting in a dank basement with humming receiver components and antennae might seem even geekier than playing Everquest for 40 hours straight. But before there were online gaming communities, cellular phones, international relay chats, and

instant messaging, ham radio was the best way for a civilian to reach out and touch the world. With a basic, often homemade setup consisting of a transceiver, a power source, an antenna, a speaker, and a microphone, amateur radiophiles everywhere transformed themselves into international communication hubs, using their know-how to establish contact with fellow hams in distant lands.
Once connected, a ham operating out of Baltimore might enjoy a "QSO," or contact, with Erik Biorck at Radio S21ZG in Bangladesh, or Darcy Bens at Radio VEGCK/A7 in Doha, Qatar. After exchanging station addresses and friendly conversation, both hams mail "QSLs" to each other--tangible verification that their "QSOs" occurred, complete with equipment specifications, time of contact, and other information, all printed and/or handwritten on a 3 1/2-by-5 1/2-inch card. Geeky? Sure. Interesting? More than you'd think.

Hello World, on display at Hampden's Spur Propaganda Gallery, plays host to hundreds of QSL cards. Sealed in plastic sandwich bags and neatly tacked to strips of wood along the gallery walls, the more than 300 QSL cards represent the personal collection of one Hackensack, N.J., ham--namely, Jerry Powell, call number WO2JW, or "Whiskey Two Oscar Juliet Whiskey," in the ham-favored International Telecommunication Union phonetic alphabet.

An avid follower of the news, Powell often used his radio to contact ham operators in international hot spots, amassing a QSL collection that includes communiqués from post-bomb Japan, Vietnam, Iran, Korea, and other locales where civilian contact was discouraged or restricted. By passing government-sanctioned licensing exams, amateur radio enthusiasts become part of an elite subculture, able to wirelessly transmit information around the world--an ability that carries weight even today, when a hurricane or other disaster can knock out phone and power lines in seconds.

Even though Powell, who held a license from 1928 until his "key went silent" in 2001, was just an average American hobbyist, his 67-year ham-radio career caught the attention of author/ham Danny Gregory and graphic designer/ham Paul Sahre. Gregory and Sahre used Powell's formidable QSL collection as the backbone for their book Hello World: A Life in Ham Radio (Princeton Architectural Press, 2003). Peppered with diagrams that look like they could have been plucked from a 1950s science textbook, Hello World is at once an educational text and a picture book of Powell's radio lifestyle.

It makes sense, then, that Spur's Hello World exhibit is best viewed as a companion piece to the eponymous book. Without the context of ham-radio culture, the colorful QSL cards lining the walls would never transcend their license plate/picture postcard/calling card hybrid appearance. But with a little help from Gregory and Sahre's impeccably researched, pleasantly lighthearted book, the full historical resonance of the ham-radio phenomenon turns Hello World into one of the year's most successful sociocultural exhibits.

Most of the ham operators in Powell's collection designed and printed their own QSL cards, using amateur typography, icon, layout, and paper-quality knowledge to identify and advertise their home stations. As a result, the cards' styles and subjects vary as wildly as their creators' nationalities. Some hams, like L.R. Goetz, operating as W9MHM out of Indianapolis, used QSL cards to advertise their businesses--a sly way to evade laws forbidding on-air commercial enterprise. Others, including Joseph H. Miller of PJ9AB, in the Netherlands Antilles, use their QSLs as a forum for Christian witnessing. Miller's card converts the name of his homemade station, Trans World Radio, into an acronym for "Telling the World of Redemption Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

The bulk of Powell's collection consists of QSLs from hams who used the postcard-sized format as a way to display pictures of their families (often posed in front of the home ham station), or to offer insights about their locations. In 1959, Glenn E. Murphy, aka K4TLN out of Athens, Ala., sent Powell a photo collage QSL. In addition to depicting Murphy himself, hamming away in front of a homemade map that denounces everyone north of the Mason-Dixon line as "damn Yankees," K4TLN's QSL card shows his son Mack brandishing toy six-guns, his daughter Karen, and his wife, identified only as XYL--shorthand for "ex-young lady," a slang term used to refer to any male ham's wife. Of course, some XYLs ran their own stations, including Maude Phillips, of Alberta, Canada, whose 1944 QSL shows a sexy cartoon version of herself, sending out "CQ" calls on her transceiver while her boxer-shorted husband, Glen, mends his pants. The caption reads: "While Maude QSOs, the old man sews!!" Phillips added a second handwritten caption beneath her equipment specs, claiming that the cartoon "ab[ou]t covers the situation here!"

The concept behind Gregory and Sahre's book may seem unassuming at first, but the QSLs on display at Spur provide a fascinating gateway into ham-radio subculture. The cumulative effect of seeing Powell's collection all at once should intrigue any history or pop-culture buff. Even those who don't know a ham radio from a ham sandwich.

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657. RE: [WestMichiganHams] QSL card art exhibit

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-08 13:12:22 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 649 Message: 657

We have kicked around a "QSL Card of the Month" article in Flashovers.
Maybe the time is right?

I sure have had fun chasing some DX and the ensuing card. Some more
difficult than others, for sure.

Bill, AB8SC

658. RE: [WestMichiganHams] QSL card art exhibit

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-08 13:02:16 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 649 Message: 658

Linda got this book from the library. The various libraries share their collection and you can generally order a copy of a book on line. Cheaper?

This was a very good book and quite interesting.

I have heard a rumor of an historically important QSL card, the MAARC, and a presentation all mentioned in the same sentence. Just a rumor, though!

Not necessarily a QSL card but Bob, KC8VTX found his father's call sign from the 1920s. 9AUY or something like that. Fascinating. Next challenge? Get a QSL card from his father?

Great fun!

Bill, AB8SC

659. Fw: Public Information Statement - GRR RADAR DOWN

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-08 15:23:03 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 659 Message: 659

The Grand Rapids Weather Radar is down for the week due to upgrades.
This message shows the alternative radars that are available.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: <sn@...>
To: <n8cttwx@...>
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:06
Subject: Public Information Statement

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> NOUS43 KGRR 081305
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> PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
> NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GRAND RAPIDS MI
> 900 AM EDT MON MAY 8 2006
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> ...NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE UPGRADES DOPPLER RADAR...
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> DATA FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR IN GRAND RAPIDS
> MICHIGAN WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FROM MAY 8TH THROUGH MAY 12TH
> DUE TO SCHEDULED SYSTEM UPGRADES. A TEAM OF RADAR TECHNICIANS FROM
> NORMAN OKLAHOMA WILL INSTALL NEW EQUIPMENT STARTING AT 900 AM EDT
> MONDAY MAY 8TH. THE RADAR IS EXPECTED TO BE BACK IN FULL SERVICE
> BY 600 PM EDT FRIDAY MAY 12TH.
>
> THE RADAR IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE IN GRAND RAPIDS ARE PART OF A
> NATIONAL EFFORT TO MODERNIZE THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NETWORK
> OF DOPPLER RADARS. DURING THE SCHEDULED OUTAGE...RADAR EXPERTS WILL
> INSTALL NEW HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AT THE TRANSMITTER...WHICH WILL
> ULTIMATELY IMPROVE RADAR PERFORMANCE.
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> ALTHOUGH DOPPLER RADAR SOFTWARE HAS BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED AND
> DISPLAY CAPABILITIES HAVE STEADILY IMPROVED DURING THE PAST
> DECADE...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT MAJOR CHANGES ARE BEING MADE AT
> THE TRANSMITTER. THE NEW RADAR COMPONENTS ARE PART OF A MODULAR
> DESIGN WHICH WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO IMPLEMENT FUTURE SYSTEM
> UPGRADES. THIS WILL ALSO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE NEXT ADVANCEMENTS IN
> RADAR TECHNOLOGY.
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> DURING THE RADAR OUTAGE...USERS CAN VIEW DOPPLER RADAR DATA FROM
> SURROUNDING NETWORK RADARS LOCATED AT PONTIAC MICHIGAN (KDTX)...
> GAYLORD MICHIGAN (KAPX)... NORTH WEBSTER INDIANA (KIWX)... MILWAUKEE
> WISCONSIN (KMKX)...AND GREEN BAY WISCONSIN (KGRB).

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660. 2m Moxon Antenna Parts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-09 01:06:45 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 659 Message: 660

All:

I have news of a supplier for aluminum rod for your next Moxon antenna project.

The guy with the rod can get same for around $2 per foot. He will also construct an antenna and bring same to the next club meeting.

His name is Bruce, WD8KPQ and he is the guy who ran the fox hunting antenna seminar. Wonderful guy with lots of talent and ability.

Need help? Drop me or him a line.

Bill, AB8SC

661. Clubhouse Work Bee Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-09 12:18:38 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 659 Message: 661

All:

Saturday we are having another work bee at the clubhouse. You are encouraged to bring along a rake or chain saw or bow saw or just yourself and your favorite bucket and sponge. We want to clean up around the clubhouse in preparation for the busy summer months.

Please find time to slip in and lend a hand. We'll start around 9:00 in the morning and we plan on running out of gas around two or three.

Bill, AB8SC

662. how to

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-10 11:34:24 UTC
From: paul
Topic: 662 Message: 662

Auto patch instructions for the following repeaters,(Musk.)146.64 (Holton)147.32 (Fremont)146.92.Is it the same,or does each one have it's own procedure?
73 KD8CBJ

663. RE: [WestMichiganHams] how to

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-10 11:40:12 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 662 Message: 663

Fremont 92 is:

Give your call sign

They key in * XXXXXXX replacing the X with the phone number. Do not un-key your radio between the * and the number. It also has to be a local phone number from the Fremont area.

When done, press # then ID again.

Tim

KC8MSE

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of paul
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2006 7:34 AM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] how to

Auto patch instructions for the following repeaters,(Musk.)146.64 (Holton)147.32 (Fremont)146.92.Is it the same,or does each one have it's own procedure?
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664. Re: [WestMichiganHams] how to

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-10 12:19:33 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 662 Message: 664

Hi Paul,

I don't know the procedure for the '64 but that is the Hart machine. The '94 is the Muskegon machine and uses * followed by the number you are calling. Use # to hang up (pound down)

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "paul" <KD8CBJ@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2006 7:34 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] how to

Auto patch instructions for the following repeaters,(Musk.)146.64 (Holton)147.32 (Fremont)146.92.Is it the same,or does each one have it's own procedure?
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665. RE: [WestMichiganHams] how to

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-10 12:44:53 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 662 Message: 665

Paul:

Operation of the autopatch is rather simple and I'd suggest:

First, ask permission to use the autopatch. Just drop your call and say you would like to use the autopatch. There is infrequently any opposition but you will be tying up the repeater for a bit and it is a courtesy to ask permission of those monitoring.

Punch the autopatch access code, the * on your keypad, and the phone number. You should not ask the autopatch to make a long distance toll call and the repeater may not offer you the autopatch should you make such a request. However, on this subject, my local phone service has just implemented a "local" call policy in all of the 231 area code.

The repeater will announce and dial the number you requested. You work the phone the same way as you do at home, but you take turns transmitting since the repeater is not full duplex like your home phone. Be brief because I don't remember the time out timer being suspended for an autopatch call. You might find out!

After your call you push the # key to end the autopatch. The machine announces "autopatch complete" and the time and returns to regular mode. You acknowledge that you are ending your autopatch call and give a brief thank you for the privilege. Simple?

Check the repeaters for the autopatch feature. Autopatch is getting less likely to be implemented. I was "caught" trying to access an autopatch on a machine not supporting this feature. The repeater trustee said, "Wow, I have not heard anyone trying to use the autopatch in over ten years." Not so widely supported as you might have hoped.

Trivia tidbit: The Muskegon repeater, the '94, has autopatch because there is an alarm inside the building. The radio club maintains the alarm and the phone line for the alarm to dial in exchange for tower space. A nice arrangement.

Hope this helps.

Bill, AB8SC

666. Rising copper prices lead to rising cable prices

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-10 14:00:07 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 666 Message: 666

I tried to order coaxial cable yesterday at the price shown on a vendor's Web site but was informed that skyrocketing copper prices (82% increase this year alone was what I heard on the news today) have forced a price rise of approx. 15%.

So if you're thinking of buying coax, perhaps you shouldn't wait too long; the price may yet go higher still.

Alan NV8A

667. 147.320 Holton Repeater Autopatch

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-10 15:19:53 UTC
From: jimk8cop@afo.net
Topic: 667 Message: 667

The Holton Repeater no longer has the autopatch in operation.

Jim, K8COP

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mail2web - Check your email from the web at
http://mail2web.com/ .

668. Muskegon MAARC Autopatch

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-10 15:29:22 UTC
From: jimk8cop@afo.net
Topic: 668 Message: 668

Key up and announce "YOURCALL accessing autopatch" Hit "*" and unkey to check for dial tone. Enter in a Muskegon area telephone number.

To end the call hit "#". The repeater will ID with the time. Announce "YOURCALL".

Autopatches are for Non-business telephone calls.

Jim, K8COP
146.940 Trustee

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mail2web - Check your email from the web at
http://mail2web.com/ .

669. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Rising copper prices lead to rising cable prices

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-10 17:26:31 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 666 Message: 669

All electrical materials are going up so fast that the prices we get from the supply houses are only good for 24 hours.

Metals such as copper and steel are at an all time high. Scrap value for copper is way up. A piece of 2 inch steel rigid conduit now costs almost 60 dollars for ONE piece.

1000 feet of #12 THHN is now $250.

The reason? China is outbidding everyone for raw materials. This pushes the price up for all. China can afford to pay more than anyone for raw materials because they use slave and incarcerated labor. They are also building Mercedes Benz and Cadillac autos there. They are also building counterfeit Lexus'. I just read that a factory burned down there killing all the people inside. The reason? It is common practice to lock workers inside factories there so they can't get out. This was done at a factory running a night shift and when fire broke out all the doors were locked from the outside. When this happened here 70 some years ago it paved the way for unions, made headlines world wide and is now a part of our history books.

In China it is just part of 'doing business'.

Can you say 'Most Preferred Nation?'

Mark K8Mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: "Alan NV8A" <nv8a@...>
To: <HamRadioAntenna@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: "towertalk reflector" <towertalk@...>;
<WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>; <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2006 10:00 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Rising copper prices lead to rising cable prices

I tried to order coaxial cable yesterday at the price shown on a vendor's Web site but was informed that skyrocketing copper prices (82% increase this year alone was what I heard on the news today) have forced a price rise of approx. 15%.

So if you're thinking of buying coax, perhaps you shouldn't wait too long; the price may yet go higher still.

Alan NV8A

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670. possible item of interest to those helping prospective hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-10 20:53:05 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 670 Message: 670

Hi, all.

The following appeared in the May 10, 2006 edition of the Handiham Weekly E-letter.

Thought it might be of interest to someone who might be elmering a prospective new ham.

Best 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

*****ARRL plans online Technician Course:

Remember when ARRL first offered the online courses in emergency communications? They were successful, and worked to train many hams as communicators in the EMCOMM system. Now the ARRL is planning a licensing course online for the very first time. The course will most likely be structured and presented along the lines of the EMCOMM courses. It will take enrollments monthly, and cost $69 U.S. Students will register on line at:
https://www.arrl.org/forms/cce/

Registration has not yet opened for the new online Technician class, but the current course offerings are listed. Go to the course you are interested in, then follow the "List scheduled classes" link to see when enrollment opens.

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671. Re: [HamRadioAntenna] Rising copper prices lead to rising cable prices

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-10 21:04:31 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 666 Message: 671

I decided to order the coax at the increased price anyway, only to be told that they were now out of stock and that by the time they got more (perhaps 3 weeks) the price could be higher still. IOW, I couldn't even lock in the current already-increased price.

Alan NV8A

On 05/10/06 10:00 am I wrote:

> I tried to order coaxial cable yesterday at the price shown on a
> vendor's Web site but was informed that skyrocketing copper prices (82%
> increase this year alone was what I heard on the news today) have forced
> a price rise of approx. 15%.
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> So if you're thinking of buying coax, perhaps you shouldn't wait too
> long; the price may yet go higher still.

672. kick off to summer Help need..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-10 23:37:04 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 672 Message: 672

Hello it's that time of year the north end needs your help with the kick off to summer 5K run this is on sat may27 2006 we all so need on mon may 29 2006 with the spring lake memorial day parade if you can help contact DON M KB8ODB or ME JOHN KC8UNY and Hope to see all on the 20 of may for the girls on the run Run contact andrew N8ARY or don m or me ... 73 John T Fischer Kc8uny

673. weather radar

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-11 00:49:32 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 673 Message: 673

as of 6:00 news the nws radar is backup and running just at the right time 73 KC8UNY

674. MS-150 Bike Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-11 03:08:43 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 674 Message: 674

We need HELP for the MS-150 Bike Run on June 10th and 11th. Saturday we will start at Byron Center High School and end at Hope
College in Holland meandering mostly through Allegan County. Sunday will go from Hope back to Byron Center HS meandering mostly
through Ottawa County.

Note that each day is a long one. We will meat in Byron Center at 6am and be done mid to late afternoon.

Please contact me if you can help and let me know if you can do Saturday, Sunday or both.

Thanks and 73

John Wehmer WB9JSR wb9jsr@... <mailto:wb9jsr@...>

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675. Re: MS-150 Bike Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-11 03:52:42 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 674 Message: 675

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "John Wehmer \(WB9JSR\)"
<johnwehm@...> wrote:
> We will meat in Byron Center at 6am and be done mid to late afternoon.
>

I like your type of *meat*. I tentatively figure on helping with the
MS150 again this year.

Laryn K8TVZ

676. Indoor Yagi or Feng Shui?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-11 12:14:18 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 676 Message: 676

For all weather"lightning"operating and a backup I use the following.ARRL vhf/uhf antenna classics--7dB for 7 Bucks.QST,Arp.1993.No gamma or Stub.Ad a $3.95 AA batt.cordless screw driver,a SPDT momentary switch,and that's your rotor.Because of limited space in the lab, mine is horizontaly polarized.You need about 41 inch by 41 inch area for it to turn in.A possible alternative the"tape measure RDF home brew".That is on my list of things to try.

73 KD8CBJ A.K.A.
paul

677. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MS-150 Bike Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-11 12:27:57 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 674 Message: 677

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To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2006 11:52 PM
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678. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MS-150 Bike Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-11 15:24:15 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 674 Message: 678

meet!!!!!

All right smart alecs, can't a guy make a typo around here?

Andrew, does this mean that you will be availabe for the run?

John WB9JSR

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679. Chinese factory fire

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-11 16:45:11 UTC
From: ke8fo
Topic: 679 Message: 679

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Mind you, I am not defending the Chinese bureaucrats or communism. Just the truth. ----Mark, KE8FO

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By Peter Symonds
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A tragedy is repeated time and again in the sweatshops of Asia: highly inflammable materials, the lack of elementary fire safety measures and a blaze that kills workers who are trapped with no means of escape.

The latest occurred on Saturday in the Chinese industrial city of Shenzhen, adjacent to Hong Kong. According to Chinese news reports, 16 people□12 women and four men□died when a fire broke out at around 5.25 pm on the first floor of the Zhimao Electronics Plant. Another eight people are reported to be seriously injured.

The blaze engulfed packaging materials for electric fans and rapidly spread to the other floors. Even though firefighters were quickly on the scene, they took over an hour to put it out. More than 100 workers were stranded in the four-storey building and firemen had to use ladders to rescue 58 workers trapped on the top floor.

The factory managers responded to the fire by ordering workers to "save materials" rather than their endangered colleagues. Clearly uppermost in the managers' minds were the company's potential financial losses. Under conditions where tens, if not hundreds, of millions are unemployed or underemployed in China's cities and rural expanses, workers are easily replaceable.

The 16 dead workers suffocated in heavy smoke. According to a report in the South China Morning Post, "Witnesses interviewed by Guangdong television said the workers were unable to escape because the windows were sealed by metal screens to prevent theft."

The Governor of Guangdong Province Lu Ruihua has ordered an investigation. The factory managers have been questioned but no charges have been laid and no arrests made. It is conceivable, though unlikely, that the state-run media and bureaucracy may make an example out of someone for their own political purposes□for instance, to make play of the fact that the plant was established by investors from rival Taiwan.

What is certain, however, is that no official investigation will probe into the real causes of these repeated disasters: the ubiquitous character of the atrocious working conditions, barred windows, shoddy construction, lack of fire escapes, hoses, extinguishers, sprinkler systems and procedures, all of which is sanctioned by the Stalinist bureaucracy and the state-run trade unions at the local, provincial and national levels.

On May 10, 1993, the worst industrial fire in history took place outside Bangkok in Thailand. Officially, 188 workers, mostly young women, died in the Kader Industrial toy factory after they were trapped behind jammed doors in a building without fire escapes. The police investigation sought to make a single worker the scapegoat for the tragedy. The managers, building inspectors, government officials, trade unions and politicians all got off scot-free. After a pitiful compensation package was paid to the victims and their families, it was business as usual for investors in Thailand.

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680. Info on a "Landspout" yesterday in K-zoo

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-11 17:46:26 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 680 Message: 680

Public Information Statement

Statement as of 1:18 PM EDT on May 11, 2006

... Brief weak tornado touches down in field in Kalamazoo County on Wednesday...

A brief F0 tornado touched down in a field about 2 miles south-southwest of Schoolcraft mi Wednesday afternoon. Eye witness reports indicate that the tornado touched down and went back aloft 2 times in a span of about two minutes around 345 PM. The tornado remained nearly stationary in a field and no damage was reported. The exact location of the field and brief touchdown was northeast of the intersection of xy Avenue and 10th street.

It appears that the tornado was of the landspout variety. The formation mechanism for landspouts is very different from that of the most destructive tornadoes. Landspouts develop as a thunderstorm... or even a towering cumulus cloud... rapidly develops above a surface boundary such as a lake breeze or wind shift.

In this case... it appears two colliding thunderstorm outflow boundaries played a key role in this brief spinup south of Schoolcraft. For more information of landspout tornadoes please refer to a weblink to a similar event from last year. The write up can be viewed at www.Weather.Gov/GRR/science (lower case). Once on that Page click the landspout case.

681. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Chinese factory fire

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-11 18:00:37 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 679 Message: 681

Hello Mark,

Thanks for making me take the time to do a follow up. I remember reading about the incident in our local newspaper a couple months ago so I can't find the exact article. A search found a fire in Feb. in Bangladesh that fits the description of the one I thought was in China with the workers being locked in.

I stand humbly corrected,

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "ke8fo" <ke8fo@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:45 PM
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Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.385 / Virus Database: 268.5.1/328 - Release Date: 5/1/2006

682. Fw: Long Range Solar Forecast

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-12 00:21:35 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 682 Message: 682

Like he says interesting reading.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: "Joe Hussey" <husseyj@...>
To: <frupac@...>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 5:30
Subject: Long Range Solar Forecast

> Interesting read re solar cycles 24 and 25.
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> http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2006/10may_longrange.htm?list841773
>
> 73 de Joe W8RIK
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683. IRA Main site Tower clean up

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-12 21:10:33 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 683 Message: 683

Fellow hams:
The Independent Repeater Association (IRA) will be having tower clean up party at the main tower site in Grand Rapids on June 17th. (2 Saturdays after the IRA hamfest on June 3rd.). General maintenance (painting, cleaning etc) and weed control will be the main jobs. if you can make this please let me know by drop me an e-mail (KC8WJA@...) or catch me on the repeater. Based on the available manpower , we'll select what job we can get done. One of those big jobs would be to replace the main receiver feed line with a new 2 1/8" Hard line. Please pass this e-mail along to anyone that maybe able to help.

Thanks in advance helping spread the word.

Michael W. Smith
KC8WJA
Grid: EN72 Lat:42.98 Long:85.70

684. The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 19 (May 12, 2006)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-13 11:04:45 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 684 Message: 684

> **********
> The ARRL Letter
> Vol. 25, No. 19
> May 12, 2006
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> IN THIS EDITION:
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> * +League shifts BPL focus to US Senate
> * +Consent decree ends transceiver marketing case
> * +Inuit youngsters in northern Quebec speak with ISS via ham radio
> * +League's "Hello" campaign a hit with broadcasters
> * +New, returning and current staffers fill ARRL HQ openings
> * +ARRL member from Mississippi wins SBA award for Katrina efforts
> * +ARRL Level 3 EmComm course gets a facelift
> * Solar Update
> * IN BRIEF:
> This weekend on the radio
> ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration
> +New Jersey Tech+ scores WAS on 40 CW in her first year on the air
> German experimental stations on 440 kHz
> AMSAT and ARISS staff museum Space Day 2006 exhibit
> Former Army MARS Chief Larry Warren, KF7TJ/AAV9ET, SK
>
> +Available on ARRL Audio News <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/audio/>
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> ==========
> ==>Delivery problems: First see FAQ
> <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/faq.html#nodelivery>, then e-mail
> <letter-dlvy@...>
> ==>Editorial questions or comments only: Rick Lindquist, N1RL,
> <n1rl@...>
> ==========
> NOTE: Because of Dayton Hamvention travel schedules, the May 19 editions
> of
> The ARRL Letter and ARRL Audio News will be distributed Wednesday, May 17.
> See you in Dayton!
> ==========
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> ==>ARRL SHIFTS CONGRESSIONAL BPL FOCUS TO US SENATE
>
> With an amendment requiring the FCC to study BPL interference now included
> in Section 502 of the House telecom bill, HR 5252, the ARRL is shifting
> its
> focus to the Senate. The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation

> Committee will conduct hearings on its own version of telecom legislation,
> S
> 2686, later this month and will begin consideration of the bill in early
> June. Between now and then, the ARRL is urging members in the 22 states
> with
> Senators on the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee to write
> seeking support to include similar BPL study language in the Senate bill.
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> "If we can protect Section 502 when the bill comes to the House floor for
> consideration, and if we can get similar language introduced on the Senate
> side, we'll be in a good position when and if the two bills go to a
> Conference Committee," observes ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner,
> K1ZZ.
>
> Proposed by Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR), the amendment to the House bill,
> the Communications Opportunity, Promotion and Enhancement (COPE) Act of
> 2006, gained the support of Committee Chairman Joe Barton (R-TX), and
> House
> Energy and Commerce Committee voted 42-12 to send the COPE Act, amendment
> intact, to the full House for its consideration.
>
> The Ross amendment has received significant opposition from electric
> utilities. The United Telecom Council (UTC), a bulwark of BPL support and
> administrator of the Interference Resolution Web site, has referred to the
> amendment as a threat and is urging its members to contact their members
> of
> Congress regarding its inclusion.
>
> This week the League began getting out the word via e-mail to members in
> states with Senators on Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.
> The
> letter to members in targeted states asks League members to urge their
> Senators on the committee to support language addressing the BPL
> interference issue when the Senate bill is marked up in committee on June
> 8.
>
> The language the League wants to see in the Senate amendment to the
> telecom
> bill would call on the FCC to "conduct, and submit to the House Energy and
> Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and
> Transportation,
> a study of the interference potential of broadband over power line systems
> leading to improved rules to prevent the deployment of systems having a
> potential to cause destructive interference to radio communication
> systems."
>
> The ARRL plea includes a sample letter
> <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/files/BPL-Amendment-SenateSampleLette
> r0506-Rev2.doc>, which members are encouraged to personalize as much as
> possible. The League wants members to fax their letters to the number

> indicated in the e-mail to members plus a copy to ARRL's government
> relations firm Chwat & Company, ATTN: Eric Heis, KI4NFC, 625 Slaters Ln --
> Suite 103, Alexandria, VA 22314. Fax 703-684-7594.
>
> The sample letter points out the value of Amateur Radio's role in recent
> disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina. "The reason we need your help is
> that
> the FCC continues to resist growing evidence that its rules are inadequate
> to protect radiocommunication systems, including those relied upon by
> First
> Responders, from radio spectrum pollution caused by BPL systems," it says.
> "The FCC needs to objectively and carefully review this evidence and adopt
> rules that will keep interference from BPL within reasonable bounds."
>
> The sample letter notes that not only has the FCC shown no inclination to
> do
> that, it's so far failed "to enforce its existing rules in specific, well
> documented instances of harmful interference."
>
> "Remember that it is not BPL that we oppose, but BPL interference," Sumner
> emphasized this week. "Some BPL systems are designed not to cause
> widespread
> interference, but many are not. The problem is that the FCC rules don't
> distinguish between the two. This is unfair to licensed radio services
> that
> must deal with the consequences of spectrum pollution."
>
> ==>FCC, PILOT TRAVEL CENTERS CONSENT DECREE ENDS TRANSCEIVER MARKETING
> CASE
>
> A consent decree has finally ended an enforcement action against Pilot
> Travel Centers LLC that could have cost the company $125,000 in fines. In
> November 2004 the FCC issued a Notice of Apparent Liability (NAL)
> asserting
> that Pilot, despite multiple citations and warnings, continued to market
> CB
> transceivers labeled as Amateur Radio gear but intended for use on both
> Citizens Band and amateur frequencies. An FCC Order released May 11 adopts
> the attached consent decree between the agency and Pilot and terminates
> the
> forfeiture action. While Pilot agrees to make "a voluntary contribution"
> of
> $90,000 to the US Treasury "without further protest or recourse," the
> company does not admit any wrongdoing.
>
> "The parties further agree that this consent decree is for settlement
> purposes only and that by agreeing to the consent decree, Pilot does not
> admit or deny any liability for violating the [Communications] Act or the
> rules in connection with the matters that are the subject of this consent
> decree," the agreement stipulates.

>
> Under the terms of the consent decree, Pilot must refrain in the future
> from
> marketing as "Amateur Radio" gear any transmitting devices with built-in
> features to facilitate CB operation. The company also must determine in
> advance that any CB transmitting gear it offers for sale is FCC
> certificated. CB transmitters must receive FCC certification--formerly
> called "type acceptance." Amateur Radio transmitting equipment does not
> require FCC certification.
>
> Should Pilot plan to sell legitimate Amateur Radio transceivers, it must
> ensure before marketing or selling them that the ARRL Lab has reviewed the
> equipment in question and determined that it transmits only in the Amateur
> Radio bands. The ARRL Lab tests equipment both for QST "Product Review"
> articles as well as for compliance with QST advertising policy, which
> requires that items offered for sale meet FCC rules.
>
> Further, the consent decree requires Pilot to remove from sale certain
> Galaxy brand transceivers (models DX33HML, DX66V and DX99V) and any other
> "Amateur Radio" transceivers that have not passed ARRL Lab muster in the
> course of product review or advertising compliance testing. Pilot also
> will
> have to ensure that any CB transceivers on sale by entities leasing space
> on
> its premises are FCC certificated.
>
> The consent decree brings to a close an enforcement action dating back
> more
> than six years. In its 2004 NAL, the FCC cited 47 separate instances
> between
> 2002 and 2004 when Pilot allegedly had offered for sale various models of
> non-certificated Galaxy CB transceivers labeled as "amateur radios" that
> easily could be modified for CB operation.
>
> The Order and the consent decree are on the FCC Web site
> <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-53A1.pdf>.
>
> ==>INUIT STUDENTS JOIN THE SPACE PROGRAM VIA HAM RADIO
>
> Thanks to Amateur Radio and an international teleconferencing link, Inuit
> students attending Jaanimmarik School in Kuujjuaq, Quebec, Canada, joined
> the space program May 4. The Amateur Radio on the International Space
> Station (ARISS) program arranged the contact between NA1SS and ARISS
> veteran
> Tony Hutchison, VK5ZAI, in Kingston, Australia. Verizon Conferencing
> donated
> a two-way audio link between the northern Quebec school and VK5ZAI.
> Speaking
> from NA1SS, US astronaut Jeff Williams, KD5TVQ, told the students that
> it's

> very exciting to be in space.
>
> "To look at the earth from up here and to see the entire earth at one time
> is fabulous," Williams said. "Of course, being weightless is also
> fantastic,
> when you float around, and everything else floats around too, if it's not
> tied down."
>
> Williams reported that he and Expedition 13 Commander Pavel Vinogradov,
> RV3BS, are doing experiments involving crystal growth in a microgravity
> environment as well as fluid dynamics and growing plants. In what little
> spare time he has in his busy work week, Williams--like many ISS crew
> members before him--enjoys looking through the ISS window at Earth some
> 220
> miles below.
>
> "The mountains are beautiful, the horizon is beautiful during a sunset or
> a
> sunrise," Williams said. "You see the different colors in the atmosphere."
>
> One youngster wanted to know if Williams had had a chance to use the
> Canadarm2--the robotic manipulator that was made in Canada. The astronaut
> said he had used it and would be using it again this week. "I use it
> fairly
> regularly," Williams added. "It's a fantastic piece of equipment."
>
> Accompanied by some tittering from his classmates, one youngster asked the
> somewhat indelicate question, "How do you go to the bathroom in space?"
> Responded Williams, "You go very carefully, very carefully." He went on to
> explain that the ISS is equipped with a special "air-flow" toilet "that
> helps things go where they need to go."
>
> ARISS mentor Steve McFarlane, VE3BTD, estimated the audience at
> approximately 450. The event attracted the attention of CBC North as well
> as
> local radio, which broadcast the contact live with a running translation
> into Inuktituk. APTN (Northern Canada TV Network) is producing a segment
> for
> later broadcast.
>
> Ottawa news media also reported on the contact because students from
> Manordale Public School in Ottawa were on hand in Kuujjuaq for the
> Jaanimmarik contact, McFarlane said. Youngsters at Manordale spoke with
> ISS
> Expedition 10 Commander Leroy Chiao, KE5BRW, in December 2004.
>
> ARISS <http://www.rac.ca/ariss> is an educational outreach of a
> nine-nation
> consortium, with US participation by ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.
>

> ==>ARRL'S "HELLO" CAMPAIGN A HIT AT NAB, RTNDA CONVENTIONS
>
> When the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) and the
> Radio-Television
> News Directors Association (RTNDA) met in Las Vegas for their annual
> conventions in late April, the ARRL was well represented. ARRL President
> Joel Harrison, W5ZN, headed the League contingent. Media and Public
> Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, Pacific Division Director Bob
> Vallio,
> W6RGG, and Vice Director Andy Oppel, N6AJO, rounded out the delegation.
> The
> presence of thousands of broadcasters offered Pitts an ideal opportunity
> to
> promote the ARRL "Hello . . . -- Celebrating 100 Years of Voice over Radio
> Worldwide" public service announcements. Pitts gauged success on the basis
> of what he *didn't* end up taking home.
>
> "I carried 60 full 'Hello' press books containing news releases,
> information
> and PSAs to the NAB," Pitts said. "At the end of the three days only one
> was
> left, and that went to a radio station manager I met in the airport going
> home." Pitts reports he's been hearing from hams, engineers and radio
> station managers that the PSAs are airing on cable systems and radio
> stations. In addition, of the 4500 brochures he took to the convention, he
> had but 300 left.
>
> The highlight each year for radio amateurs attending the NAB convention is
> the ham radio operators' reception, sponsored this year by Bob Heil,
> K9EID,
> of Heil Sound Ltd. Some 2000 radio amateurs with broadcasting industry
> connections attended the April 26 affair.
>
> The big news at this year's reception was that Heil will be inducted next
> month into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio. A veteran
> music industry soundman and sound reinforcement innovator, Heil has worked
> with some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry, including
> Chuck Berry, The Who, the Grateful Dead, Joe Walsh, WB6ACU, and ZZ Top.
>
> NAB Vice President of Science and Technology John Marino, KR1O, co-hosted
> the event.
>
> ARRL President Harrison greeted the gathering on behalf of the League and
> spoke briefly about the changes and challenges Amateur Radio faces in the
> 21st century.
>
> Charlie Wooten, NF4A, was honored as Clear Channel Communications
> "National
> Engineer of the Year," and Heil presented him with a microphone bearing
> Wooten's call sign. Pitts credits Wooten with getting the "Hello" campaign

> PSAs on many Clear Channel radio stations.
>
> Pitts said he found a lot of interest in the "Hello" campaign among those
> attending the broadcasters' gatherings. "But it takes more than just
> passing
> out disks to make it on the air," he added. "It takes a personal contact,
> and that's why we need continued action by our public information officers
> nationwide."
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> ==>ARRL WELCOMES NEW, RETURNING STAFFERS, ANNOUNCES STAFF SHIFT
>
> ARRL Headquarters has welcomed three new staff members. One current and
> one
> former staffer have filled other openings.
>
> ARRL Membership Manager Katie Breen, W1KRB, owned and operated a
> restaurant
> for three years before coming to Headquarters. A Connecticut native with a
> strong marketing, customer service, volunteer management and event
> planning
> background, Breen's also been an urban and regional planning professional.
> Outside of ARRL, she's actively involved with the Jaycees and other
> community activities.
>
> Breen is responsible for League membership recruitment and retention, and
> she says she'll focus on putting a personal touch on ARRL. As a result,
> she
> has an open-door policy and welcomes telephone calls (860-594-0297 and
> e-mail (kbreen@...) from members.
>
> Customer Service Manager Amy Hurtado has filled the vacancy left by the
> departure of Kathy Capodicasa, N1GZO, to supervise membership application
> processing and product sales. Most recently she managed a large customer
> service team at a busy direct-mail facility and has prior experience in
> direct mail design and production.
>
> At ARRL Headquarters she oversees ARRL membership fulfillment operations
> and
> circulation for QST and all ARRL periodicals. She'll also handle the
> membership renewal process, the ARRL Life Membership program and Silent
> Key
> administration. She works closely with Breen and with Marketing Manager
> Bob
> Inderbitzen, NQ1R, on target marketing, market concepts and direct mail
> campaigns. Members may contact Hurtado by telephone (860-594-0257) or
> e-mail
> (ahurtado@...).
>
> Assistant Editor S. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA, is relatively new licensee,
> but

> she's gleaned a lot of Amateur Radio knowledge from her husband Michael,
> K1MK, an ARRL Life Member and 30-year veteran ham.
>
> With an academic background in journalism, history, English and
> photography,
> Keane has led political campaigns, worked for the Boy Scouts of America
> and
> headed the news department for a local weekly. At ARRL, she prepares and
> edits news and feature articles for the Web site, QST and NCJ.
>
> Outside of Headquarters, Keane volunteers with the Cub Scouts and enjoys
> reading. "Working at the League is something I have wanted to do ever
> since
> I learned about the ARRL," she says. "You could say that this is a dream
> come true."
>
> A familiar face at ARRL Headquarters for 25 years, former ARRL Advertising
> Manager Debra Jahnke, K1DAJ, will return to the fold in late May to take
> on
> the responsibilities of Business Services Manager for the ARRL Sales and
> Marketing Department. Jahnke left Headquarters in 2005 to become
> advertising
> director for a Wisconsin publisher, and she earned her ham radio license
> along the way. "I'm thrilled to be returning home and to be back at ARRL,"
> Jahnke said. "I feel my job experience during the past year provided me
> with
> a new perspective and new ideas, and I can't wait to get started."
>
> At Headquarters, Jahnke will head the business services team, developing
> advertising opportunities for QST, QEX and NCJ and working with League
> clients who purchase ARRL publications and other services.
>
> Jahnke plans to spend at least one day at ARRL EXPO 2006 at Dayton
> Hamvention and will be on site at Newington starging May 24.
>
> Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, soon will shift gears after
> seven-plus years at ARRL to tackle new duties as Regulatory Information
> Specialist. He'll succeed John Hennessee, N1KB, who died in March. In his
> new job, Henderson will work with US amateurs on a wide range of topics
> relating to FCC rules and regulations governing Amateur Radio. He'll
> assist
> members in such areas as the PRB-1 limited federal preemption, antenna and
> zoning questions and the ARRL Volunteer Counsel and Volunteer Consulting
> Engineer programs.
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> ==>MISSISSIPPI ARRL MEMBER WINS SBA AWARD FOR KATRINA EFFORTS
>
> A Mississippi radio amateur and broadcaster who braved the fury of
> Hurricane
> Katrina to keep his ham radio club's low-power FM (LPFM) broadcast station

> WQRZ-LP on the air was one of three recipients to receive the Small
> Business
> Administration (SBA) Phoenix Award. The SBA honored ARRL Member Brice
> Phillips, KB5MPW, of Bay Saint Louis, for "Outstanding Contributions to
> Disaster Recovery by a Volunteer."
>
> "We are proud to be the first Amateur Radio organization-owned broadcast
> facility in the US--and proud Mississippians--to serve our state and as a
> model to the country as the first broadcast station to be attached to an
> emergency operations center," Phillips says. He notes that the station
> lost
> everything to the storm except "our lives and our commitment to the
> community."
>
> Owned and operated by the Hancock County Amateur Radio Association,
> WQRZ-LP
> (103.5 FM) was built and is operated by volunteers with disabilities.
> Before
> Hurricane Katrina hit, Phillips and WQRZ-LP Program Director Christine
> Stach, KC5RIC, relocated the station from a small shed next to their house
> in Waveland to the Hancock County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which
> was forced to move twice.
>
> As the storm surge waters reached the building's second level, Phillips
> braved the elements and rigged car batteries to power the station's
> broadcasts of search-and-rescue and other emergency information. WQRZ was
> one of only four of the more than three dozen Gulf Coast radio
> stations--and
> the only one in Hancock County--to stay on the air during the early days
> after Katrina struck. Phillips also was among the many radio amateurs
> providing emergency communication in the storm-stricken region.
>
> FEMA distributed 3000 FM radios to Hancock County storm survivors so they
> could tune to WQRZ-LP and learn where to get food, water, ice, tarpaulins,
> help from the Red Cross and The Salvation Army and other survival
> assistance.
>
> Phillips received his award in Washington, DC, during SBA National Small
> Business Week in mid-April.
>
> Normally solar-powered, WQRZ-LP serves the Bay Saint Louis, Waveland,
> Diamondhead and Kiln areas of Mississippi. WQRZ-LP's licensee, the Hancock
> County Amateur Radio Association, is a non-profit IRS 501(c)(3)
> organization. The station invites contributions to help it rebuild to
> WQRZ-LP, POB 1145, Kiln, MS 39556-1145. Contact the station for more
> information <WQRZ1035@...>.
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> ==>ARRL UPDATES AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS LEVEL 3 COURSE
>
> The ARRL Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) Program has revised

> and updated its Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (AREC) Level 3
> course. The new top-level EmComm course, designated EC-003 Rev 2, has
> supplanted EC-003 in the program's list of online offerings. ARRL Online
> Course Development Coordinator Howard Robins, W1HSR, says the updated
> curriculum incorporates some major changes.
>
> "This update is very significant, because it brings the management
> training
> part of the AREC program into line with today's homeland security
> environment," Robins remarked. "This is the first revision of the AREC
> Level
> 3 course since it was originally introduced in December 2000. Needless to
> say, much has changed since then, and this revision reflects those
> changes."
>
> EmComm Online Course Editor Dave Colter, WA1ZCN, was the principal author
> of
> EC-003 Rev 2, Robins noted. He says a number of individuals with
> experience
> in the emergency communications arena beta-tested the updated course, and
> it
> underwent a thorough final review prior to its release. The AREC Level 1
> (EC-001) and 2 (EC-002) courses are prerequisites for the Level 3 course.
>
> According to Robins, EC-003R2 includes significant information about how
> Amateur Radio emergency communication leadership must prepare and function
> in the post-September 11, 2001, era. He says the updated course takes into
> account the "many changes in the homeland security landscape--a term that
> did not exist when the original Level 3 curriculum was developed.--and how
> Amateur Radio fits into that landscape."
>
> New topics include:
>
> * National Incident Management System (NIMS)
>
> * National Response Plan (NRP)
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> * Key NRP Emergency Support Functions
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> * Department of Homeland Security Citizen Corps and Community Emergency
> Response Teams
>
> * National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Communications Support
>
> * Hospital Emergency Communications
>
> * ARES Management and the Incident Command System (ICS)
>
> Robins points out that several other Level 3 units have been revised to
> better focus on leadership and management.

>
> Registration for EC-003 Rev 2 opens Monday, May 15 and will remain open
> through June 4. The inaugural class begins Friday, June 16.
>
> To learn more about this and other online educational offerings from ARRL,
> visit the CCE Course Listing page <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html>
> or
> contact the CCE Department <cce@...>.
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> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
>
> Solar Seer Tad "Sunny" Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington, reports: This week
> saw higher geomagnetic activity and lower sunspot numbers than the
> previous
> period (our reporting week is Thursday through Wednesday). Average daily
> sunspot numbers declined more than 5 points to 54.3. Today, May 12, look
> for
> active geomagnetic conditions with a planetary A index predicted at 25,
> then
> declining to 12 and 10 on Saturday and Sunday. Sunspot numbers and solar
> flux should be a bit lower than the past week.
>
> Geophysical Institute Prague predicts active geomagnetic conditions for
> today, May 12, unsettled May 13, quiet to unsettled May 14, nice and quiet
> May 15-16, back to quiet to unsettled for May 17, and unsettled conditions
> on May 18.
>
> Many readers alerted us to a new long-range sunspot cycle prediction
> regarding the peak of Cycle 25, which should reach solar maximum around
> 2022
> <http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2006/10may_longrange.htm?list15934>.
>
> For more information concerning propagation and an explanation of the
> numbers, see the ARRL Technical Information Service Propagation page
> <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html>.
>
> Sunspot numbers for May 4 through 10 were 50, 61, 69, 64, 53, 56 and 27,
> with a mean of 54.3. 10.7 cm flux was 91.8, 86.7, 87, 86.2, 84.7, 82.6,
> and
> 78.2, with a mean of 85.3. Estimated planetary A indices were 14, 13, 24,
> 19, 8, 4 and 4, with a mean of 12.3. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were
> 10, 8, 14, 17, 5, 2 and 4, with a mean of 8.6.
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> ==>IN BRIEF:
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> * This weekend on the radio: The Mid-Atlantic QSO Party, the
> VK/Trans-Tasman
>80-Meter Contest (phone), the VOLTA Worldwide RTTY Contest, the CQ-M

> International DX Contest, the F.I.S.T.S. Spring Sprint and the 50 MHz
> Spring
> Sprint are the weekend of May 13-14. The Run for the Bacon QRP Contest is
> May 15. The NAQCC 80-Meter Straight Key/Bug Sprint is May 18, the RSGB
> 80-Meter Club Championship (CW) is May 18 and the Thursday NCCC Sprint
> Ladder is May 19 (UTC). JUST AHEAD: Armed Forces Day military/Amateur
> Radio
> communications tests, the US Counties QSO Party (SSB) His Majesty the King
> of Spain Contest (CW), the EU PSK DX Contest, the Portuguese Navy Day
> Contest (PSK31 and CW/SSB), the Manchester Mineira CW Contest and the
> Baltic
> Contest are the weekend of May 20-21. The QRP Minimal Art Session is May
> 25.
> See the ARRL Contest Branch page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the
> WA7BNM Contest Calendar <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>
> for more info.
>
> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Sunday, May 21, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE). Program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Level 1 (EC-001), Radio Frequency
> Interference (EC-006), Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009), Analog
> Electronics (EC-012) and Digital Electronics (EC-013). Classes begin
> Friday,
> June 2. To learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page
> <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE Department
> <cce@...>.
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> * New Jersey Tech+ scores WAS on 40 CW in her first year on the air: ARRL
> member Jane Tymko, KC2OBS, of Bartley, New Jersey, managed to work all
> states during her very first year as a radio amateur. The kicker is that
> Tymko, a Technician with Element 1 credit--what used to be called a "Tech
> Plus" ticket--worked all 50 states on the often broadcaster-plagued
> 40-meter
> Novice/Tech Plus band segment, 7100-7150 kHz. "I'm working on my General,
> now that I've accomplished this," Tymko told ARRL when she visited
> Headquarters to get her cards checked for the Worked All States (WAS)
> Award.
> ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG, presented her WAS
> certificate on the spot (photo). Tymko says Alaska was her hardest state.
> Most of the time, though, she simply called "CQ," and says most ops slowed
> down to match her 12-14 WPM CW copying capability. Her setup is modest:
> 100
> W to a dipole. She studied for her license entirely on her own, using a
> Morse training program to learn the code. In addition to the ARRL, Tymko
> is
> a member of the YLRL and F.I.S.T.S. Congratulations, Jane!
>
> * German experimental stations on 440 kHz: Geri Holger, DK8KW/W1KW, in
> Peine

> near Hannover, reports that German telecommunication authorities have
> issued
> him an experimental license to operate on the "medium wave" frequency of
> 440
> kHz using the call sign DI2BO. He joins Walter Staubach, DJ2LF, in Dormitz
> near Nuernberg, who's been operating experimental station DI2AG on 440
> kHz.
> Tests have been under way on that frequency since January 2005, Holger
> says,
> "to study the special propagation conditions on medium wave." Holger says
> CW
> beacon transmissions (which include call sign and grid square) will be
> sent
> on 440 kHz (?100 Hz), maximum 200 Hz bandwidth at a maximum power of 9 W
> ERP. "Both beacon transmissions will be coordinated in a way so that they
> can be observed simultaneously to study the propagation from both
> locations
> at the same time," Holger explained. "Also, two-way contacts between both
> experimental stations are planned." Further information is on the DK8KW
> Longwave Information Web site <http://www.qru.de/di2bo.html>.
>
> * AMSAT and ARISS staff museum Space Day 2006 exhibit: Representatives of
> AMSAT-NA and the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS)
> program staffed a Space Day 2006 exhibit May 5 at the Smithsonian National
> Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center. The ARISS team exhibited various
> pieces of ISS hardware and AMSAT representatives explained the process of
> building small satellites. On display were the California Polytechnic
> Institute CubeSat model and several picosats. Popular with youngsters who
> stopped by was the opportunity to listen to recorded ARISS school
> contacts.
> Among those staffing the exhibit were ARISS International Chairman Frank
> Bauer, KA3HDO, Past AMSAT-NA President Perry Klein, W3PK, and Bill Boston,
> N3DCI. "We gave out several hundred ARRL and other brochures. There was so
> much interest, I lost my voice by the end of the day and still haven't
> gotten it back fully!" Klein quipped this week. Others assisting included
> APRS guru and satellite experimenter Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, Ken Nichols,
> KD3VK, Bob McCown, N3IYI, and AMSAT-NA Director of Education and Board
> member H. Paul Shuch, N6TX.
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> * Former Army MARS Chief Larry Warren, KF7TJ/AAV9ET, SK: Robert L. "Larry"
> Warren, KF7TJ/AAV9ET, of Hereford, Arizona, died April 28. He was 78. An
> ARRL member, Warren served as Chief of the Army Military Affiliate Radio
> System (MARS) from 1983 until he retired in 1989, although he continued on
> as a MARS special consultant until last December. Warren is credited with
> initiating the global Army MARS Area Gateway network to expedite the relay
> and delivery of MARSgram and other message traffic. After joining the US
> Army Air Corps in 1946, Warren remained on active duty with the Army for
> 20
> years, retiring with the rank of major. He then worked for the Department
> of

> the Army in a civilian capacity at Ft Huachuca, Arizona, for 22 years. A
> MARS member for 58 years, Warren was a member of the Cochise Amateur Radio
> Club and of the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES).
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> "Member
> Data Page" link (in the Members Only box). Click on "Modify membership
> data," check or uncheck the appropriate boxes and/or change your e-mail
> address if necessary. (Check "Temporarily disable all automatically sent
> email" to temporarily stop all e-mail deliveries.) Then, click on "Submit
> modification" to make selections effective. (NOTE: HQ staff members cannot
> change your e-mail delivery address. You must do this yourself via the
> Members Only Web Site.)

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> sources:
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> * ARRLWeb <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/>. (NOTE: The ARRL Letter will
> be
> posted each Friday when it is distributed via e-mail.)
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> * The QTH.net listserver, thanks to volunteers from the Boston Amateur
> Radio
> Club: Visit Mailing Lists@...
> <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/letter-list>. (NOTE: The ARRL
> cannot assist subscribers who receive The ARRL Letter via this
> listserver.)
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685. W8ZHO

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-13 20:47:28 UTC
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
Topic: 685 Message: 685

Has anyone mentioned that W8ZHO is on the cover of the June QST? Thanks to K8MHZ.
Tom, N8YJT

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Netscape. Just the Net You Need.

686. Re: [WestMichiganHams] W8ZHO

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-13 20:55:29 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 685 Message: 686

Yes I saw it fresh out of the mail box. Thanks for the photo Mark.
----- Original Message -----
From: <jtporritt@...>
To: "West Michigan Hams" <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 4:47 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] W8ZHO

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687. Re: [WestMichiganHams] W8ZHO

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-14 00:05:44 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 685 Message: 687

Wow! I sure wish I knew what the picture was!

I got a letter and a certificate from the ARRL crediting me with the photo. I don't even know which one it was. I am supposed to be getting some copies from them soon. All I know is that the pic was about Field Day. Is it the picture with the back of the MCV and the flag?

Nice timing though, eh? With Field Day coming up and all.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 4:55 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] W8ZHO

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688. Parade Net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-14 02:57:25 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 685 Message: 688

Mark, and Denny, great job on the net Saturday. Very smooth operation!

Laryn K8TVZ

689. Re: [WestMichiganHams] W8ZHO

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-14 03:31:55 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 685 Message: 689

Thats the pic...
----- Original Message -----
From: "K8MHZ" <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 8:05 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] W8ZHO

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> from them soon. All I know is that the pic was about Field Day. Is it
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> picture with the back of the MCV and the flag?
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> Nice timing though, eh? With Field Day coming up and all.
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> 73,
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> Mark K8MHZ
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
> To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 4:55 PM
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] W8ZHO
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690. need rechargeable battery basic info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-14 13:40:05 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 690 Message: 690

Have an older Kenwood HT,battery packs are $$$.8.4 volts 800mAh.Specs.say 6.3 v~15 vdc (8.5 vdc nominal).The mAh is approximate run time,correct?Can I combine battery packs to add up to 8.5 volts?(I have not yet found a generic 8.4 volt pack.)Or can I use the 6.3~15 vdc range for the battery pack "add up"?Charging is a different issue for another day.

73 KD8CBJ A.K.A. paul

691. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Parade Net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-14 14:05:43 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 685 Message: 691

Thanks Laryn!

Truly, it was our pleasure. Denny is very easy to work with.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Laryn Lohman" <larynl@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:57 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Parade Net

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Laryn K8TVZ

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692. Re: [WestMichiganHams] need rechargeable battery basic info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-14 14:18:23 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 690 Message: 692

Paul,

Rechargeable Nickel batteries are 1.2 volts charged so 7 would give you 8.4 volts. 7 modern AA NiMH batteries would give you 2300 mAh or 2.3 Ah. Your run time will depend upon a couple things. One is the draw of the load, the other is the 'head room' of the power supply. If you start with 15 volts and the radio can run at 6.3 that means you can discharge the battery pack to less than 50 percent and still operate. Most ratings figure a battery to be fully discharged at 80 percent of it's full voltage. You will find that the loss rate is very rapid from 80 to 50 percent.

If you have an old battery pack you may be able to bust it open and fill it with AA's.

The 15 volt top end is for use in a vehicle with just a cable. Circuitry inside the radio cuts the voltage back to it's working voltage which seems to be around 8 or 9 volts. Also, HT's loose output power relative to supply voltage. The radio may work at 6.3 volts but 12 may be needed to produce the full (usually 5 watt) output of the transmitter.

Aftermarket batteries are available and there is a place in Holland that rebuilds them. Figure about 40 bucks or so either way.

I hope some of this helps.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: "kd8cbj" <KD8CBJ@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2006 9:40 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] need rechargeable battery basic info

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693. Re: [WestMichiganHams] need rechargeable battery basic info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-14 14:02:14 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 690 Message: 693

Paul
You may want to try Battery Plus in Holland. They are much less on
replacement batteries. Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: "kd8cbj" <KD8CBJ@...>
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694. Special Event - Strange Antenna Challenge

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-14 15:26:38 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 694 Message: 694

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695. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Parade Net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-14 22:55:28 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 685 Message: 695

Thanks Laryn!

It definitely was a pleasure. I enjoy working with Mark.

I know my 30+ years of working 9-1-1 dispatch came out a couple of times,
but that is what makes it easy to do.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the field. I hope by now that you
have dried out and warmed up.

Looking forward to Tulip Time again next year.

73,

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: "K8MHZ" <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2006 10:05
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Parade Net

> Thanks Laryn!
>
> Truly, it was our pleasure. Denny is very easy to work with.
>
> 73,
>
> Mark K8MHZ
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Laryn Lohman" <larynl@...>
> To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:57 PM
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Parade Net
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> Mark, and Denny, great job on the net Saturday. Very smooth operation!
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> Laryn K8TVZ
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-15 01:17:06 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 694 Message: 696

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-15 01:36:41 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 694 Message: 697

John,

That was for HF, I presume. I am going to try two grapes for VHF.

That way I can say with some truth, "I heard it through the grapevine."

I hope the weather holds out as I am planning a full size 20 meter 1/4 wave vertical on the roof made from an aluminum extension ladder and a 1/2 acre of aluminum foil on the roof for a ground plane.

Nothing says "Talk to me neighbor" like an extension ladder pointing straight up and scads of foil covering the roof.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-15 01:43:13 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 694 Message: 698

How about a dipole made of 6 cars parked in two groups of 3?
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-15 02:41:44 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 694 Message: 699

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----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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Date: 2006-05-15 02:40:36 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 694 Message: 700

How about a dipole made of two Dodge Caravans....a 'van dipole' :)
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701. Re: [WestMichiganHams] need rechargeable battery basic info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-15 11:54:53 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 690 Message: 701

Thanks for info.Where to get "real ones"has been added to my resource index.The tech.specs.is just more of my learn while I play(experiment).2 years of ITT tech.ain't got nothing on this knowledge pool.

73 KD8CBJ

702. Antenna mount wanted

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-15 17:13:21 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 702 Message: 702

Does anyone have an NMO mag mount they would like to sell?

703. Need someone to help me test my 6m rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-15 18:52:49 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 703 Message: 703

Well, during yesterday's excellent 6 meter opening, I found that there may be something wrong with my rig. I was unable to make any contacts (distant or local), and after about 30 minutes, found that the rig had gotten too hot to touch, which doesn't seem like it should be the case given the fact that the antenna is a good match. I want to know if it's putting out any signal at all, and if so, if it's intelligible or not.

So, to that end, I need someone with a 6 meter rig and a (preferably vertically polarized) antenna to arrange an on-air test. I would like to test FM, SSB, CW and digital but if all you have is a handheld scanner that only does FM, I guess that will be good enough. If anyone has some test equipment suitable for 6 meters and could give it a bench test, that would be even better.

Basically, if it turns out I have to ship the thing out for repairs, I want to be able to tell them exactly what the problem is, rather than just saying "it doesn't seem to get out on 6." So, anyone up to it?

-Joe, KD8ATU

704. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Special Event - Strange Antenna Challenge

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-15 19:26:57 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 694 Message: 704

I'm kind of taking a shine to that foil on the roof idea, but I'll have to give it more consideration later. Right now I have to go out and water my dipole.
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705. Cool QSO

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-15 20:11:50 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 705 Message: 705

Had a nice exchange with KC8VTX as he was deck side of the car ferry
headed for the great W.Wisconsin and/or West.

706. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Antenna mount wanted

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-15 23:07:08 UTC
From: jfischer@azulstar.com
Topic: 702 Message: 706

>let me do some checking i think i might know of some i'll see if they are avilable John KC8UNY

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707. One more try for Girls On the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-15 23:30:15 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 707 Message: 707

We have 16 volunteers so far. More is good.
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Andrew

708. Re: [WestMichiganHams] One more try for Girls On the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-16 00:01:54 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 707 Message: 708

Are you SURE the run will start at 9:30 AM?
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
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709. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Antenna mount wanted

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-16 01:24:48 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 702 Message: 709

Andrew, I think I still have a mount that you gave me. I'll check and let you know. kc8ovs

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Blab-away for as little as 1?/min. Make PC-to-Phone Calls using Yahoo! Messenger with Voice.

710. Not your basic apartment antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-16 02:53:39 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 710 Message: 710
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Now THIS is a BEAM!!

711. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-16 18:32:32 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 37 Message: 711

> Good news everyone, Governor Granholm has issued a proclamation
> commemorating
> Amateur Radio Awareness Week. Here is the full text of the governor's
> announcement:
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> On Behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm
> herby
> proclaim the week of June 19, 2006 Amateur Radio Awareness Week.
>
> Whereas, There are over 20,500 amateur radio operators in the State of
> Michigan and over 85 amateur radio clubs who have demonstrated their value
> in
> public assistance by providing, at their own expense, free emergency radio
> communications; and,
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> Whereas, Many of the Michigan radio amateurs - who are on volunteer status
> to
> assist in any emergency local or worldwide - will demonstrate their radio
> communications skills during the American Relay League's (ARRL) Annual
> Field
> Day Exercises; and,
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> Whereas, In cooperation with NASA and its astronauts, Michigan amateur
> radio
> operators and the ARRL provide additional public service by setting up
> portable amateur radio communication links between astronauts in space and
> Michigan students in their classrooms, opening the eyes of young people to
> the realities of space, science and engineering; and,
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> Whereas, The ARRL and the National Association for Amateur Radio,
> headquartered in Newington, Connecticut, provides internationally
> broadcast
> bulletins, training programs and a staff of professional engineers,
> technicians and legal counsel for its members in Michigan and throughout
> our
> Nation; and,
> Whereas, The ARRL's broadcasts via amateur radio reach over two million
> licensed radio amateurs plus uncounted numbers of electronic engineers,
> technicians and experimenters; and,
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> Whereas, This years Amateur Radio Field Day, taking place June 24 and 25,
> 2006, will be a 24-hour, round-the-clock operation under emergency power
> where radio amateurs will test their own skills and the readiness of their
> equipment from the Michigan fields, hillsides and woodland clearings; and
> now

> therefore be it,
> Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan,
> do
> hereby proclaim the week of June 19, 2006, as Amateur Radio Awareness Week
> in
> Michigan.
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> We will be posting the full document to the web site very soon. You
> will
> then be able to download it for local use in conjunction your club's Field
> Day activities. Our thanks go to our Section Public Information
> Coordinator
> Harold Beauchamp KC8QMH for making the arrangements. This is a wonderful
> opportunity to gain PR for amateur radio and valuable FD points. Don't
> overlook it.
>
> During the past few weeks, we have conducted a survey of our ARES and
> RACES organizations. This was done to determine the overall percentage
> that
> were affiliated with various served agencies and also determine the basic
> levels of training that were in place. These results met our expectations
> and we have now established a benchmark for future reference. Our served
> agencies have raised their expectations for ARES/RACES personnel and many
> have implemented additional training guidelines for their staffs, which
> include ARES/RACES personnel. My compliments go to you all for stepping
> up
> to meet these challenges and committing to these programs. Many
> individuals
> have already completed all of the recommended training and several EC/ROs
> have developed innovative plans to assist their groups in achieving their
> training objectives. Here are the 2006 Club Officers for the Milford
> Amateur Radio Club, W8YDK. President WA8YUZ; Vice-President KC8IDE;
> Secretary KC8QAT; Treasurer KC8NQJ; Activities Chairman KD8ADJ; Trustee
> WA8WOQ.
> Thanks to all who reported their SARs for April, 2006: N8FPN 359,
> WD8USA
> 193, K8LJG 192, K8ZJU 179, KC8MLD 136, K8AE 108, WI8K 87, WB8RCR 70,
> KD8AMR
> 60, K8AMR 54, AA8SN 53, W8RNQ 37, KA8IXC 33, KV8Z 18, WB8TKL 12, KD8BMV
> 10,
> K8YB 9, KD8BGQ 8, N8UN 6, KC8ZCF 5, AB8CB 5, WA8OOH 5, KC8ZGB 4, KC8RTW 3,
> NX8S 1.
> PSHRs for April, 2006: WB8RCR 145, K8AE 125, KD8BGQ 115, N8FPN 110,
> K8ZJU
> 110, AA8SN 100, K8AMR 85, KA8IXC 83, KV8Z 77, KC8RTW 17.
> OES reports came in from N8HA, KC8ZCF, and W8RAE. PSHRs and SARs
> should
> be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your OES reports with WA8EFK.
> 73, Dale
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> ---
> ARRL Michigan Section
> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

712. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Not your basic apartment antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-17 03:14:40 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 710 Message: 712

And it takes a Toyota engine to turn it?

K8MHZ <k8mhz@...> wrote:
Now THIS is a BEAM!!

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713. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Not your basic apartment antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-17 11:59:28 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 710 Message: 713

Tacoma V-8
----- Original Message -----
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2006 11:14 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Not your basic apartment antenna

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714. Season's First Fish Fry

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-17 12:24:44 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 705 Message: 714

All:

The first club Fish Fry is coming on Saturday. We'll enjoy our first communal dinner at 5:00 pm at the clubhouse. Cost is less than the value in the meal and the conversation, eyeball QSOs (are those the same thing?!), and fun.

Drop by and enjoy the event. By the way, the only excuse for not being there is that you are in DAYTON! So get out to 2888 Scenic Drive.

Want to help? Jon, AB8RD is soliciting assistance.

Bill, AB8SC
Pres of radio club

715. ARES E-Letter for May 17, 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-17 11:53:56 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 715 Message: 715

> The ARES E-Letter
> May 17, 2006
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> Rick Palm, K1CE, Editor
>
> <http://www.qrz.com/database?callsign=K1CE>,
> <http://www.iaru-r2emcor.net>
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> ==================================
> ARES reports, other related contributions, editorial questions or
> comments: <k1ce@...>
> ==================================
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> + THE VIEW FROM FLAGLER COUNTY
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> [Our county has a new EOC. The following is a quick tour by DEC and
> county AEC Jay Musikar, AF2C, a veteran ARES leader here, who
> represented us at the grand opening. (Some readers asked for the
> location of Flagler county: We are in prime hurricane territory on
> the east coast of Florida just north of Daytona Beach and south of
> St. Augustine. The eastern part of the county along the coast is
> becoming crowded, while the western part is rural, mostly wetlands)].
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>
> A new paradigm of EOCs in Florida opened on April 22, with many State
> and local officials present for the ribbon cutting, along with
> representatives of various ESF organizations. The 25,000 square foot
> facility is designed to withstand winds of 185 mph and has the latest
> technology, and ergonomics. The complex is equipped with two back-up
> 400 KW generators.
>
> The role of ARES was discussed by EOC staff with guests touring the
> "War Room." ARES, as a part of ESF 2, was credited with supplying
> communications for the county when other services failed during the
> wildfires of 1998, recent hurricanes and other major events.
>
> The Operations Center is a huge room equipped with four plasma
> screens with LCD projectors. The room is designed to seat 35, and can
> hold up to 60 reps from various ESF entities. Each position is
> equipped with phones and computers.
>
> Surrounding the main hub are conference rooms, a media room, 911
> Center, broadcast center, Emergency Management office, ARES and REACT
> facilities. ARES is good to go: We will conduct monthly meetings in

> the new facility and train for emergencies there. Flagler ARES is
> excited about operating and training from the new EOC.
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> In This Issue:
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> + APRIL ARES REPORTS
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> April 7, Western Tennessee -- ARES was activated for tornadoes. SEC
> Jimmy Floyd, NQ4U, said more than 70 counties were affected. The NWS
> issued more than 130 weather watches and warnings, and reported at
> least 26 tornadoes. Twelve people died. The Middle Tennessee
> Emergency Amateur Radio Society (MTEARS) repeater system carried
> numerous reports of severe weather and damage to many areas of the
> state. The MTEARS UHF system spans most of Tennessee, with Nashville
> as its hub. Both the NWS and the Tennessee Emergency Management
> Agency (TEMA) monitor the system.
>
> Wilson County EC Pete Navarra, K4IWX, said that because of
> information relayed via Amateur Radio, his county was able to
> dispatch three ambulances, two rescue trucks, one fire engine and a
> host of CERT search-and-rescue responders and their mobile command
> post to hard-hit Sumner County. "It was interesting to hear several
> calls from the Metro Nashville Office of Emergency Management,
> Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and other local agencies trying
> to communicate," he said. "Conventional methods of communication did
> not work--even cell phone service in Wilson County had gone out.
> Amateur Radio is needed and it works." -- Rick Lindquist, N1RL, ARRL
> Letter
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> April 13, New Mexico -- A small, 150 acre fire near Mora roared into
> a 10,000 acre blaze overnight. ARES in Santa Fe, Taos, Los Alamos and
> Sandoval Counties were activated. Mike Scales, K5SCA, Gary Surad,
> K5BIQ, Andrew Parker, KC5ZYF, Jay Miller, WA5WHN, and Don Scott,

> N5UJT, all from the Sandoval County ARES, went to assist Mora County
> Red Cross shelters and the New Mexico State Police Mobile Command
> Center. All traffic was handled via voice through the 147.30 MHz Elk
> Mountain Repeater, allowing direct communications with Santa Fe and
> Rio Rancho, or VHF simplex. -- Charlie Christmann, K5CEC, ARRL PIO,
> New Mexico Section
>
> April 13, Iowa City, Iowa -- Tornadoes struck and hams from the Iowa
> City Amateur Radio Club's HamRad group provided communications
> between the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency (JCEMA) EOC
> and Red Cross shelters set up in the area. HamRad is organized to
> work with Johnson County in emergencies.
>
> HamRad teams stayed on the job until the next day, when National
> Guard units could take over command, ensuring that shelter management
> and the EOC could communicate and serve victims.
>
> Rhode Island - SEC Se?n Brennan, KE1AB, <ke1ab@...> was invited
> to speak on behalf of ARES to the RI Emergency Management Agency's
> Emergency Planning Seminar to promote Amateur Radio use in the local
> community EMA for backup communications. The presentation addressed
> ARES abilities and incorporation of the organization into community
> entities.
>
> Alachua County, Florida -- ARES operators provided 120 hours of
> public service communications, supporting the March of Dimes
> WalkAmerica in Gainesville. The event is the largest walk in Florida
> at 8.6 miles and $750,000 was raised. Hams provided logistics
> communications for 14 stations along the walk route, provided mobile
> communications, EMS and law enforcement communications support, and
> ran the net from the Sheriff's Mobile Communications Vehicle. -- Jeff
> Capehart, W4UFL, Alachua County EC
>
> + PERSPECTIVE: KATRINA OPS OBSERVATIONS
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> [On the eve of hurricane season here in Dixie, the following are the
> timely observations of Daisy Crepeau, KT4KW, and Ray Crepeau, K1HG,
> who were deployed to Hancock County, Mississippi following Hurricane
> Katrina, and to Palm Beach County, Florida, in the wake of Hurricane
> Wilma last season. - ed.]
>
> Training: No longer is the ham with an HT adequately able to respond.
> Nor is the ham with mobile equipment or even a radio equipped "jump
> kit." Amateur operators need to be adequately trained. The ARRL ARECC
> courses should be required, period. FEMA training, consisting of
> courses ICS 700, 800, 100, and 200 also should be required. Hams need
> to understand and be able to operate under the Incident Command
> System (ICS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
> Training to operate under extreme stress is needed.
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> We saw a new ham arrive who didn't understand that two-way radio
> communication required releasing the PTT button to hear the other
> party. This individual also needed a crash course in the phonetic
> alphabet. An extreme case perhaps, but such operators were
> liabilities, not assets. Proper training and credentialing would
> prevent this.
>
> Credentialing: FEMA, most state Emergency Management departments, law
> enforcement agencies, and even the Red Cross do not recognize hams
> with a local badge. The ARRL supports the local EC as the point
> person for Amateur Radio emergency operations, but the reality is
> that most disasters are going to encompass more than the local area.
> ARESMAT [ARES Mutual Assistance agreements] is the right idea but few
> ECs have built the necessary relationships with others outside their
> locales.
>
> Resource Typing: We need a system of Amateur Radio "resource types"
> that FEMA (or anyone needing communications support) can request when
> needed. See the work of the World Radio Relay League and their idea
> of "Amateur Radio Communications Teams" (ARCT)
> <http://www.emcomm.org> and <http://www.wrrl.org>. FEMA is in the
> process of specifying "resources." We need to be in that system.
>
> Deployment Tasking: Pre-departure briefings covering assignments,
> duties and responsibilities in the deployed area, and conditions
> there, should be plainly explained and understood. When we went to
> Mississippi we were sent to the wrong place and spent half a day
> finding where we were to go.
>
> Message Handling: Passing messages from point A to point B is the
> primary mission during emergency responses. Hams are the worst at
> relaying messages. Butchering of messages passed to the EOC or to
> action personnel occurred in Mississippi. So, message handling
> training is absolutely necessary: The radiogram format gets the job
> done.
>
> Recognition: The Red Cross is mandated by the federal government to
> manage shelter care and mass feeding of disaster casualties. The ARRL
> has many MOUs with a number of different agencies both federal and
> private. But in the real world they don't mean a thing. The Red Cross
> prefers to use persons who have been through their training
> sequences. FEMA couldn't care less about hams in spite of an MOU. And
> the list goes on and on. The ARRL needs to become recognized as a
> "Non Government Organization" (NGO), which will be called upon. When
> it hits the fan, FEMA will call for Amateur Radio resources to
> establish communication links, and not commercial entities. -- Ray
> Crepeau, K1HG, and Daisy Crepeau, KT4KW
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> + LETTERS: USE "HAM" INSTEAD
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> Re last month's item on "Amateur" as a stigma: We "amateurs" have to
> some degree brought it upon ourselves by using the formal term -
> Amateur - in our dealings with the public and public officials. We
> have a tendency to use the terminology of the FCC and ARRL in
> referring to ourselves in a public setting. When you mention to
> someone that you are an "amateur radio operator," they often don't
> know what you are talking about. But when you tell them you are a
> "ham," they immediately know what you do and have a good impression
> from the many favorable news stories about our work, services and
> rescues. Dropping the regulatory terminology and referring to
> ourselves instead as "hams" will go a long way to avoiding the stigma
> of the word "amateur." -- Rabe Marsh, W3TNU <w3tnu@...>
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> + OPINION: HARDENED 800 MHz SYSTEMS AND AMATEUR REPEATERS
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> [The following is a response from a Palm Beach County, Florida public
> safety official and RACES Radio Officer to our periodic discussion of
> the merits and detractions of 800 MHz trunking systems viz a viz
> amateur and other systems. -- ed.]
>
> A well designed and maintained 800 MHz trunked radio system remained
> on the air while a majority of key amateur repeaters went off the air
> during Hurricane Wilma in South Florida last year.
>
> As the RACES Radio Officer and the Radio System Manager for Palm
> Beach County's Trunked/Simulcast 800 MHz radio system that provides
> interoperable communications for the County Law Enforcement, Fire,
> EMS, EOC/Public Works, and all of the municipalities in the County
> (5000+ users), I'm reporting that all of the Public Safety 800 MHz
> trunked systems in Palm Beach County withstood Wilma flawlessly while
> the majority of amateur repeaters that were club and privately owned
> in both Broward and Palm Beach County went off the air. The repeater
> failures reported to us at the EOC were initially reported as power
> related and later updated to say most took major antenna and/or
> transmission line damage. What we can deduct from this is that a
> majority of amateur repeater owners in this area did not have
> adequate placement, design, and/or maintenance of their machines.
>
> To coach the local amateur repeater owners in Palm Beach that want to
> continue to participate in the County's RACES program, I developed a
> "best practices guide" of what we would like to see implemented. It
> closely resembles the design practices of the five County-maintained
> amateur repeaters that did not sustain any damage. These amateur
> repeaters, like the current trunked system for which I was the County
> project engineer, survived the storm because they used the same
> designs of our other Public Safety communication systems.
>
> In closing, Public Safety trunking radio systems can be reliable.
> After two wild hurricane seasons, we have all learned a lot about how
> our radio systems react at crunch time. As a result, I have installed

> concrete barriers around key generators, added additional automatic
> redundancies, and improved transmission line placement. It's now time
> to consider these types of changes to the Amateur Radio
> infrastructure as well. Comments welcome. -- Mark Filla, KS4VT, Palm
> Beach County 800 MHz System Administrator; Palm Beach County RACES
> Radio Officer; Florida Repeater Council District #2 Director
> <http://www.pbcgov.com/fdo/ESS/800MHz.htm>
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> + EMCOMM HINTS AND KINKS
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> Typically, there is a small blizzard of lists, procedures and
> documents that every ARES team member is supposed to have - and the
> latest version, too. To make syncing-up a little easier to manage,
> the Vashon (Washington) ARES team's "Document Master" maintains a ZIP
> file of all the required stuff on the club server. That way, it can
> all be downloaded at once and kept on a home PC, rather than on a
> server that may not be available in an emergency. Of course, it's
> also available on the server and can be accessed from anywhere when
> needed, too. -- Ward Silver, N0AX
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> Make reduced-size photocopies of your certificates that the Emergency
> Management Institute sends in the mail. By doing this, and putting
> the reduced size copy in laminate, it can be carried in one of those
> neat neck lanyards available from the ARRL. Add a simple plastic ID
> carrier, available at any office or department store, and you have
> what is needed to prove compliance of any number of courses or
> classes. I carry my ARRL orange call sign badge, along with my ARES
> ID card, Red Cross First Aid and CPR cards, and the reduced size FEMA
> certificates IS-100, IS-200, IS-700. With three plastic ID pockets
> and the call sign badge, it makes a neat and professional looking
> arrangement. -- Jerry Palmer, N3KRX, Houston, Delaware
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> + VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME UP 49 CENTS IN 2005
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> Independent Sector <http://www.independentsector.org/>, a Washington,
> D.C.-based coalition of philanthropic organizations dedicated to
> strengthening the nonprofit sector, announced that the value of a
> volunteer hour was $18.04 in 2005, up 49 cents from a year earlier.
> Nationally, IS estimates the total value of hours volunteered in 2004
> was equivalent to approximately $280 billion of contributed services.
> "It is a challenge to place a dollar value on the important work
> volunteers do for millions of charitable organizations and
> communities across the country," said IS president and CEO Diana
> Aviv. "But this number can help put into perspective the enormous
> contributions provided by our nation's volunteers."
> <http://www.independentsector.org/media/20060306_volunteer_time.html>
> Independent Sector Press Release 3/06/06 -- Alan Bosch, KO4ALA, EC,
> Arlington, Viginia
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> + SOUTH CAROLINA ARES GROUP TO ACTIVATE EOC FOR FD

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> Berkeley County, South Carolina, ARES will activate the Berkeley
> County EOC as a Class F Field Day site for the 2006 ARRL Field Day.
> This will be only the second EOC activated in this class for the
> State of South Carolina and the first in the Low country. Berkeley
> ARES enjoys the strong support of the County Council, Office of
> Emergency Preparedness and the Sheriff's Office. All Council members
> and staff, along with county employees are invited to attend this
> event and operate our station. Berkeley ARES will operate HF,
> VHF/UHF, along with an ATV demonstration station. Contacts with other
> Class F stations are invited and will receive a special QSL card. --
> Dennis Zabawa, KG4RUL, Information Officer
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> + IN RE PERSPECTIVE: EMERGENCIES VERSUS DISASTERS
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> Tom Cox, VE6TOX, may be technically correct, but "Emergencies versus
> Disasters" in the last issue is a bit nit-picky. (Semantics,
> semantics, semantics.) If the emergency is your house that is on fire
> or your ship that is sinking, it is a disaster for you!
>
> Sadly, few hams are capable of handling calls for help whether they
> are large or small, an "emergency" or a "disaster." There is no
> guarantee that a distress call from land, sea, or air will be picked
> up by normal "professional" services. As radio amateurs, we should
> always be ready to handle any call for help accurately, efficiently
> and quickly. Several years ago I monitored one call that was botched
> so badly that I finally had to break in: The calling operator had a
> heavy accent, but he knew and was using ITU phonetics. The U.S.
> operator who was attempting to assist did not know ITU phonetics. If
> I hadn't stepped in, the victims would probably still be waiting for
> help.
>
> Remaining alert and knowing proper radio operating procedure is
> important. Maintaining a level of readiness includes keeping a "ready
> book" that contains key emergency telephone numbers for your local
> agencies plus your nearest Coast Guard station and USAF Rescue
> Coordination Center. (Calls normally should originate with a local or
> state SAR Coordinator.)
>
> A skilled operator will listen carefully, determine the nature of the
> emergency, the number of persons affected, the exact location or
> position, and write down everything immediately. Remain in contact
> with the calling party if possible, and notify authorities. If the
> calling station is low on power, maintain a radio watch, and inform
> them that you are monitoring. Make a schedule to contact them if
> appropriate. All other stations on frequency should monitor, and
> stand by for relaying duty if needed. Stations should not break in
> and offer to help unless absolutely necessary or additional
> assistance is requested. -- D. W. Thorne, K6SOJ, Sacramento Valley
> (California) SEC, Editor-Publisher EMCOMM MONTHLY

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> + NEAR REAL TIME ALERT RESOURCE
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> A great link that I find useful here is the Emergency and Information
> Service Website:
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> <http://visz.rsoe.hu/alertmap/usa_alert.php?lang=eng>
>
> It has near real time alerts for fires, NOAA weather events,
> Geological updates, Avian Flu, Mumps, et cetera. -- Les Rayburn,
> N1LF, National Communications System-NCS047, ARES-SHARES-SKYWARN ARRL
> EmComm Level 3 Certified Official Emergency Station
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> + AMATEUR RADIO AT THE 2006 NATIONAL HURRICANE CONFERENCE
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> Amateur Radio was featured at the annual National Hurricane
> Conference in Orlando, Florida. On Tuesday, April 11,
> representatives from ARRL Headquarters and the ARRL Field
> Organization helped sponsor a training session to discuss lesson
> learned from the 2005 hurricane season. Nearly 80 persons attended
> the afternoon session.
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> Gary Sessums, KC5QCN, RACES Radio Officer; ARES EC, Hillsborough
> County, Florida, started the presentations with an in-depth
> discussion and slide show of his ARES team's deployment experiences
> to the Gulf Coast of Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. Later
> in the session, Rick Muething, KN6KB, and Bud Thompson, N0IA, gave a
> talk on Winlink 2000 and discussed how this system is presently
> working. Questions and answers were entertained.
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> Other attendees also had a chance to talk about their experiences
> during this last hurricane season. During the "open forum" portion
> of the session, attendees discussed issues surrounding their work
> with served agencies and emergency communication training. -- Steve
> Ewald, WV1X, ARRL Headquarters.
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> + 2006 FLORIDA GOVERNOR'S HURRICANE CONFERENCE
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> The 20th Annual Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference was held May
> 8 through May 12, 2006 at Fort Lauderdale. A Radio Amateur Civil
> Emergency Service (RACES) training session was held May 10. This
> session is designed to provide emergency management personnel with an
> overview of the myriad of volunteer, local, state and federal
> backup/auxiliary communications systems available during disaster
> response and recovery.
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> For more information about the Florida Governor's Hurricane
> Conference,
> please visit <http://www.flghc.org> -- Gary Sessums, KC5QCN, RACES
> Radio Officer; ARES EC, Hillsborough County, Florida

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> + 2006 ARES E-LETTER TITLEIST SELECTED
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> "How about asking for something more useful next time? What purpose
> is served by showing off the number of titles you can attach after
> your name? Asking who has the most titles is almost as bad as asking
> who has the most antennas on his car or the most HTs on his belt.
> Give me the guys with the practical experience and those willing to
> learn; you can have all the ones that reply with the long lists of
> titles and absolutely no idea how or where to implement what should
> have come with those titles (and most likely didn't!)." -- Don Moore,
> KM0R, Missouri SEC
>
> [A few others felt similarly, but by and large, readers enjoyed
> sending in their entries for a little fun. Here is a sampling of some
> of my favorites, followed by the (drum roll please) 2006 ARES
> E-Letter Titleist. - K1CE]
>
> "My name is Dave Cline, KB9ZMF, and I currently have a Technician
> license. Also I completed my [ARECC] Level 1 course last month. I
> know that's not much, but I'm trying."
>
> "Emergency Coordinator for Union Parish, Louisiana; Official
> Emergency Station (OES); ARES Member; SKYWARN trained, all three
> levels; Mentor, ARECC Courses; IS-700, IS-100, IS-0037; American Red
> Cross certified in: Introduction to Disaster Services, Shelter
> Operations, Shelter Simulations, Mass Care, Damage Assessment; and
> Control Operator (and owner) of the Union Parish ARES repeater
> 145.230 MHz." - 73, Mack, KA5JNL <ka5jnl2@...>
>
> "IS 001-Emergency Program Manager, IS 002-Emergency Preparedness,
> USA, IS 003-Radiological Emergency Management, IS 005A-An
> Introduction to Hazardous Materials, IS 007-A Citizen's Guide to
> Disaster Assistance, IS 015-Special Events Contingency Planning, IS
> 022-Are You Ready?, IS 100-Introduction to the Incident Command
> System, IS 120-An Orientation to Community Disaster Exercises, IS
> 139-Exercise Design, IS 195-Basic Incident Command System, IS 200-ICS
> for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, IS 208-State
> Disaster Management, IS 230-Principles of Emergency Management, IS
> 244-Developing and Managing Volunteers, IS 275-Role of the Emergency
> Operations Center, IS 288-Role of Voluntary Agencies in Emergency
> Management, IS 292-Disaster Basics, IS 317-Introduction to Community
> Emergency Response Team, IS 700-National Incident Management System,
> IS 800-National Response Plan (NRP), an Introduction" -- 73, Jerry
> Palmer, N3KRX <n3krx@...>
>
> "IS-100, 200, and 700; Red Cross First Aid, BLS for Healthcare
> including CPR/AED, First Responder; all ARRL ARECC Levels. And I have
> been a Ham for over 45 years. - 73, Nick, K1NGJ
>

> [Insert very long list of titles and accomplishments here. - ed.] "In
> looking this over, I think I had better re-balance my life a bit
> more." -- 73, Dick, N3DV
>
> "You want titles. Ok, here they come: Section Emergency Coordinator,
> Northern Florida; Assistant Section Manager; Official Emergency
> Station; DEC, Suwannee District (former); DEC, Crown District
> (former); EC, Clay County (former); AEC, Clay County (former);
> Section Traffic Manager, Northern Florida (former); and Affiliated
> Club Coordinator, Northern Florida (former). Some day, I'll wear all
> my different appointment badges to a hamfest!" - 73, Joe Bushel,
> W2DWR
>
> And now, the envelope please:
>
> The Selection Panel (of one) has chosen co-winners this year: One is
> Kentucky Section Manager John Meyers, NB4K, for not only his
> considerable list, but for the fact that the job of Section Manager
> is the most difficult in the Field Organization. The SM's role is
> largely unheralded, thankless, and involves making important
> decisions for what is best, which often are incompatible with
> popularity and political expediency. Congratulations to John on being
> named a 2006 ARES E-Letter Titleist, right up there with the prestige
> of a Kentucky Colonel. Here is John's balanced and fine entry:
>
> "Here is a list of my titles for which I have a certificate for each.
>
> IS-001, IS-002, IS-003, IS-005, IS-007, IS-008, IS-010, IS -011,
> IS-15, IS-022, IS-55, IS-100, IS-100PW, IS-100FW, IS-100LE, IS-111,
> IS-120, IS-139, IS-195, IS-200, IS-200FW, IS-208, IS-230, IS-235,
> IS-240, IS-242, IS-241, IS-244, IS-275, IS-288, IS-292, IS-301,
> IS-302, IS-317, IS -331, IS-346, IS-362, IS-386, IS-393, IS-394,
> IS-700, IS-800; Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KDEM)
> Basic Emergency Operations Center; Donations Management Public
> Information Officer; Radiological Emergency Management; Assessment 1;
> Heartsaver AED; ARRL-001, ARRL-002, ARRL-003; KY ARES 1, KY ARES 2,
> KY ARES NC; FEMA Professional Development Series Certificate; Basic
> and Advanced SKYWARN weather spotter; Red Cross Damage Assessment;
> Emergency Management Assistance Training (EMAC)" -- 73, John D.
> Meyers, NB4K, Kentucky Section Manager, Kentucky District 7 Amateur
> Radio Emergency Team Chairman
>
> William Grimsbo, N0PNP, sent in the following fine entry, which to
> the Selection Panel, represents a well-balanced portfolio of
> emcomm-related titles. He is this year's co-winner! Congratulations,
> William.
>
> "* ARECC Level 1,2,3; ARECC Examiner; Community Emergency Response
> Team (CERT) Coordinator for St. Charles County; CERT Instructor; FEMA
> Professional Development Series IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, Is-800; Vice

> President, Missouri Repeater Council; Assistant Emergency
> Coordinator, St. Charles County ARES; former EC, St. Charles County
> ARES; President, Emergency Communications Association (ECA) of St.
> Charles County; Volunteer Manager for St. Charles County Division of
> Emergency Management; Communications Specialist, St. Charles County
> Search Rescue and Recovery; SKYWARN Advanced Weather Spotter. Plus, I
> work full time as a Technical Lead Engineer for a major aerospace
> company. Enough to keep me busy." -- William Grimsbo, N0PNP
>
> + K1CE FOR A FINAL
>
> I was struck by the discussion of the hardening of amateur repeater
> and 800 MHz trunking (public safety) systems in hurricane and other
> situations. I'm sure this isn't a novel idea, but it seems the
> ultimate solution may simply be to eliminate hardware on the ground
> and instead use hardware in the sky. Satellite systems have little or
> no infrastructure on the ground to be taken out by storms. For $12.95
> a month for satellite service, I get 150 channels of digital
> programming beamed into my little ole pick-up truck with a tiny
> receiver and a mag-mounted antenna the size of a half-dollar on the
> roof. Admittedly, economies of scale are at play here, but something
> is wrong with this picture. Shouldn't we as radio amateurs be looking
> upwards at our own satellites as platforms for provision of
> "hardened" emergency communication services to public safety?
>
> See you next month!
>
> ==
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716. Safety first

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-17 12:47:31 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 716 Message: 716

Sad news about an Oregon ham.

http://www.redding.com/redd/nw_local/article/0,2232,REDD_17533_4701995,00.html

I have never been a big fan of tower climbing. After reading the article, I found the value of bucket trucks and cranes has increased drastically. If I can't afford one or the other, I can't afford a tower. That is just the way it's gonna be for this ham.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

717. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Safety first

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-17 13:04:58 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 716 Message: 717

Yes, tower work is dangerous. It seemed that W7IX was doing everything right. Right up the point where the antenna slipped from his control. Scary.

This story is also featured on the ARRL www site. Terrible news and a real sad story.

This summer I expect to construct a tower. It will be far shorter and I'll use a bucket truck to put on the antenna. Gosh this is dangerous stuff.

I climbed the six meter's antenna tower at the clubhouse. That was to reattach the G5RV ladder line stand offs. And the ones I "fixed" were not all the way up. Scary, and exhilarating simultaneously.

I'm with Mark and think a crane or other independent assistance is in order.

Bill, AB8SC

718. Flyer for HIAD June 10th, sorry wrong flyer on the previous email!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-17 17:19:40 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 718 Message: 718

Please, pass this along to anyone interested

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719. The Cover of the QST - courtesy of K8MHZ

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-17 19:51:22 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 719 Message: 719

Hey, Mark, K8MHZ:

As has been recently mentioned, I'd like to add my kudos to you for the photograph containing the MAARC's callsign, W8ZHO,which was included in the Field Day collage of the recent QST magazine cover. I'm hopeful that someone will frame that cover for placement on the MAARC clubhouse wall. Nice job, dude. 250,000+ circulation magazine! You should be very proud.

73,
Linda, AB8QH

720. Re: [WestMichiganHams] The Cover of the QST - courtesy of K8MHZ

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-17 21:46:03 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 719 Message: 720

Thanks Linda,

Yeah, getting 'published' is always a thrill for a photographer. The picture means alot to me. Koley was next to me when I took it, I was exactly where I wanted to be at the time and the weather was great! It has been my desktop photo since I took it. I think that if any picture is worth 1000 words, it is that one.

My plans are to scan the cover and have Tom W8AMZ print it out on Epson Luster E paper. I have some frames around here to put it in and Tom and I want to present it to the club. I would be very honored to have the cover adorn the clubhouse, maybe for years to come.

Kind of a neat coincedence, right now I am working on getting some welders running for a company called Security Steelcraft. It is now owned by Stan Horness. Stan is the son of Warren Horness, founder of Security Steelcraft and past president of the MAARC. I could not resist the temptation to show Stan the cover. He said his dad would have been proud.

I came, I saw, I clicked. The picture will be seen by the multitudes. I have gotten congrats from as far away as Hawaii where they are using another of my creations, break tags.

Life's simple pleasures are the best and ham radio is the greatest!

Thanks again and perhaps I will make it to the 'fry.

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: "Linda Rosenthal" <linda_rosenthal@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2006 3:51 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] The Cover of the QST - courtesy of K8MHZ

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721. Help for Girls on the Run ...need a couple more

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-18 11:29:22 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 721 Message: 721

Hello Everyone.... We could use about 6 to 8 more hams to help out with Girls on the run this Saturday... this event will be a short one that will be over by noon .. we are meeting at the Grand Haven Public Safety parking lot and will go out to the route from there .... If you can help please drop me a email if you can or meet us at the parking lot .... 73 Thanks for all your help on these events Don Meyer

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

722. Looking for a projector

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-18 11:36:55 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 722 Message: 722

Hello Everyone ... This is not ham related but if you don't ask you don't know ... This Sat my family is having a 85th supprise party for my dad at the community center in Grand Haven and we put togather a powerpoint presentation but the projecter we had lined up to use is not going to be avalible and I wondered if one of you had one we could use on Sat afternoon for about 4 hours ... I can be contacted at 616-846-7307 or my email kb8odb@... ... Thanks and 73 Don Meyer

724. a note for Mark (K8MHZ)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-18 22:48:14 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 724 Message: 724

Mark:

This is Tom Behler: KB8TYJ. I am the EC/RO for Mecosta County Michigan, and I'm one of the guys that was talking with you and Jean (KC8WSE) earlier today about the problems she's having with her HF rig, particularly on 20 meter SSB.

First of all, I want to say that, as a blind ham myself, I really appreciate all that you and the Muskegon club have been doing for Jean. It does the heart good when we hear of supportive situations and encouragement such as that which you are providing.

If you ever want to discuss anything with me about Jean's situation, and how we can help her, feel free to e-mail me at my private e-mail:

kb8tyj@...

One thing that you might check on is how Jean is using the auto-tuner on the rig. Most auto-tuners that I'm familiar with, especially those internal to the rig, give an audible beep when tuning, and you can tell by the length of the beep whether tuning has been successful or not. I told her to be sure she pushes down the "tune" button long enough to engage the tuner first.

This may all be a shot in the dark, and I think your hunches about SWR issues are probably closer to the problem, but I thought it would be worth a try. I just have to believe that the G5RV should have no trouble tuning on 20 meters, since that's the band it was originally designed for.

Anyway, thanks for helping Jean out, and please ask if you think I can be of any assistance with anything.

Also, thanks to the folks on this list for putting up with the rather personal nature of this message.

Vy best 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

725. BIG Club Meeting June 1

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-19 00:12:18 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 722 Message: 725

All:

The Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council requests that you and a guest visit our upcoming meeting on the occasion of a visit from a prominent ARRL Board of Directors member, Jim Weaver, K8JE. We are encouraging ALL hams and their friends to totally PACK the clubhouse on this occasion. We will have fun, lots of stale donuts, fresh coffee, soft drinks, fun, and lots and lots of local "talent." That "talent" includes YOU!

Please stop by for this MAJOR meeting and fun occasion to talk radio and hear what is happening in our hobby on a national and local level. This will be the DON'T miss meeting of the year! At totally radical and awesome fun time for all, I promise! Be there and prove me wrong.

Please take a moment and CALL someone, another ham, friend, Elmer, or whatever and invite them for the fun. Do it today so they have lots and lots of time to work on their lame excuse for missing this GREAT meeting.

No pressure, just GREAT fun.

Bill, AB8SC
Pres of radio club

726. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Need someone to help me test my 6m rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-19 16:06:14 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 703 Message: 726

Joe,

I can reach 50mhz with those modes here in GH on my long-wire
(horizontal) if you want. It is not ideal for me but workable...?

Skip

On Mon, 2006-05-15 at 14:52 -0400, Joe Veldhuis wrote:

> Well, during yesterday's excellent 6 meter opening, I found that there
> may be something wrong with my rig. I was unable to make any contacts
> (distant or local), and after about 30 minutes, found that the rig had
> gotten too hot to touch, which doesn't seem like it should be the case
> given the fact that the antenna is a good match. I want to know if it's
> putting out any signal at all, and if so, if it's intelligible or not.
>
> So, to that end, I need someone with a 6 meter rig and a (preferably
> vertically polarized) antenna to arrange an on-air test. I would like to
> test FM, SSB, CW and digital but if all you have is a handheld scanner
> that only does FM, I guess that will be good enough. If anyone has some
> test equipment suitable for 6 meters and could give it a bench test,
> that would be even better.
>
> Basically, if it turns out I have to ship the thing out for repairs, I
> want to be able to tell them exactly what the problem is, rather than
> just saying "it doesn't seem to get out on 6." So, anyone up to it?
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> -Joe, KD8ATU
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de Skip k8rra k

727. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Need someone to help me test my 6m rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-19 22:35:27 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 703 Message: 727

Thanks, but a few days ago I tested it out and determined the problem:
the SWR on my antenna was extremely high, causing the rig to shut itself
down. I have since put up a new antenna (a J-pole to be specific).
However, I need an antenna analyzer capable of 6 meters to tune it.
Anyone have one?

-Joe, KD8ATU

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728. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Need someone to help me test my 6m rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 00:14:20 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 703 Message: 728

What did we do before antenna analyzers?

ps i can run 6m fm mobile

jsr

Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote:
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729. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Need someone to help me test my 6m rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 01:09:33 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 703 Message: 729

"What did we do before antenna analyzers?"

Smoke signals?
----- Original Message -----
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2006 8:14 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Need someone to help me test my 6m rig

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730. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Help for Girls on the Run ...need a couple more

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 01:23:59 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 721 Message: 730

I've responded to Don by email on behalf of my wife, Jeanette KD8CHS, whose email is not working but is intending to show up tomorrow. I've not received a reply.

What frequency is to be used, and where precisely is the GH Dept. of Public Safety, please?

Alan NV8A

On 05/18/06 07:29 am Don Meyer wrote:

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731. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Need someone to help me test my 6m rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 01:49:23 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 703 Message: 731

As forms of communication:
Smoke signals (whiteman army come in pass) like bell tower lights (one
of by land - two if by sea) were limited to less than the whole
alphabet...
But they got the message across.
Semaphore flags helped that but were really useless in fog or smoke.
Transmitters communicated to the owner with really bad smells when they
could not shut them selves down, followed later by a really big invoice.

Hopefully the analyzer will talk to Joe and help find an open or shorted
match...

On Fri, 2006-05-19 at 21:09 -0400, K8MHZ wrote:
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 02:20:46 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 721 Message: 732

Hello Alan ..we need all the help we can get and we will be on the 145.49 repeater and the GHPS is on the corner of 6th and Columbus ... see you in the morning ..73 Don

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Yahoo! Groups Links

733. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Need someone to help me test my 6m rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 04:34:00 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 703 Message: 733

Joe,

An analyzer works very nicely, but you can adjust your antenna with an swr meter. It takes a little more trial and error, but gets the job done.

Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote:
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734. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Help for Girls on the Run ...need a couple more

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 10:36:43 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 721 Message: 734

We already have both of you on our list. Sorry about not responding. If you get lost, you can get directions on the repeater. Columbus is one way, so you may want to use Washington to get far enough into town before turning North to get to Columbus.

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: "Alan NV8A" <nv8a@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2006 9:23 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Help for Girls on the Run ...need a couple more

I've responded to Don by email on behalf of my wife, Jeanette KD8CHS, whose email is not working but is intending to show up tomorrow. I've not received a reply.

What frequency is to be used, and where precisely is the GH Dept. of Public Safety, please?

Alan NV8A

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735. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Need someone to help me test my 6m rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 10:38:19 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 703 Message: 735

So "If By Sea" would have a high Standing Wave Ratio? (High SWR makes George fall in the water).
----- Original Message -----
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2006 9:49 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Need someone to help me test my 6m rig

As forms of communication:
Smoke signals (whiteman army come in pass) like bell tower lights (one of by land - two if by sea) were limited to less than the whole alphabet...
But they got the message across.
Semaphore flags helped that but were really useless in fog or smoke.
Transmitters communicated to the owner with really bad smells when they could not shut them selves down, followed later by a really big invoice.

Hopefully the analyzer will talk to Joe and help find an open or shorted match...

On Fri, 2006-05-19 at 21:09 -0400, K8MHZ wrote:
"What did we do before antenna analyzers?"

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jsr

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736. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Need someone to help me test my 6m rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 14:30:26 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 703 Message: 736

I guess that is one way of saying "he's all wet"...

On Sat, 2006-05-20 at 06:38 -0400, Andrew Young wrote:

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> So "If By Sea" would have a high Standing Wave Ratio? (High SWR makes
> George fall in the water).
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> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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737. Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 17:21:33 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 436 Message: 737

Thanks to all who volunteered for Girls on the Run today.

It went well. Nice job.

Andrew

738. QRZ mystery revealed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 17:06:26 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 738 Message: 738

Well folks, now I know why I don't remember sending QRZ the pic I took of the W8ZHO MCV.

It seems that about a year ago the picture was sent in by Jon AB8RD. I have to thank him on a couple different levels. First, thanks for doing it. What a thrill to see my work on the cover of QRZ, the Rolling Stone of ham radio operation. But secondly I would like to say thanks for appreciating the picture which to me sums up what makes us say 'life is good'.

With the blue sky as a backdrop the breeze said 'cheese' and positioned the flag just perfectly. Getting the flag, the MCV and the W8ZHO in the same shot, positioned just right....and the weather co-operating at the same time was pretty lucky.

Thanks, Jon, for liking the picture enough to share it with so many people.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

739. Antennas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 21:45:28 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 739 Message: 739

What does anyone know about fractal antennas?

Do a search, it's fascinating.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

740. Re: [WestMichiganHams] QRZ mystery revealed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 23:54:23 UTC
From: jfischer@azulstar.com
Topic: 738 Message: 740

>Mark was'nt that QST not QRZ 73 thanks for your help today KC8UNY

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> W8ZHO MCV.
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741. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 23:58:12 UTC
From: jfischer@azulstar.com
Topic: 436 Message: 741

> andrew i have what was left of the shirts from the run in my truck. 73 kc8uny
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> Thanks to all who volunteered for Girls on the Run today.
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> It went well. Nice job.
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742. Re: [WestMichiganHams] QRZ mystery revealed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-20 23:29:52 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 738 Message: 742

Mark,

I believe you really meant QST.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2006 13:06
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] QRZ mystery revealed

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743. Re: [WestMichiganHams] QRZ mystery revealed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-21 12:19:54 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 738 Message: 743

Yer Welcome. We're going to have to try that again sometime. :-)
Jon AB8RD

K8MHZ <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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744. Re: [WestMichiganHams] QRZ mystery revealed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-21 13:17:10 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 738 Message: 744

Yes you and John are correct.

Maybe I hear QRZ so much that it got stuck in my head!

----- Original Message -----
From: Dennis Harriss
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2006 7:29 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] QRZ mystery revealed

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745. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Antennas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-22 01:16:14 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 739 Message: 745

Fascinating, but where can I buy one for 70cm-160m?
----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2006 5:45 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Antennas

What does anyone know about fractal antennas?

Do a search, it's fascinating.

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746. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Antennas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-22 09:33:59 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 739 Message: 746

I am trying to get plans to homebrew a fractal or two.

Stay tuned.
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2006 9:16 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Antennas

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747. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Antennas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-22 22:38:41 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 739 Message: 747

I guess that explains why a Log-Periodic TV antenna works for 440, 144, and 50 MHz.
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748. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Antennas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-23 00:42:37 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 739 Message: 748

Actually, the log P is a form of a fractal antenna. I am interested in geometric fractals. I am trying to get some input from N1IR as he knows just a teensy weensy bit about them.

mhz
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2006 6:38 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Antennas

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749. Help needed for this weekend events

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-23 02:25:11 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 749 Message: 749

Hello Everyone ? I want to thank the hams that came out to help with the Girls on the Run Event this past Saturday .. Everything went great and we had a good time helping them.
This coming Saturday we have the YMCA Kick of to Summer Snug Harbor Run which is a 5K run and a fun run. The 5K starts at 8:30 and will be over bye 10:00. The fun run will start a little later then the 5K but should be over by 10:00 also.
We will be meeting in the Grand Haven Public Safety lot by 7:45 and use the 145.49 repeater to communicate on. If you can help please send me a email @ kb8odb@... or call me at 616-846-7307 and leave a message ? As I get a lot of emails and have to make the maps and get the planning done I may not be able to reply back to you so If I see a email that you have volunteered I will count you in.
??.73 Don Meyer

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

750. Help needed for this weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-23 02:28:36 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 750 Message: 750

Hello Everyone ? Also I need help for Monday for the Spring Lake Memorial Day Parade we will meet at Spring Lake EOC at 9:15 and the so we can be in place by 10:15 to close off the roads ? for this we will be directing traffic on some of the corners so if you can help please send me a email @ kb8odb@... or call me at 616-846-7307 and leave a message ?73 Don Meyer

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751. Someone from MCARES

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-23 02:34:29 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 751 Message: 751

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752. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Someone from MCARES

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-23 03:07:57 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 751 Message: 752

Done.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: Don Meyer
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2006 22:34
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Someone from MCARES

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753. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MS-150 Bike Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-23 04:32:24 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 674 Message: 753

Hey Denny, how about putting this one on the MCARES reflector for me?

Thanks, 73

John WB9JSR

"John Wehmer (WB9JSR)" <johnwehm@...> wrote:

We need HELP for the MS-150 Bike Run on June 10th and 11th. Saturday we will start at Byron Center High School and end at Hope College in Holland meandering mostly through Allegan County. Sunday will go from Hope back to Byron Center HS meandering mostly through Ottawa County.

Note that each day is a long one. We will meat in Byron Center at 6am and be done mid to late afternoon.

Please contact me if you can help and let me know if you can do Saturday, Sunday or both.

Thanks and 73

John Wehmer WB9JSR wb9jsr@...

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754. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MS-150 Bike Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-23 11:55:29 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 674 Message: 754

John,

Done with one minor correction. (typo)

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2006 0:32
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] MS-150 Bike Run

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755. Packet Exercise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-24 03:35:31 UTC
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
Topic: 755 Message: 755

All,
What: Packet training exercise
Date: Wednesday May 24 2006
Time: 7PM

This is notice that the packet exercise instructions have been posted in the n8yjt-1 mail box on 145.070.

Tom, N8YJT

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Netscape. Just the Net You Need.

756. eham

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-25 01:12:09 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 756 Message: 756

Anyone else having problems accessing www.eham.net?

I have been getting 404'd since yesterday.

Mark K8MHZ

757. Re: [WestMichiganHams] eham

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-25 01:13:51 UTC
From: Tom
Topic: 756 Message: 757

Yep, Looks like they didn't pay the hosting bill.
----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 9:12 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] eham

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758. Fw: [emwin-users] GOES-N Launch

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-25 02:29:14 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 758 Message: 758

For those interested in weather. Skywarn and otherwise.

This is the newest Weather Satellite.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: jeff_silberberg
To: emwin-users@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 22:17
Subject: [emwin-users] GOES-N Launch

The GOES-N satellite and the second stage of its Delta 4 launch
vehicle are in a long coast phase after a (5/24/2006) 6:11 p.m. launch
from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

http://www.floridatoday.com/floridatoday/blogs/spaceteam/

To unsubscribe, send a message with UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject to
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759. Fw: FRUPAC: news from the industry

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-25 02:40:42 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 759 Message: 759

There is a small article at the end of this one about MIT creating a database with a capacity exceeding 1 petabyte.

Both interesting.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: "Bill Hickey" <wahickey@...>
To: <frupac@...>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 22:16
Subject: FRUPAC: news from the industry

> Picked up the following items which might have more than a "passing" interest by
> some of us.
>
> ULTRA-LOW-POWER CELL PHONES
> A radical approach to making the electronics in cell phones could cut the power
> consumption of cell phones anywhere from 10 to 100 times, while also
> dramatically reducing their size and cost.
>
> The mobile phone of tomorrow faces competing demands: the need for more and more
> sophisticated ways of dividing up available bandwidth and the need to
> accommodate ever-more power-hungry processing. A research scientist at
> Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories in Cambridge, MA, and research
> associate at MIT, says the solution may come from an unexpected approach:
> replacing the combination of analog and digital circuitry used today with what
> he calls "analog logic." The researcher believes a cell phone using this
> technology could be completed in five years.
>
> These programmable analog devices can replace both the traditional analog and
> digital components, saving power by avoiding the conversion between analog and
> digital, which wastes space and power. The new components can also replace old
> analog components, such as oscillators, with analog components that can be
> programmed. The result would be radios that can produce more complex signals
> that can be changed "on the fly," making it possible for many more callers to
> use the same bandwidth without the signals interfering with each other, as

well
> as making it possible to optimize power savings for different
environments.
>
> What we can do now is make the radio programmable all the way to the
antenna.
> You can imagine much better system-wide optimization given this
flexibility at
> the physical layer. It could lead to future phones that use a fraction of
the
> power of today's models, while enabling much greater use of available
bandwidth.
>
> (From Technology Review, 16MAY06)
>
> STORAGE
> The Media Lab at MIT is developing what the university claims is one of
the
> world's largest data storage arrays. The storage array is being
constructed for
> the Media Lab's ambitious Human Speechome Project. The array will be used
to
> collect and analyze video and audio data for a research project designed
to
> better understand early childhood cognitive development. In a break with
> large-scale storage architectures, the array is being constructed based on
> Zetera Corps.'s Z-SAN technology. When fully built out, the Human
Speechome
> Project computing infrastructure is expected to be composed of more than
3,000
> Seagate SATA drives, more than 300 Hammer Z-Rack storage enclosures, more
than
> 100 Marvell-based 10G/GbE switches, and about 400 blade processors.
> High-performance storage I/O anticipates the processing of 700 terabytes
of data
> during each 12-hour overnight analytical run. By mid-2008, the
information will
> have been assembled into a database exceeding one petabyte in total
capacity.
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> (From EE Times 15MAY06)
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760. eHam hacked again?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-25 11:32:33 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 760 Message: 760

From the ARRL in 1999:

eHam.net is hacked: The new eHam.net Amateur Radio site (http://www.eham.net) reports that it was the victim of hackers the weekend of September 10-12. eHam.net's Bill Fisher, W4AN, says hackers apparently from Southeast Asia were using the eHam.net server in an effort to break into government agency sites in the US. As a result, eHam.net began receiving phone calls from the US Defense Department, NASA, and other government agencies on September 10. "A quick look at our server revealed that we had indeed been hacked and that someone was running a process on our machine that was trying to gain information about computers in a lot of different government and university computer systems," Fisher said. He said eHam.net removed the program and attempted to close loopholes, but September 11, the intruders deleted all of the files on the eHam.net system. eHam.net says it has beefed up security, and expects no further problems.--eHam.net

761. Help needed for this weekend events

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-25 11:32:26 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 749 Message: 761

Hello Everyone .... We are still looking for help for this weekend events. Both will only last the morning and are short events. If you can help please call me or send me a email at kb8odb@... or phone 616-846-7307

Events at:
This Saturday
YMCA Kick Off to summer 5k Run in Grand Haven Meet at GHPS parking lot
@ 7:30am

This Monday
Spring Lake Parade in Spring Lake Meet at Sping Lake EOC @ 9:15

Please come out and help .... Thanks and 73 Don

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762. RE: [WestMichiganHams] eHam hacked again?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-25 11:52:54 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 760 Message: 762

I tried contesting.com and got a similar error message as the one revealed when trying to access eham. The two sites are closely related. Do they share a server?

Bill, AB8SC

763. RE: [WestMichiganHams] eHam hacked again?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-25 12:07:39 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 760 Message: 763

They have the same technical contact of Dave Pascoe. I am not sure if they are on the same server but it looks like they are associated with each other.

Tim

KC8MSE

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bill Fries
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2006 7:53 AM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] eHam hacked again?

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/gads?t=ms&k=Craft+hobby&w1=Craft+hobby&w2=Hobby+and+craft+supply&w3=Ham+radio&c=3&s=60&.sig=YqiuyVwjnQFdynnsmMwVWg>

Hobby and craft supply
<http://groups.yahoo.com/gads?t=ms&k=Hobby+and+craft+supply&w1=Craft+hobby&w2=Hobby+and+craft+supply&w3=Ham+radio&c=3&s=60&.sig=VduRJqNqUo9QkUiTI-knAA>

Ham radio
<http://groups.yahoo.com/gads?t=ms&k=Ham+radio&w1=Craft+hobby&w2=Hobby+and+craft+supply&w3=Ham+radio&c=3&s=60&.sig=sl_TRqZTiP_WHSLe6P3ybA>

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764. Re: [WestMichiganHams] eHam hacked again?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-25 12:46:28 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 760 Message: 764

Both sites are still there. At least they can be pinged this morning. Last night I tried to ping eham and it did not respond.

Both contesting.com and eham.net have an IP of 69.36.242.130. Still get 404'd when trying the IP.

For those that want to try pinging these or any other site using Microsoft OSs.

Click on Start.
Click on Run.
Type in "cmd" (without the quotes)
Type in "ping eham.net" (without the quotes) www is not required. Substitute the website you want for eham.net.

The ping will return the IP, for eham.net 69.36.242.130, of the website and either a no response or the amount of time in Milliseconds that it takes for the ping to make a round trip.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2006 7:52
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] eHam hacked again?

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765. Big Meeting, High Gas Prices, help?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-26 13:40:23 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 760 Message: 765

All:

The next radio club meeting is expected to be HUGE and FUN. But gas prices are through the roof! What can we do?

Car Pool.

Yes, the simple act of taking a bus load of hams to the club meeting will relieve the individual pressure at the gas pump for all the occupants. Also this will relieve the parking pressure at the tiny clubhouse property. Can we get the Muskegon Trolley to make a special run? Imagine. Hey, a wonderful idea.

So call a car load of friends and share the fun of attending the club meeting in the company of the finest individuals in our area. They will appreciate the fact that you took some time to invite, encourage, and enjoy their company.

Jim Weaver, K8JE is our speaker. We will learn tons on the subject of the ARRL and your piece of the huge puzzle. Bring your questions and comments. He takes notes and things later happen and often times the changes trace their roots to your comment. You can make a difference. Am I wrong?

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there! Now, I wonder just how many hams can sit on that tree when we hold the meeting outside . . . ?

766. Fw: Ham in a Day June 10th, still a few more seats!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-26 21:53:55 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 766 Message: 766

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----- Original Message -----
From: <jeffnawrot@...>
To: <kc-arpsc@...>
Cc: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 4:53 PM
Subject: Ham in a Day June 10th, still a few more seats!

> Ham in a day!
>
> Get your Amateur Radio License in just one day!
>
> Sponsored by the:
>
> Kent County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service
>
> No Techno-Babble needed, this class is for anyone who wants their
> amateur radio license
>
> Date: Saturday June 10th 2006
>
> Cost: 30.00 Includes the 14.00 FCC license Fee
>
> Location: Red Cross 1050 Fuller Ave NE
>
> Pre-Registration is required to reserve a spot in the class
>
> Time: 8:00 AM ? 5:00 PM
>
> To Pre-Register Email jeffnawrot@... or call 616-889-7101
>
> Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult!
>
> Bring either drivers license or 2 pieces of identification
>
> Coffee and Treats will be provided! Dress comfortably!
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767. Hamgate status

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-26 23:56:50 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 767 Message: 767

At the moment a Grand Haven hamgate seems stable - and is up when I'm not chatting.

K8RRA offers a prototype hamgate on 145.070 much of the time.
AX.25 packet with a digipeater on K8RRA, a BBS on K8RRA-1, are tested and wortking.
The digi alias GHWEST is not reliable yet, we are troubleshooting the alias.
Telnet services to Internet on K8RRA-1, and NET/ROM on K8RRA-2 are working.
WB8I is the only neighbor found at the moment so net/rom is a bit hobbled however.

At this time I'm looking for a 2-meter antenna in order to make the rig into 24/7 operation.
My objective is to mount equipment at the base of my tower and top-mount the antenna.

If anyone runs into trouble using this gate, please email me at k8rra@... with the news.

73
de Skip k8rra k

768. tune up?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-29 15:23:49 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 768 Message: 768

When I was a press photographer we would send the cameras in for
a "tune up" every now and then.Is there a "tune up"for a rig that seems
to be working fine?I have a Ht circa 1970-1975.

73 KD8CBJ

769. Re: [WestMichiganHams] tune up?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-29 16:37:45 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 768 Message: 769

Absolutely. You can always send it (them) into a repair center, either certified by the manufacturer or a good one via word of mouth. Today?s rigs are pretty reliable, but it sure can?t hurt to have the alignment checked, particularly on a HF rig.

73

John WB9JSR

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770. Re: [WestMichiganHams] tune up?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-30 10:47:39 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 768 Message: 770

I thought so,with cameras(real ones)it's called a C&C clean and calibrate.When your burning film for the front page is no time to find out you have a lazy shutter.Thank you.

73 KD8CBJ

771. Re: [WestMichiganHams] tune up?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-30 12:45:57 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 768 Message: 771

Paul,

What type of radio is it?

If it is a solid state rig and works OK I would not do anything but check the TX and RX frequencies. If they are OK or very close it is best not to fix what ain't broke.

Now if it is a tube type HT that may be different ;)

Do you have an owner's manual for the radio? What suggestions are made there?

Film camera and HT maintanence are not easily compared. Your camera relied on many moving parts with very close tolerances and (Oh the Humanity!) springs. It needed to be checked and tweaked on a regular basis. Not so for a solid state radio. If the radio is working well chances are 'fixing' it may cause it not to anymore. Also, for 99 bucks you can get a brand new 2 meter HT from Icom. 99 bucks usually gets an hour of bench time and a cup of coffee. And you still end up with an old radio.

One of the best HTs I have ever used was the RS HTX 202 'brick'. We have one here that has outlasted dozens of batteries (take THAT Energizer Bunny!) so old is not necessarily bad.

Have fun!

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: KD8CBJ@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 6:47 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] tune up?

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Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.385 / Virus Database: 268.5.6/338 - Release Date: 5/12/2006

772. Club Meeting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-31 14:05:59 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 766 Message: 772

All:

A formal reminder that the MAARC, the radio club, is meeting Thursday evening at 7:00 pm at their clubhouse. You are encouraged to bring a friend and you are both welcome to attend.

Bill
Pres MAARC

773. West Michigan Search and Rescue Training Meeting Thursday June 1 Ottawa County E

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-05-31 22:58:35 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 773 Message: 773

West Michigan Search and Rescue will have its monthly training meeting
Thursday June 1 at the Ottawa County EOC on Filmore Street at 19:00 hrs.
If anyone is interested in learning about search and rescue, whether you
want to be a "ground pounder" or just to learn the operations so
as to be a better communicator during a search, please contact me at
wb9jsr@... <mailto:wb9jsr@...> or 616-847-6409.

73

John Wehmer WB9JSR

774. IRA Hamfest, 6/3/2006, 8:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-01 12:04:26 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 774 Message: 774

Reminder from the Calendar of WestMichiganHams
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

IRA Hamfest
Saturday June 3, 2006
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
(This event does not repeat.)

Set up birthday reminders!
http://us.rd.yahoo.com/cal_us/rem/?http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal?v=9&evt_type=13

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775. Business card/web site?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-02 23:23:17 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 775 Message: 775

Do to a prior commitment I can not go to the IRA ham fest.If there are any jendors and or tables of Military radio gear I would appreciate a buiness card or web site.

Thank You KD8CBJ A.K.A. paul

776. The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 22 (Jun 2, 2006)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-03 02:04:24 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 776 Message: 776

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Letter Mailing List" <letter-dlvy@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2006 5:59 PM
Subject: The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 22 (Jun 2, 2006)

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> The ARRL Letter
> Vol. 25, No. 22
> June 2, 2006
> ***************
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> IN THIS EDITION:
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> * +Ham radio provides emergency communication following earthquake
> * +Robert McDowell makes it a full house at the FCC
> * +Ham radio lets youngsters in Italy learn more about space travel
> * +Mobile T-hunters die in vehicle mishap
> * +Ham radio gears up for the hurricane season
> * +WA5TMC appointed Delta Division Vice Director
> * +SKYWARN volunteers are environmental heroes
> * +ISS astronaut honored for ham radio accomplishments
> * Solar Update
> * IN BRIEF:
> This weekend on the radio
> ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration
> US Power Squadrons, ARRL join forces for W1AW operating event
> Ham-Com 2006 set for June 9-10 in Plano, Texas
> Staten Island ARES participates in storm rehearsal
> Radio amateurs take part in National Communications System training
> Revised DXCC awards fee schedule becomes effective July 1
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> ==>AMATEUR RADIO VOLUNTEERS RESPOND FOLLOWING INDONESIAN EARTHQUAKE
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> Amateur Radio operators in Indonesia are providing emergency communication
> for relief operations in the wake of a 6.3 magnitude earthquake May 27
> affecting Yogyakarta and surrounding area. The quake has left more than
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> 6200
> people dead, injured more than 30,000 and leveled entire communities. Some
> 650,000 people are reported homeless. Indonesia's International Amateur
> Radio Union (IARU) member-society, the Organization of Amateur Radio for
> Indonesia (ORARI) has been coordinating an emergency communication network
> comprised of so-called "Zulu Stations" and individual volunteer radio
> amateurs. As is the practice in Indonesia, ORARI has designated several
> zulu-suffix emergency communication stations to handle disaster-related
> traffic on HF and VHF.
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> "Beside several local emergency zulu stations and operators, there is an
> emergency zulu station portable from Jakarta, YC0ZRA, operated by Achmad
> Sanusi, YCOLJH, and Budi Sabara, YCOCSR," reports Wyn Purwinto, AB2QV. A
> native of Indonesia, Purwinto has been gathering information on the
> disaster
> response from his home in New York. He says the portable station also
> supports the Indonesian Offroad Federation (IOF) with its heavy-duty all
> wheel drive vehicles. IOF volunteers transported food and supplies
> following
> the 2004 tsunami.
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> Purwinto reports that several radio amateurs and their families in the
> Yogyakarta area were among the thousands affected by the earthquake,
> hindering their ability to help with any emergency operations. "But more
> hams coming from other districts day by day," he said this week.
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> Soejat Harto, YB6HB, a physician, has joined a ham radio emergency medical
> team in Yogyakarta. Purwinto notes that Dr Harto was among the Amateur
> Radio
> volunteers who helped in the tsunami disaster relief effort in Aceh and
> North Sumatra.
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> Praharto, YB2BFZ, of the ORARI branch in Banyumas, 200 km west of
> Yogyakarta, has deployed his emergency radio communicator (ERC) team to
> Yogyakarta with generators. Several ERC teams from the Indonesian capital
> of
> Jakarta, Bekasi and the W Java provincial capital of Bandung headed to
> Yogyakarta this week to offer additional support.
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> Deta, YB2VTO, just back from Bantul to check on family and friends,
> reports
> that local emergency communication is taking place on two ORARI VHF
> repeaters that cover the whole disaster area. Zulu stations YC2ZEB in
> Bantul, YC2ZEJ in Yogyakarta and YC2ZES are handling whatever traffic
> there
> is. Zulu station YC2ZEB is on HF from Bantul, where local radio amateurs
> installed an 80-meter dipole.
>
> Purwinto is updating his "Emergency Communication in Yogyakarta" Web page
> <http://www.qsl.net/ab2qv/yogya.htm> with information he's compiled on the

> Indonesian ARES response to the earthquake.
>
> Relief volunteers still in Indonesia since the 2004 tsunami have shifted
> their efforts to aiding earthquake victims. The United Nations and various
> relief agencies, including the Red Cross and the Global Rescue Network,
> have
> begun transporting food, water and other basic supplies to the affected
> region. Electrical power and telecommunication services are said to be
> still
> erratic.
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> ==>IT'S OFFICIALLY A FULL HOUSE AT THE FCC
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> Robert M. McDowell has been sworn in as an FCC commissioner by FCC
> Chairman
> Kevin J. Martin, returning the agency to its full five-member complement
> for
> the first time in more than a year. Earlier this week, after some delay
> due
> to political maneuvering, the US Senate confirmed the nomination of
> McDowell, of Virginia, to fill the seat vacated last December by Kathleen
> Q.
> Abernathy. His term will expire June 30, 2009.
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> "I am honored and humbled to be joining such a distinguished group of
> commissioners as well as the fine career public servants at the FCC,"
> McDowell said in a statement. "I am confident that our efforts will help
> bring the most advanced and efficient communications systems in the world
> to
> all American consumers."
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> Martin applauded McDowell's arrival, which gives him a Republican majority
> on the FCC for the first time in his tenure as chairman. Since Martin--an
> FCC member during Michael Powell's tenure as chairman--took over the
> chairmanship, the political balance on the Commission has been split
> evenly
> between two Republicans and two Democrats. Members of a president's
> political party hold a majority on the FCC.
>
> In addition to Martin, McDowell--a telecommunications attorney--will join
> fellow Republican Deborah T. Tate, who officially came aboard January 3.
> The
> Commission's two Democrats are Michael J. Copps, who is in his second
> term,
> and Jonathan Adelstein.
>
> McDowell brings to the FCC nearly 16 years of private-sector experience in
> the telecommunication industry. Prior to his FCC appointment, he served as
> senior vice president and assistant general counsel for the Competitive
> Telecommunications Association (COMPTEL).

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> ==>ITALIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLERS GET FRONT ROW SEAT TO SPACE VIA HAM RADIO
>
> Youngsters attending the Virgilio Primary School in Mestre, near Venice,
> Italy, got to hear firsthand about life in space from US Astronaut Jeff
> Williams, KD5TVQ. The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station
> (ARISS) program arranged the direct VHF contact May 22 between NA1SS in
> space and IW3GPO at the school in northern Italy. Control operator Paolo
> Rosin, IW3GPO, posed all questions, including one asking if language
> problems ever arose between crew members from different countries.
> Williams
> said the language barrier still exists aboard the ISS.
>
> "I've been studying Russian language for almost four years. Pavel
> [Vinogradov, the Expedition 13 commander] studies English--he has studied
> for several years as well," William explained, "but still it takes a long
> time to learn a foreign language, as you know. So there's always a little
> bit of a struggle with foreign languages."
>
> Unfortunately, the youngsters couldn't ask their own questions because the
> US does not have a third-party traffic agreement with Italy.
>
> During the approximately eight-minute contact--conducted entirely in
> English--Williams said he enjoys observing and photographing Earth, doing
> scientific experiments and even his two hours of mandatory daily exercise.
> But there are some tasks he doesn't much care for.
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> "They're similar to jobs we don't like doing on the earth," Williams
> responded. "Cleaning things I don't like doing. Going into the equivalent
> of
> a closet to try to find things or collect things for a job--that sometimes
> is very tedious, and I don't like doing that very much. But, of course, we
> have to do jobs that we like, and we have to do jobs that we don't like."
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> In several of his answers, Williams referred to the pending arrival of the
> space shuttle in July, when European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut Thomas
> Reiter, DF4TR, of Germany will join ISS crews over a period of several
> months. The shuttle is the only vehicle capable of transporting the
> components remaining to complete the ISS, including the ESA's Columbus
> module. Williams noted that the shuttle will bring water to the ISS when
> it
> arrives this summer.
>
> He also said space walks are one of the hardest jobs astronauts and
> cosmonauts undertake, but it's not scary to work in space. On June 2,
> Williams and Vinogradov completed a 6-1/2 hour spacewalk to make repairs
> and
> retrieve experiments, among other tasks.
>
> "The most enjoyable thing that we do is do a spacewalk," Williams said,

> "because to be able to go outside and see the entire Earth--not through a
> window but through the visor of your helmet--it is fantastic!"
>
> In later remarks, Williams paid tribute to the beauty of Italy as seen
> from
> space. "I love your country," he said. "I've flown over Venice many times
> and I love to take pictures of the seashore and the cities, Mt Etna on
> Sicily--there are many, many beautiful things on the planet Earth to see
> from space."
>
> Virgilio Primary School has an enrollment of 210 pupils. A town of about
> 150,000, Mestre is connected to Venice some six miles away via a long
> bridge
> on the lagoon. Local radio amateurs Francesco De Paolis, IK0WGF, Kira
> Collevati, IW3EXQ, Giorgio Pagan, IW3IBG, and Stefano Mannelli, IZ5ENH,
> assisted in the ARISS event. The technical team set up a satellite station
> as well as a vertical backup antenna.
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> Reporters for two newspapers and four TV outlets were on hand to cover the
> ARISS event. Peter Kofler, IN3GHZ, served as the ARISS mentor for the QSO.
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> ARISS is a nine-nation international educational outreach with US
> participation by ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.
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> ==>TWO RADIO AMATEURS DIE DURING MOBILE HIDDEN TRANSMITTER HUNT
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> Two ARRL members from California are dead after the vehicle in which they
> were riding during a mobile hidden transmitter hunt May 27 went over a
> cliff
> in rugged terrain near Lake Isabella in Kern County. They were identified
> as
> Michael G. Obermeier, K6SNE, of Anaheim, and David A. Gordon-Ross, N6IDF,
> of
> Yucaipa. Obermeier, an ARRL Official Observer in Orange County, was 46.
> Gordon-Ross was 35.
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> "Mike and Dave were some of the best T-hunters in the biz," said Scott
> Press, N6SAP, calling both "true assets to this hobby." In his role as an
> OO, Obermeier reportedly had participated in the infamous Jack Gerritsen
> radio jamming case in the Los Angeles area.
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> According to media accounts, a Kern County Sheriff's Department
> search-and-rescue team located the victims early Monday, May 29. Obermeier
> was driving the 1991 4-wheel-drive Jeep Cherokee that apparently went out
> of
> control on Cook Peak Road while the pair was proceeding to the next hidden
> transmitter site. After caroming off a rock wall, the vehicle crossed the
> road and plunged down a 900-foot cliff. They were reported missing after
> failing to check in with T-hunt organizers.
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> Greg Pitta, KF6DBJ, reports Obermeier and Gordon-Ross were on a half-day
> multiple-transmitter T-hunt. "Both K6SNE and N6IDF were expert transmitter
> hunters, each with hundreds of hunts completed, ranking with top scores in
> most," he said.
>
> ARRL Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) Coordinator Joe Moell, K0OV,
> knew both men. He notes that Obermeier had suffered a sports-related
> spinal
> cord injury that left him a paraplegic. "He did all the adaptive work on
> his
> vehicles, of which he had quite a few that he used over time for RDF,"
> Moell
> said. Despite his physical limitations, Obermeier also enjoyed foxhunting
> from his wheel chair.
>
> Moell says Gordon-Ross had been a proficient mobile T-hunter for many
> years.
> He took a brief hiatus after his first child was born in April 2005 (his
> wife, Melanie, is KF6GWV), but he recently became active again.
>
> According to Moell, the mobile transmitter hunts take place on the fourth
> Saturday of each month on 2-meter FM simplex, starting out from a hilltop
> in
> Rancho Palos Verdes. He says it's not uncommon for the main hidden
> transmitter to be hundreds of miles away--175 highway miles in this
> instance.
>
> The 147.435 Amateur Radio Repeater System is collecting donations to help
> Melanie Gordon-Ross, a stay-at-home mom. It also will donate all proceeds
> from its 16th annual 435 Chili Cook-off June 10. Visit the 147.435 Web
> site
> <http://www.435online.com> for additional information.
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> ==>2006 NORTH ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON OFFICIALLY UNDER WAY
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> Scientists within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
> (NOAA)
> predict an 80-percent chance of an above-normal 2006 north Atlantic
> hurricane/tropical storm season, which runs from June 1 through November
> 30.
> A repeat performance of the devastating 2005 season is unlikely, however.
> Weather experts at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, National Hurricane
> Center and Climate Prediction Center produced this year's outlook
> <http://www.cpc.noaa.gov/products/outlooks/hurricane.shtml>.
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> "For the 2006 north Atlantic hurricane season NOAA is predicting 13 to 16
> named storms, with eight to 10 becoming hurricanes, of which four to six
> could become 'major' hurricanes of Category 3 strength or higher," says
> NOAA
> Administrator Conrad Lautenbacher.

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> The Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) <http://www.hwn.org> activates on 14.325 MHz
> when major tropical storms threaten the US. It works in concert with
> WX4NHC
> <http://www.wx4nhc.org> at the National Hurricane Center to relay
> real-time
> ground-level weather data to forecasters.
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> On average, the north Atlantic hurricane season produces 11 named storms,
> with six becoming hurricanes, including two major hurricanes. In 2005, the
> Atlantic hurricane season experienced a record 28 storms, including 15
> hurricanes. Seven were "major," and a record four hurricanes hit the US.
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> While NOAA is not forecasting a rerun of last year's season, the potential
> for hurricanes to strike the US is "high," Lautenbacher said.
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> The first named storm of the 2006 season will be "Alberto." The name
> "Katrina" has been removed from the list of storm names.
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> ==>KARL BULLOCK, WA5TMC, APPOINTED DELTA DIVISION VICE DIRECTOR
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> ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, has appointed Karl W. Bullock, WA5TMC,
> to be Delta Division Vice Director. Bullock, of Ripley, Mississippi, will
> complete the term of Henry Leggette, WD4Q, who took over as Delta Division
> Director in January after the ARRL Board of Directors elevated past
> Director
> Rick Roderick, K5UR, to be an ARRL Vice President.
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> "I'm honored to have been chosen by President Harrison," Bullock said,
> "and
> I look forward to serving the fine folks in the Delta Division and
> representing Amateur Radio in general."
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> First licensed at age 14 as WN5TMC in 1967, Bullock, 53, has remained an
> active radio amateur ever since. He now holds an Amateur Extra class
> license
> as well as an FCC commercial license. He's active on all bands and modes
> from 160 meters through 70 cm.
>
> His ham radio career has included starting up the Mississippi Training and
> Traffic net--later the Mississippi Slow Net. He's also a member of the
> Brass
> Pounder's League, the recipient of several public service awards, a past
> officer of the Northeast Mississippi Amateur Radio Club and, most
> recently,
> ARRL District Emergency Coordinator for North Mississippi as well as
> Emergency Coordinator for Tippah County.
>
> He's a Life Member of the ARRL, a charter member of the Tippah Amateur
> Radio

> Association and a control operator for a local 2-meter repeater. He also
> enjoys telling others about his Christian faith and about Amateur Radio.
>
> On the professional side, Bullock has operated his own telecommunications
> consulting company, Bullock & Associates, since 2001 and is involved in a
> startup dedicated to residential fiber connectivity. His consulting
> activity
> focuses on competitive local exchange carriers--CLECs.
>
> His wife Amy is N5TBB, the ARRL Public Information Coordinator for the
> Mississippi Section and current president of the Tippah Amateur Radio
> Association.
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> "We both love DX, contests, and going to hamfests," Bullock says. "Amy
> fell
> in love with hamfests after the first one I carried her to, and soon
> afterward passed her exam. We still like to make the Dayton trip whenever
> we
> can."
>
> Bullock's current term as Vice Director will end January 1, 2009.
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> ==>SKYWARN VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE NOAA ENVIRONMENTAL HERO AWARD
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> South Florida SKYWARN Coordinator Don Morris, KG4JHH, of Miami, and his
> South Florida SKYWARN team have received a 2006 NOAA Environmental Hero
> Award for outstanding volunteer service during the 2005 hurricane season.
> Morris and his SKYWARN team volunteered more than 100 hours to staff
> Amateur
> Radio station WX4MIA, located at the NOAA National Weather Service (NWS)
> Weather Forecast Office in Miami. The volunteers gathered real-time
> hurricane damage and weather reports, disseminated NWS information and
> warnings and verified NWS warnings with on-the-spot information.
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> "The intent of the award is to recognize all of us who have worked on
> SKYWARN and/or WX4MIA," said Morris, who accepted the plaque during a May
> 22
> presentation. "Local Amateur Radio is the main infrastructure we depend on
> for SKYWARN. It is way cool to be part of it." Morris also credited those
> who filed reports by telephone, Internet or fax or who have "just been
> ready
> if needed."
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> Along with other SKYWARN volunteers and even family members, Morris kept
> the
> WX4MIA severe weather net in constant operation as Hurricane Katrina moved
> ashore near Hallandale Beach and then southwest across Miami-Dade County.
> He
> did the same thing for Hurricane Wilma, staying all night right through
> landfall around 6 AM in Collier County and through noon when Wilma finally

> moved off the Palm Beach County coastline near Jupiter.
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> Over the years, NOAA said, Morris has volunteered hundreds of hours as
> "the
> voice" of WX4MIA, soliciting storm reports and disseminating the latest
> warnings and statements for hurricanes and severe storms.
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> Established in 1995 and given annually in conjunction with Earth Day, the
> Environmental Hero Award is presented to individuals and organizations
> volunteering their time and energy to help NOAA carry out its
> mission.--NOAA; Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR
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> ==>ISS ASTRONAUT HONORED FOR WORKING ALL STATES, INSPIRING OTHERS FROM
> SPACE
>
> International Space Station Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR,
> has been honored as the first astronaut to work all states from space and
> for inspiring others through his ham radio activities from NA1SS.
> McArthur,
> who returned to Earth in April, received an ARRL Worked All States (WAS)
> plaque during a May 25 ceremony at Johnson Space Center in Houston. During
> his six-month duty tour, McArthur became the most active radio amateur
> ever
> to serve aboard the ISS. His track record from NA1SS is impressive: In
> addition to WAS, he handled a record 37 Amateur Radio on the International
> Space Station (ARISS) school contacts, worked all continents, including
> Antarctica, on both VHF and UHF--and racked up QSOs with some 130 DXCC
> entities.
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> "The Amateur Radio on the ISS program was developed to inspire
> students--our
> next generation of explorers--through Amateur Radio communications with
> the
> ISS crew," remarked ARISS International Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, who
> presented the WAS plaque to McArthur. "Using Amateur Radio, the Expedition
> 12 crew took the worldwide community of radio amateurs, the school
> students
> and the general public to unprecedented heights."
>
> The last QSL McArthur needed to confirm WAS--from Wyoming--arrived at ARRL
> Headquarters not long before the end of his ISS duty tour. McArthur also
> logged a phenomenal number of casual contacts with earthbound radio
> amateurs--more than 1800 in all. Bauer noted that McArthur "was very
> approachable" with students during the ARISS school contacts. "He inspired
> them with his vision, quick wit and sense of humor."
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> Bauer said McArthur motivated hams and non-hams alike through his
> on-the-air
> activity. He told of hearing from a teacher in Orlando who said one of his
> students added Advanced Placement Physics to her course schedule after

> participating in an ARISS school contact. In another inspirational
> instance:
> When a prospective licensee learned he could speak to the ISS via ham
> radio,
> he studied and passed his Amateur Radio examination and made a contact
> with
> McArthur at NA1SS in March, Bauer said.
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> "Throughout this expedition, Bill McArthur's enthusiasm for the ham radio
> hobby kept bubbling to the surface," Bauer said, calling McArthur's ham
> radio accomplishments from NA1SS "a testament of success."
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> "All who have been touched by your efforts will remember their special ISS
> connection for the rest of their lives," Bauer concluded.
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> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
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> Ra the Sun god Tad "I Saw the Sun" Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington,
> reports:
> Solar activity continues to be low as we head toward the bottom of the
> sunspot cycle. With fewer sunspots, the higher frequencies aren't as
> useful.
> There is a direct correlation between the maximum usable frequency (MUF)
> and
> the number of sunspots. That's why 10 meters is much more usable at the
> peak
> of a solar cycle than at the bottom. We received several e-mails this week
> about sporadic E (Es) propagation.
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> For the next few days, it looks like solar wind from coronal holes could
> be
> mildly disruptive. The planetary A index forecast for June 2-3 is 20, then
> settling down to quiet conditions a couple of days later. Average daily
> sunspot numbers were up this week over last and are expected to rise
> slightly over the next few days.
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> Sunspot numbers for May 25 through 31 were 33, 51, 69, 78, 54, 51 and 44,
> with a mean of 54.3. 10.7 cm flux was 83.7, 81.6, 83, 84.7, 81.1, 80, and
> 78.4, with a mean of 81.8. Estimated planetary A indices were 5, 5, 3, 7,
> 3,
> 9 and 6, with a mean of 5.4. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 4, 1,
> 1,
> 5, 1, 7 and 4, with a mean of 3.3.
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> For more information concerning propagation and an explanation of the
> numbers used in this bulletin see the ARRL Technical Information Service
> Propagation page <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html>.
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> ==>IN BRIEF:

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> * This weekend on the radio: The SEANET Contest, RSGB National Field Day,
> IARU Region 1 Field Day (CW) and the QRP TAC Sprint are the weekend of
> June
> 3-4. The RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship (Data) is June 5, the ARS Spartan
> Sprint is June 6, and the Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder is Jun 9. JUST
> AHEAD:
> The ARRL June VHF QSO Party, the ANARTS World Wide RTTY Contest, the
> Portugal Day Contest, the Asia-Pacific Sprint (SSB), the GACW WWSA CW DX
> Contest and the REF DDFM 6-Meter Contest are the weekend of June 10-11.
> The
> NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint and the RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship (CW)
> are June 14. The Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder and SARL Youth Day are June
> 16.
> See the ARRL Contest Branch page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the
> WA7BNM Contest Calendar <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>
> for more info.
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> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Sunday, June 25, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE). Program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1 (EC-001), Radio Frequency
> Interference (EC-006), Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009), Analog
> Electronics (EC-012) and Digital Electronics (EC-013). Classes begin
> Friday,
> July 7. To learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page
> <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE Department
> <cce@...>.
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> * US Power Squadrons, ARRL join forces for W1AW operating event:
> Representatives of the United States Power Squadrons (USPS)
> <http://www.usps.org/> are joining ARRL Headquarters staffers this weekend
> for a special W1AW operating event to mark National Safe Boating Week.
> Operation commenced Friday and will continue Saturday, June 3, starting at
> 1200 UTC. Look for W1AW on HF plus 6 meters as well as on satellites and
> digital modes. A special QSL card will be available. All contacts will be
> uploaded to Logbook of the World (LoTW) <http://www.arrl.org/lotw> after
> the
> event. At a W1AW reception prior to the on-air activities. ARRL CEO David
> Sumner, K1ZZ, presented Don Stark, N3HOW of the USPS with a welcoming
> letter
> from ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN.
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> * Ham-Com 2006 set for June 9-10 in Plano, Texas: ARRL President Joel
> Harrison, W5ZN, will address the ARRL West Gulf Division forum during
> Ham-Com 2006 <http://www.hamcom.org>, Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, at
> the
> Plano Centre in Plano, Texas. In addition, ARRL Chief Development Officer
> Mary Hobart, K1MMH, will discuss the importance of the League's
> development

> activities to Amateur Radio, while HQ Staffer Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG, will
> talk about ARRL Headquarters' response to Hurricane Katrina. The doors
> will
> be open from 7 AM until 6 PM both days. Talk-in is on the 147.18 MHz
> repeater (CTCSS 107.2 Hz), and parking is free. In conjunction with
> Ham-Com
> 2006, the Lone Star DX Association will host W5DXCC 2006, which features a
> banquet Friday, June 9, at the Southfork Hotel. Featured speaker will be
> Bob
> Allphin, K4UEE, co-leader of the recent 3Y0X DXpedition to Peter I Island.
> Complete details are in the "Ham-Com Flyer"
> <http://www.hamcom.org/ccp51/media/PDFs/HamComFlyer2006.pdf>.--Barry
> Goldblatt, WA5KXX
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> * Staten Island ARES participates in storm rehearsal: Lessons learned
> during
> last year's devastating hurricanes on the US Gulf Coast have not been lost
> on the New York City emergency response community. In preparation for the
> upcoming storm season, Staten Island and New York County Amateur Radio
> Emergency Service (ARES) members participated May 21 in an American Red
> Cross drill dubbed "The Staten Island Storm Rehearsal." The exercise was
> designed to prepare volunteers by providing a hands-on experience in
> emergency shelter operations. "ARES is relied upon by our clients, like
> the
> Red Cross, to be able to quickly, adequately and professionally set up and
> run a portable communications system to help those affected by a
> disaster,"
> said ARRL New York City District Emergency Coordinator Mike Lisenco,
> N2YBB.
> "ARES members participate in drills such as this to hone our skills." ARES
> participants served as primary communicators for most of the drill, for
> which the scenario included outages of both cell phone service and
> electrical power. During the "blackout" scenario, ham radio volunteers
> were
> able to provide a seamless transition to battery power to maintain
> critical
> communication with the Red Cross EOC in Manhattan. Ten ARES volunteers
> took
> part in the exercise. ARRL Staten Island Emergency Coordinator Joe Nieves,
> N2TEE, said, "We need to be prepared at all times should we be called upon
> to support our community."
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> * Radio amateurs take part in National Communications System training:
> ARRL
> members Gary Sessums, KC5QCN, Dale Stauffer, W4DS, and Jim La Follette,
> WB4WBL, last week demonstrated digital and voice capabilities of a Shared
> Resources (SHARES) Transportable Auxiliary Radio Station (STAR) at a
> National Communications Systems (NCS) training session. The week-long
> Emergency Support Function 2 (ESF-2) training session at Homestead Air
> Reserve Base in Florida was developed in the aftermath of Hurricane

> Katrina.
> It was specifically designed to prepare ESF-2 responders at the federal
> level to function effectively when called into action to support the
> National Response Plan. SHARES stations are NCS assets that deploy with
> "fly-away" HF radio packages to disaster scenes to provide communication
> support to the federal government. Sessums, Stauffer and La Follette are
> SHARES stations through their involvement with the Military Affiliate
> Radio
> System (MARS) and the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). They set up portable HF
> SHARES
> stations operating on generator power, erected near-vertical incidence
> skywave (NVIS) wire antennas and made voice and digital HF radio contacts
> around the US as part of the program. Sessums and La Follette are members
> of
> the Hillsborough County, Florida, ARES/RACES team that deployed to Hancock
> County, Mississippi, last August to support Hurricane Katrina recovery
> operations. Sessums is Hillborough County ARRL Emergency Coordinator.
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> * Revised DXCC awards fee schedule becomes effective July 1: The ARRL DXCC
> Desk has announced DXCC program fees will rise slightly when a new awards
> fee schedule
> <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/05/23/3/fees-06Jul.html>
> goes into effect July 1. The fee for a basic DXCC application (including
> certificate and pin for initial applications only, 120 QSO maximum) and
> for
> first endorsement applications within a year will increase to $12 for ARRL
> members and to $22 for foreign nonmembers. Second and subsequent
> endorsements (120 QSO maximum) within a year will be $22 for ARRL members
> and $32 for foreign nonmembers. The $10 fee for a basic DXCC application
> (120-credit maximum) was established in 1990, and the current overall fee
> schedule has been in effect since 1998. "It costs us to provide this
> service," explains ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG. "We
> don't make any money from DXCC." The cost of other DXCC-related items such
> as plaques and pins also will go up July 1. Mills advised that DXCC fees
> will increase further in the years ahead--possibly at two-year
> intervals--at
> least to catch up with the Consumer Price Index, which has risen 49
> percent
> since 1990. He estimates the active population of DXCC members at between
> 15,000 and 18,000.
>
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> posted each Friday when it is distributed via e-mail.)
>
> * The QTH.net listserver, thanks to volunteers from the Boston Amateur
> Radio
> Club: Visit Mailing Lists@...
> <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/letter-list>. (NOTE: The ARRL
> cannot assist subscribers who receive The ARRL Letter via this

> listserver.)
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777. WEAVER'S WORDS -- SCHOOL IS OUT EDITION

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-04 14:51:17 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 777 Message: 777

> (Reply to k8je@.... Do not click on REPLY.)
>
> - BPL -- Good New Continues
> - Dayton Hamvention?
> - ARRL Members Forum at Hamvention
> - DFing
> - Scholarship Winners
> - Question No. 2 -- You asked. Here is the answer.
> - My Travel Plans
>
> BPL -- GOOD NEWS CONTINUES
>
> I continue to be optimistic about the future of BPL. As you may
> recall, we have been successful at getting a favorable amendment
> inserted into HB 5252, the US House of Representatives version of the
> Communications Act rewrite. This amendment would require the FCC to
> ensure any BPL system they allow to operate will not interfere with the
> operation of any licensed telecommunications service. This means the
> FCC must ensure BPL does not interfere with safety services
> communications systems . . . and Amateur Radio. There is nothing for
> us to do at this time on this bill, but you will be asked at the proper
> time to write your Congressman to support the bill.
>
> We also have received word that a high-ranking US Senator has come out
> in support of including similar wording in the US Senate version of the
> Communications Act rewrite. Again, you will be requested to write in
> support of Senate action when the proper time comes.
>
> In each case, our success came largely as the result of letters written
> by our members in key Congressional Districts regarding HB 5252 and in
> a key state regarding the Senate rewrite wrote to their Congressman and
> their Senator, respectfully.
>
> Grassroots action works! Grassroots action is legal! Grassroots
> action is honorable! Grassroots action is smart! Grassroots action is
> the only way you, the member, can help ensure your Amateur Radio
> survives and remains healthy.
>
> If you'd like to learn what you can do to become more involved in our
> grassroots Legislative Action Program, send me an E-mail request. I'll
> be happy to be certain you receive information.
>
> Final thought: The news about BPL may be pretty good on several fronts
> these days, but there is still a lot of work to be done. We need your
> help to ensure victory. Please help when the time comes.

>
> DAYTON HAMVENTION
>
> My observation is that the Hamvention was a tremendous success for the
> Hamvention Committee, the Dayton ARA and the vendors -- ARRL included.
> We don't know, yet, what the profit/loss statement for ARRL's EXPO will
> be for this year, but EXPO was an unquestionable success. Once again,
> it brought thousands of amateurs and many of the Directors, officers
> and staff of ARRL to meet face to face. The members were able to put
> faces on the people they elected and the people who in turn were hired
> to serve the League by the elected officials. The elected and hired
> people were able to put faces to members whom they serve. When this
> occurs, it is more difficult for anyone to consider an elected
> official, employee or a member as being uncaring or unintelligent.
> This brings us all a better appreciation of each other so that we can,
> together, work toward resolving the problems we all as radio amateurs
> face.
>
> You may not have known it, but the man who sold you a new Handbook at
> EXPO might just have been Bob Vallio, W6GRG, Director from the Pacific
> Division. The fellow who handed you your PASSPORT might just have been
> Director Jay Bellows, K0QB of the Dakota Division. Also available in
> EXPO as well as at several of the forums, were President Joel Harrison,
> W5ZN, Vice President Kay Craigie, K3KN, Central Division Director Dick
> Isely, W9GIG, Southwestern Division Director Dick Norton, N6AA,
> Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR, Northwestern Division
> Director Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, Southeastern Division Director Frank
> Butler, W4RH, Midwest Division Director Wade Walstrom, W0EJ, and nearly
> each member of our senior staff from Newington . . . and more.
>
> Me? I was either in the two forums I moderated or at the Grassroots
> Legislative Action booth nearly throughout the Hamvention. I'm sorry
> that I missed seeing a number of you who stopped by to say hello, but I
> was very happy to get to see many others who came by.
>
> ARRL MEMBERS FORUM AT HAMVENTION
>
> No one had hard questions to ask ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN,
> Vice President Kay Craigie, K3KN, Ohio Section Manager Joe Phillips,
> K8QOE, CEO Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, COO Harold Kramer, WJ1P, Development
> Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH or Membership Manager Katie Breen, W1KRB . .
> . or me. At least no one with a hard question asked it during the
> Member Forum in spite of my attempts to goad them into doing this.
> Obviously, everyone understands and is happy with the League's proposed
> Regulation by Bandwidth -- it wasn't brought up -- or proposed
> restructuring -- it wasn't brought up -- or work with the High Speed
> Multi-Media Working Group -- it wasn't brought up. There were several
> good and interesting questions asked . . . and answered, but no tough
> ones. On the other hand, I thought I heard a few chickens clucking
> from outdoors in the flea market.

>
> For you nay Sayers, all I have to say is that you had your chance, once
> again, to have an enlightened discussion of issues with the League
> leaders who have the detailed answers. Bluntly speaking, you blew it,
> once again.
>
> DFING
>
> The Sixth USA National ARDF Championships took place April 7-9 near
> Raleigh, North Carolina. Later this year, the 13th World Championships
> will get under way on the Black Sea coast of Bulgaria.
>
> Bob Frey, WA6EZV, Cincinnati, took second place overall and was first
> in 2M for US Men in the age 50 category. In categories for women, gold
> medal winners included Emily DeYoung, K4MLE, of Alexandria, Kentucky.
> Dick Arnett, WB4SUV, Erlanger, Kentucky took bronze in the male age 60
> category on 80 M. Talks about perennial top-runners, these three
> always are near the top of the hotly contested DFer's heap!
> Congratulations, again!
>
> SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
>
> Great Lakes Division young hams walked off with two scholarships in the
> recent, annual ARRL Foundation scholarship awards. Paducah, KY resident
> Jonathan Jewell, KI4ETM received a Northern California DX Foundation
> Scholarship of $1,000 and Portage, MI ham Kathryn Ankenbauer, KD8AHA
> received an ARRL Foundation General Fund Scholarship, also of $1,000.
> Please join in congratulating the scholarship winners from the Great
> Lakes Division.
>
> Fifty-three scholarships ranging in value of $500 to $5,000 were
> awarded through the Foundation. Many of the scholarships were
> sponsored by Amateur Radio organizations or by individuals. The ARRL
> Foundation is just one of the sources of scholarships awarded through
> ARRL. For information on the full range of scholarships contact Mary
> Hobart, K1MMH, k1mmh@....
>
> QUESTION NO. 2 -- YOU ASKED. HERE IS THE ANSWER.
>
> Isn't ARRL merely a publishing house with its sole purpose being to
> make money printing and selling stuff?
>
> As often occurs, a fair amount of truth is implied in this question.
> ARRL does run a publishing house as its business arm, and one purpose
> of this business is to make money. The validity of the implications
> voiced in the question end at this point.
>
> There is nothing wrong with making a fair profit. It is the lifeblood
> of economics all over the world. ARRL's profits from its publishing
> business are honorable in two of their two aspects. First, the profits

> are fair. They compare favorably with profits of other publishers in
> the country. There is no hint of price gouging. Second, profits made
> by ARRL are used to help support ARRL (which is you, the members).
> Partly through this profit, dues are kept at a reasonable level and
> services are provided that could not be provided without the profit or
> much higher dues.
>
> The publishing business run by ARRL is a win-win proposition for us
> members. The members win and the League (which, again, is its members)
> wins. Without the income from the business, we would suffer by having
> a much weaker ARRL that would be limited to providing much less support
> for Amateur Radio. In addition, without ARRL's publishing activities,
> Amateur Radio operators and those studying to become hams throughout
> the US and much of the rest of the world would have far fewer, high
> quality technical books and materials available to use and study.
>
> There is one additional aspect to the prices ARRL charges for certain
> publications. The League sells a number of items that are controlled
> by someone else, not by ARRL. Two examples of these items are the
> license training video the League sold for several years and the Radio
> Society of Great Britain -- RSGB - publications we and CQ and others
> sell. To the greatest extent, the owners of these items set the prices
> we charge for them. In the case of the video, its owner charged a
> substantial royalty on each copy ARRL sold.
>
> The real choice open to ARRL is whether to sell or not to sell such
> items. The prices charged must be enough so that we make a limited
> prophet on each sale. The choice the potential buyer has is whether to
> buy or not to buy. Just be glad you aren't buying college textbooks!
>
> What is the second reason ARRL publishes its books? These are
> unsurpassed and often the least expensive sources of quality electronic
> and communications information in the world. What better source is
> there for hams or people studying to become hams to find information?
> We've even had government officials from small countries obtain our
> publications to use as the primary reference sources for their
> telecommunications departments.
>
> Not bad for a small, private publishing house.
>
> MY TRAVEL PLANS
>
> Jun 6 -- Saginaw Valley ARS 50th Anniversary Dinner, Saginaw, MI
> Jun 18 -- Monroe County Radio Commun. Assoc. Hamfest, Monroe, MI.
> Jul 8 -- QCWA Luncheon, Cleveland, OH.
> Jul 20 -- A&F Committee Meeting, Newington, CT.
> Jul 21 -- 22 -- ARRL Board of Directors meeting, Newington, CT.
> Aug 3 -- Salem Area ARC, Salem, OH.
>
> Tnx for reading this issue. Let me hear from you at anytime.

>
> 73, GL,
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE
> Director, Great Lakes Division
> Chairman, Legislative Action Committee
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> K8JE@...; Tel., 513-459-0142; FAX, same
> ARRL, the Reason Amateur Radio is!
> Members, the Reason ARRL is!
>
> ---
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

778. Need help with event in Oceana.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-05 11:10:58 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 778 Message: 778

Hello everyone. The Oceana ARES group has a event this coming up this weekend
that we are going to need help with. It's a 5k marathon in Silver Lake. It starts at 8:30 AM in the little plaza in front of the yogi bear campground. The marathon is for the annual asparagus festival. Any help will be greatly appreciated. If you can make it and help out try to be there around 8:00AM. Thanks a ton, Rob H KC8ZSU e mail kc8zsu@...

779. MS-150

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-05 12:27:19 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 779 Message: 779

We still need a few more people for the MS-150 Bike Run on June 10th and 11th. Saturday we will start at Byron Center High School in Kent County and end at Hope College in Holland meandering mostly through Allegan County. Sunday will go from Hope back to Byron Center HS meandering mostly through Ottawa County.

Note that each day is a long one. We will meat in Byron Center at 6am and be done mid to late afternoon.

Please contact me if you can help and let me know if you can do Saturday, Sunday or both.

Thanks and 73

John Wehmer WB9JSR wb9jsr@... <mailto:wb9jsr@...>

781. Garmin GPS data/power cables

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-06 20:01:30 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 781 Message: 781

GPS People

Does anyone know if the Etrex series and the Rino series use the same data/power calbles?

73

John WB9JSR

782. Fw: Public Information Statement -= Part 1 of 2

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-06 21:07:00 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 782 Message: 782

Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2006 13:49
Subject: Public Information Statement

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PNSGRR
616-949-0643 EXT 726

PNSXXX

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GRAND RAPIDS MI
137 PM EDT TUE JUN 06 2006

...HAZCOLLECT NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGE TESTING...

PLEASE PREPARE FOR TRANSMISSION OF NATIONAL TEST MESSAGES DURING THE
HAZCOLLECT OPERATIONAL ACCEPTANCE TEST BETWEEN JUNE 5 AND JULY 21
2006. ALL NATIONAL TEST MESSAGES WILL BE SENT AS PRODUCT CATEGORY
ADR TO MINIMIZE IMPACT ON USERS OF NWS INFORMATION AND NON-WEATHER
EMERGENCY MESSAGES.

A NATIONAL TEST MESSAGE WILL BE ORIGINATED EACH TUESDAY/JUNE 6...
JUNE 13 ...JUNE 20...JUNE 27...JULY 11... AND JULY 18/ AND ON JUNE 7
AND JULY 6 TO TEST DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY MESSAGES OF NATIONAL
SIGNIFICANCE.

HAZCOLLECT IS A SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
/NWS/ TO RELAY EMERGENCY MESSAGES FROM NON-NWS SOURCES USING
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND NWS SYSTEMS.

A NATIONAL PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT WITH MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
HAZCOLLECT NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGE TESTING CAN BE FOUND AT THE
HAZCOLLECT WEB SITE BELOW OR AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/NOTIFICATION/PNS_HAZCOLLECT_OAT.TXT

INFORMATION ON THE HAZCOLLECT PROGRAM CAN BE FOUND AT THE HAZCOLLECT
WEB SITE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OS/HAZCOLLECT

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS...PLEASE CONTACT:

MIKE HEATHFIELD
WARNING COORDINATION METEOROLOGIST
WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE
GRAND RAPIDS MI

COUNTY SPECIFIC MESSAGE:

STEVE SCHOFIELD HERB WHITE

HAZCOLLECT PROJECT MANAGER DISSEMINATION SERVICES MANAGER
SILVER SPRING MARYLAND SILVER SPRING MARYLAND

783. Fw: Public Information Statement - Part 2 of 2

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-06 21:13:50 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 783 Message: 783

As you will notice these messages will be sent by Weather Radio also.

Denny N8CTT

Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2006 13:54
Subject: Public Information Statement

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301-713-3391 X 139 301-713-0090 X 146

PNSGRR

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GRAND RAPIDS MI
150 PM EDT TUE JUN 06 2006

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ TO RELAY EMERGENCY MESSAGES FROM
NON-NWS SOURCES USING DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND NWS
SYSTEMS.

HAZCOLLECT TESTING WILL SEND NON-WEATHER RELATED EMERGENCY TEXT
PRODUCTS WITH THE FOLLOWING WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION /WMO/
HEADINGS:

WOUSII CCCC FOR PRODUCTS IN THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES

AWIPS IDENTIFIERS /NNNXXX/ WILL BE INCLUDED IN EACH PRODUCT WHERE
NNN IS THE AWIPS PRODUCT CATEGORY AND XXX IS THE IDENTIFIER OF THE
RELAYING NWS OFFICE OR THE TWO-LETTER UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
/USPS/ ID OF THE AFFECTED STATE OR TERRITORY. THE FOLLOWING AWIPS
IDENTIFIER PRODUCT CATEGORIES /NNN/ ARE AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN EACH
OF THE PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED BY THE WMO HEADINGS DESCRIBED ABOVE:

AWIPS NNN MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR /MND/ PRODUCT TYPE LINE

ADR ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOWUP STATEMENT
AVA AVALANCHE WATCH
AVW AVALANCHE WARNING
CAE CHILD ABDUCTION EMERGENCY
CDW CIVIL DANGER WARNING
CEM CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE
EQW EARTHQUAKE WARNING

EVI EVACUATION IMMEDIATE
FRW FIRE WARNING
HMW HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WARNING
LEW LAW ENFORCEMENT WARNING
LAE LOCAL AREA EMERGENCY
TOE 911 TELEPHONE OUTAGE EMERGENCY
NUW NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WARNING
RHW RADIOLOGICAL HAZARD WARNING
SPW SHELTER IN PLACE
VOW VOLCANO WARNING

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JUNE 13 ...JUNE 20...JUNE 27...JULY 11... AND JULY 18/ AND ON JUNE 7
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SIGNIFICANCE. NATIONAL TEST MESSAGES WILL BE DISSEMINATED UNDER
APPROPRIATE WMO HEADINGS AND WITH AN ASSOCIATED AWIPS IDENTIFIER
ADRXX WHERE XX IS THE TWO-LETTER USPS ID OF A STATE OR TERRITORY.

ALL NATIONAL TEST MESSAGES WILL BE SENT AS PRODUCT CATEGORY ADR TO
MINIMIZE IMPACT ON USERS OF NWS INFORMATION AND NON-WEATHER
EMERGENCY MESSAGES AND ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE BELOW. VARIOUS
PARAMETERS OF THE TEST MESSAGES WILL CHANGE...SUCH AS MESSAGE TYPE...
CREATION TIME...SOURCE AND NWS OFFICE...AND TEST MESSAGE NUMBER.

MOST HAZCOLLECT TEST MESSAGES ARE INTENDED TO BE DISTRIBUTED OVER
ALL NWS SYSTEMS FOR WHICH NON-WEATHER EMERGENCY MESSAGES ARE
CURRENTLY SCHEDULED... INCLUDING NOAA WEATHER RADIO ALL HAZARDS.
THE ADR ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOW UP TEST MESSAGES MAY BE
RELAYED BY EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM PARTICIPATING STATIONS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL AND STATE EAS PLANS.

A SAMPLE TEST MESSAGE FOLLOWS. NOTE: COG IS DEFINED AS
COLLABORATIVE OPERATIONS GROUP.

WOUS41 KCTP 251430
ADRPA

COUNTY SPECIFIC MESSAGE:

STEVEN.SCHOFIELD@... HERBERT.WHITE@...

784. Muskegon now transmitting SAME radio alerts via 147.485

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-07 01:09:20 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 784 Message: 784

Jim K8COP has installed a Specific Area Message Encoding receiver which re-transmits via 147.485.

Area encoding allows weather radios to be manufactured in a way that they can be set up to only transmit when a specific county is affected by the nature of the transmission. Specific Area Message Encoding, or SAME, requires special radios to filter out NOAA transmissions that are continuously ongoing and passing only traffic relevant to a specific county. Monitoring 147.585 does not. For SAME alerts for Muskegon County simply programming 147.485 into a scanner will work with no transmissions until Muskegon County is affected. SAME is not just for weather alerts but for other emergencies such as evacuations or large scale emergencies. The CTCSS tone of 141.3 will assure that other signals beside the NOAA re-transmission will be ignored by radios with the capability of doing so. Radios such as scanners will still receive the SAME broadcasts but are susceptible to signals such as stations operating on the same frequency.

To that effect it would be good operating procedure to not use 147.585 for communications if there are other frequencies available.

Please read his post to the MCARES group, below, for more information.

I think Jim deserves some thanks for the addition of this cool feature to the area.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim, K8COP
To: nf8d ; keith_johnson@tele-rad.com ; Heidi L. Schlichting ; Gietzen Bill ; Anthony Marzano ; AL Pepping ; MCARES@yahoogroups.com ; MkgSkywarn
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2006 8:31 AM
Subject: [MCARES] NOAA Alert Radio System

For both groups information a NOAA Alert Receiver/Transmitter has been installed in Muskegon. The radio trips a transmitter that is on 147.585 Mhz (141.3 Hz CTCSS), and retransmits the audio from the NOAA Weather transmitter on 162.475 Mhz in Hesperia.

The only time you will hear radio traffic from this frequency is when their is a weather alert for Muskegon County, or the weekly radio test on Wed between 11:00 AM-12 Noon.

I would suggest that if you plan on monitoring this frequency to program up your scanner or HT on that frequency and monitor the test on Wed to see what your reception quality is before the next Skywarn event.
The greater Muskegon area should have no problem with receiving it, my concern is the outlying areas of the county.

Jim Duram, K8COP
Muskegon Co EC/RO

Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.385 / Virus Database: 268.5.6/338 - Release Date: 5/12/2006

785. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Garmin GPS data/power cables

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-07 01:11:27 UTC
From: K8MHZ
Topic: 781 Message: 785

Are you trying to mate them?

----- Original Message -----
From: John Wehmer
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2006 4:01 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Garmin GPS data/power cables

GPS People

Does anyone know if the Etrex series and the Rino series use the same data/power calbles?

73

John WB9JSR

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786. Hams needed for National 24 Hour Challenge, Saturday, June 17

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-07 01:27:43 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 786 Message: 786

To all Amateur Radio Operators

The National 24 Hour Challenge (N24HC) http://www.n24hc.org is a 126 1/2 mile bicycle route through Barry County that takes place on the Saturday before Fathers Day that attracts about
500 riders plus their support crews. Amateur Radio communications is an important part of the logistics of this annual event taking place this year on June 17.
As I type this, the following communications positions are in need of volunteers:
LEAD CAR (Vehicle and driver supplied) 7:30AM to 1:45PM - Reports to net control location of
lead vehicle and rider.
BROOM 2 (Vehicle and driver supplied) 11AM to 6PM - Reports to net control location of vehicle following last riders, picking up riders and bikes of those unable to complete the course, and other information.
OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

The event coordinators provide shirts, limited refreshments, and Friday evening spaghetti dinner. Please contact the Ham Radio Communications Director if you are willing to help.
Jack Amelar NY8D
mailto:jamelar@...?subject=N24HC
Phone evening (616)897-6885, days (616)493-8736

Thanks
73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
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http://www.arch.com/cgi-bin/wwwpreproc.cgi?PIN=6163390802
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Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.385 / Virus Database: 268.4.0/304 - Release Date: 4/7/06

788. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Garmin GPS data/power cables

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-07 12:53:54 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 781 Message: 788

Can I have one of the offspring from that?

----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2006 9:11 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Garmin GPS data/power cables

Are you trying to mate them?

----- Original Message -----
From: John Wehmer
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2006 4:01 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Garmin GPS data/power cables

GPS People

Does anyone know if the Etrex series and the Rino series use the same data/power calbles?

73

John WB9JSR

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789. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Garmin GPS data/power cables

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-07 04:09:03 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 781 Message: 789

Yeah, i'm trying to make a RinTrex

----- Original Message ----
From: K8MHZ <k8mhz@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2006 9:11:27 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Garmin GPS data/power cables

Are you trying to mate them?

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From: John Wehmer
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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790. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon now transmitting SAME radio alerts via 147.485

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-07 12:55:59 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 784 Message: 790

Yeah- Thanks, Jim. I will see if this will be useful where I work (Perrigo). It's difficult to receive the WX stations in Montague with an indoor antenna.

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: K8MHZ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2006 9:09 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon now transmitting SAME radio alerts via 147.485

Jim K8COP has installed a Specific Area Message Encoding receiver which re-transmits via 147.485.

Area encoding allows weather radios to be manufactured in a way that they can be set up to only transmit when a specific county is affected by the nature of the transmission. Specific Area Message Encoding, or SAME, requires special radios to filter out NOAA transmissions that are continuously ongoing and passing only traffic relevant to a specific county. Monitoring 147.585 does not. For SAME alerts for Muskegon County simply programming 147.485 into a scanner will work with no transmissions until Muskegon County is affected. SAME is not just for weather alerts but for other emergencies such as evacuations or large scale emergencies. The CTCSS tone of 141.3 will assure that other signals beside the NOAA re-transmission will be ignored by radios with the capability of doing so. Radios such as scanners will still receive the SAME broadcasts but are susceptible to signals such as stations operating on the same frequency.

To that effect it would be good operating procedure to not use 147.585 for communications if there are other frequencies available.

Please read his post to the MCARES group, below, for more information.

I think Jim deserves some thanks for the addition of this cool feature to the area.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim, K8COP
To: nf8d ; keith_johnson@... ; Heidi L. Schlichting ; Gietzen Bill ; Anthony Marzano ; AL Pepping ; MCARES@yahoogroups.com ; MkgSkywarn
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2006 8:31 AM
Subject: [MCARES] NOAA Alert Radio System

For both groups information a NOAA Alert Receiver/Transmitter has been installed in Muskegon. The radio trips a transmitter that is on 147.585 Mhz (141.3 Hz CTCSS), and

retransmits the audio from the NOAA Weather transmitter on 162.475 Mhz in Hesperia.

The only time you will hear radio traffic from this frequency is when their is a weather alert for Muskegon County, or the weekly radio test on Wed between 11:00 AM-12 Noon.

I would suggest that if you plan on monitoring this frequency to program up your scanner or HT on that frequency and monitor the test on Wed to see what your reception quality is before the next Skywarn event.
The greater Muskegon area should have no problem with receiving it, my concern is the outlying areas of the county.

Jim Duram, K8COP
Muskegon Co EC/RO

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791. New "Local" (GR) Ham/Electronics Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-07 22:45:27 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 791 Message: 791

Yesterday I checked out The new ham/electronics store that opened recently just south of Grand Rapids on 76th St., just west of US-131 on the south side of the road.

While the place is not very large they have fair amount of stuff in the store for just getting started. I talked with the owner Ken Handley KB8PSG and he said they have items in the back room they have yet to get out front. They also have more stuff coming in everyday.

I know some of us have been wishing that there was a local "Ham" store. He is hoping to be able to generate enough business to stay open in this area. It would be especially nice if ComDec goes into complete retirement within a few years.

They also have a website up and are putting a list of items that are for sale on it. They expect it might take a couple more weeks to get the full list online.

http://www.cesham.com

I would recommend checking they out for yourself. They are planning a Grand Opening for July 1, 2006.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

792. Towers Fall

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-09 03:48:25 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 792 Message: 792

I don't know how long the links to the videos of two TV towers falling will be on the home page of this TV station. They may move them to another page after today. Worth the search!

<http://www.walb.com/Global/category.asp?C=1687&nav=menu37_2>

Laryn K8TVZ

793. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Towers Fall

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-09 10:54:11 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 792 Message: 793

That was neat footage of the towers coming down. Although they didn't want to bring down the second tower I thought it was neat that when it did fall it came straight down without falling sideways until the top half hit the ground.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: Laryn Lohman
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 23:48
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Towers Fall

I don't know how long the links to the videos of two TV towers falling
will be on the home page of this TV station. They may move them to
another page after today. Worth the search!

<http://www.walb.com/Global/category.asp?C=1687&nav=menu37_2>

Laryn K8TVZ

794. Make sure we at getting the new hams into out Groups ...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-10 00:20:38 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 794 Message: 794

Hello Everyone . I hope everyone is enjoying the West Michigan Hams Reflector and that you are not hesitating on posting your comments or asking questions you have about ham radio. And I thank you for your participation in making this a great place for hams to meet.

In the last couple of days I as moderator of another reflector have seen a new ham from a county turned away from that reflector because he was not a member of that group and when I started West Michigan Hams I was hoping that the individual county's would still bring new hams that were from there respective county's onto there reflectors so they would see what involvement there is with hams in there community. This is in no way intended to start a debate here on this website, but I am asking each one of the county websites to review it within there own members to make sure we are not missing out on the new hams. Sometimes we need to show what we are doing so we can get them involved and get them to Join in.

Thanks again for participating here at West Michigan Hams

73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

795. Sats for Field day.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-10 01:53:35 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 795 Message: 795

Don, Who is working VHF and Satilite for field day in your club. I would like to talk to them.

Jim KC8PCJ.
----- Original Message -----
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB

796. Marine HF

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-10 02:02:38 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 796 Message: 796

I need some Idea's for an HF antenna to put on my 21' Power boat. I would like somthing that I could make myself and not have to spend a lot of money. The boat is fiberglass except for the railing around the front. I would like to be able to work 20 and 40 meters, more if possible.Any ideas?

797. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Marine HF

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-10 02:14:08 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 796 Message: 797

Jim:

Thanks for reminding me...I had intended to send you an article some time ago on that very subject. It's very concise, written by Jim Weidner, K2JXW, who founded The Amateur Lighthouse Society. I think that you will find it very helpful. If anyone else is interested, please contact me directly and I will e-mail a copy to you, also.

73,
Linda, AB8QH
-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Jim KC8PCJ
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 10:03 PM
To: westmichiganhams
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Marine HF

I need some Idea's for an HF antenna to put on my 21' Power boat. I would like somthing that I could make myself and not have to spend a lot of money. The boat is fiberglass except for the railing around the front. I would like to be able to work 20 and 40 meters, more if possible.Any ideas?

798. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Sats for Field day.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-10 02:15:48 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 795 Message: 798

Hi Jim ... Skip K8RRA with Jonh N8YQD will be working on the Satilite connection and Mark KC8DEI will be working on VHF and I think they are both on WMH here so hopefully they will email you and get togather with you on that. Also it would be nice to get the fieldday sites linked togather on packet and pass some information between sites with that and for the Holland club members watching WMH it would be nice to get you connected too ..... Hope this helped you out ...73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

Jim KC8PCJ <kc8pcj@...> wrote: Don, Who is working VHF and Satilite for field day in your club. I would like to talk to them.

Jim KC8PCJ.
----- Original Message -----
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB

799. Pre-Field Day meeting for Shack Managers & Interested Persons

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-10 02:07:50 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 799 Message: 799

Hello, all:

The W8ZHO/MAARC Field Day co-chairs, Jon, AB8RD, and myself, AB8QH, decided on June 17th at 1 p.m. for a pre-Field Day meeting at Fruitland Township Park 4545 Nestrom Road, Whitehall , rain or shine. If any of you can't make it and would like to be kept informed, contact us and we'll see to it that you get the information that you need. Feedback is welcome. The excitement is building towards a great Field Day, with satellite, packet, and amateur television demos, as well as a mighty GOTA station and some skillfull operators. We definitely encourage visitors and we have some very friendly and helpful hams waiting to show you what amateur radio is all about, so come on down!

73,
Linda, AB8QH

800. Re: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Sats for Field day.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-10 11:38:39 UTC
From: kc8pcj@verizon.net
Topic: 795 Message: 800

Great. Tom N8YJT will be doing packet. We plan on sending nts msgs that way.

From: Don Meyer <kb8odb@...>
Date: Fri Jun 09 21:15:48 CDT 2006
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Sats for Field day.

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801. Fw: The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 23 (Jun 9, 2006)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-10 02:41:53 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 801 Message: 801

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Letter Mailing List" <letter-dlvy@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 5:31 PM
Subject: The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 23 (Jun 9, 2006)

> ***************
> The ARRL Letter
> Vol. 25, No. 23
> June 9, 2006
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> IN THIS EDITION:
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> * +House-passed telecoms bill keeps BPL study requirement
> * +FCC Citation issued in ham radio power line interference case
> * +June 28 set as launch date for 13 CubeSats
> * +Vermont becomes the 23rd PRB-1 state
> * +ARRL to be represented at international EmComm conference
> * +Newest DXCC entity is waiting in the wings
> * +AMSAT-UK cites potential threat from wireless broadband
> * Solar Update
> * IN BRIEF:
> This weekend on the radio: The ARRL June VHF QSO Party!
> ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration
> Spratly Islands operation reported imminent
> +Dayton Hamvention 2006 attendance nearly even with last year's
> +Ebbing sunspots fail to stanch flood of QSL cards
> W1AW/0 special event set for Rocky Mountain Division Convention
> K6KPH to transmit West Coast Qualifying Run June 17, Field Day message
> Marv Loftness, KB7KK, wins May QST Cover Plaque Award
> New Air Force MARS chief announced
> DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit
> Correction
>
> +Available on ARRL Audio News <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/audio/>
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> ==>Delivery problems (ARRL member direct delivery only!):
> letter-dlvy@...
> ==>Editorial questions or comments: Rick Lindquist, N1RL, n1rl@...
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> ==>US HOUSE OKAYS TELECOMS BILL WITH BPL STUDY LANGUAGE INTACT
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> On a 321 to 101 vote, the US House of Representatives on June 8 passed the
> Communications Opportunity, Promotion and Enhancement (COPE) Act of 2006.
> The House-passed bill, HR 5252, leaves intact language that would require
> the FCC to study the interference potential of BPL systems. US Rep Mike
> Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR), one of two radio amateurs in Congress, sponsored the
> BPL study requirement, "Study of Interference Potential of Broadband over
> Power Line Systems," contained in Title V, Section 502 of the complex
> bill.
> HR 5252 now goes to the US Senate, where a separate--and very
> different--telecoms bill, the Communications, Consumer's Choice, and
> Broadband Deployment Act of 2006 (S 2686) is still in committee.
>
> "We were concerned that a representative might be persuaded by BPL
> interests
> to introduce an amendment to delete or dilute Section 502," said ARRL CEO
> David Sumner, K1ZZ. "As it turns out that didn't happen, although we had
> taken steps to counter it if it had. So for now our focus returns to the
> Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee." Sumner says that
> if
> similar language were introduced on the Senate side, it would be more
> likely
> to remain when and if the House and Senate versions go to a conference
> committee.
>
> Section 502 calls on the FCC to "conduct, and submit to the Committee on
> Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
> Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, a study of the
> interference potential of broadband over power line systems," within 90
> days
> of the bill's enactment.
>
> Ross proposed including the study wording while the bill was still in the
> Energy and Commerce Committee. With the support of Committee Chairman Joe
> Barton (R-TX), the panel agreed by voice vote to include it when it
> reported
> the bill out.
>
> The BPL study requirement reportedly has received significant opposition
> from electric utilities. The United Telecom Council (UTC), a bulwark of
> BPL
> support and administrator of the Interference Resolution Web site, last
> month referred to the study requirement as a threat and urged its members
> to
> contact their members of Congress regarding its inclusion in the House
> measure.
>
> A year ago, Ross sponsored House Resolution 230 (H Res 230), which calls
> on
> the FCC to "reconsider and revise rules governing broadband over power
> line

> systems based on a comprehensive evaluation of the interference potential
> of
> those systems to public safety services and other licensed radio
> services."
> That non-binding resolution has eight cosponsors.
>
> In an April 27 statement, Ross said including the FCC study requirement in
> the House bill "would guarantee that valuable public safety communications
> and Amateur Radio operators are not subject to interference." He said
> infrastructure-free Amateur Radio, "often overlooked in favor of flashier
> means of communication," can maintain communication in disasters that
> bring
> more vulnerable technology to its knees. Ham radio operators "are often
> the
> only means of communication attainable in a devastated area," Ross said.
>
> "I believe it is imperative that the interference potential [of BPL] is
> thoroughly examined and comprehensively evaluated to ensure that
> deployment
> of BPL, which I do support, does not cause radio interference for Amateur
> Radio operators and first responders who serve our communities," Ross
> added.
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>
> The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will consider S
> 2686 in a markup session later this month. The ARRL has e-mailed members
> in
> the 22 states with Senators on the committee, urging them to write seeking
> support to include similar BPL study language in the Senate bill.
>
> ==>FCC CITES FLORIDA UTILITY FOR INTERFERENCE TO RADIO AMATEUR
>
> The FCC has issued a Citation to Lakeland Electric, a municipally owned
> utility in Lakeland, Florida, for violating Part 15 rules by interfering
> with a local radio amateur. ?15.5(c) of the FCC rules requires that the
> operator of an "incidental radiator" must cease operating the device after
> an FCC representative notifies the operator that the device is causing
> harmful interference. The "incidental radiator" in this case is overhead
> power lines. Under an agreement, the ARRL and the FCC cooperate in
> resolving
> cases of line noise interference to Amateur Radio licensees.
>
> "Power line noise continues to generate the bulk of interference
> complaints
> that ARRL receives," says ARRL Electromagnetic Compatibility Engineer Mike
> Gruber, W1MG, who says the League reviews hundreds of such complaints each
> year. About half of them are resolved promptly by the utilities, in some
> instances with assistance from the ARRL Laboratory. Gruber says he
> believes
> this is the first time the FCC has issued a Citation to a utility in a

> case
> involving power line interference to ham radio.
>
> The radio amateur involved, J. C. Flynn, W4FGC, told ARRL that Lakeland
> Electric has been good about fixing routine problems, but he doesn't think
> the utility personnel know how to resolve cases of power line noise. "I
> have
> been 10 years trying to get something done," he said, adding that the
> noise
> affects all HF bands. "It is terrible!"
>
> Flynn first noticed the power line noise around 1995. Subsequent
> complaints,
> assurances from the utility that it was addressing the problem--or that it
> couldn't find one--and even some FCC warnings followed before the FCC
> issued
> its Citation to Lakeland Electric on May 16. Flynn, who's now 84, told the
> League that as of June 7, nothing had been done to fix the severe line
> noise
> at his location, which he demonstrated over the telephone on several
> bands.
> He said he especially enjoys getting on 40 meter SSB with a large
> roundtable
> of friends.
>
> Commented Gruber: "There has been no activity by the utility in resolving
> this problem in over a year, and Mr Flynn's noise case now appears to be
> at
> a standstill." The League's involvement in the case goes back to January
> 2001, when Flynn requested the League's assistance. Gruber says the
> League's
> role is to provide technical information and guidance to utilities "to
> keep
> a complaint from reaching the point of a Citation."
>
> In late 2005, Gruber had a chance to check the line noise at Flynn's QTH
> firsthand. He had taken RFI gear to a Florida ham radio convention for a
> talk and demonstration. Afterward, on his own time, Gruber--with help from
> ARRL West Central Florida Section Manager Dee Turner, N4GD--took some
> noise
> measurements of his own.
>
> Gruber submitted the results of his on-site inspection to the FCC.
> Personnel
> from the Commission's Tampa field office followed up with their own
> inspection before issuing the Citation, which lays the groundwork for a
> possible Notice of Apparent Liability proposing to fine the utility if the
> interference problem is not resolved.
>
> "I hope this case serves as a precedent for FCC enforcement, where

> appropriate, in power line noise cases," said Gruber, who's compiled
> various
> reports and correspondence relating to the Lakeland Electric power line
> interference case into a booklet of approximately 60 pages. "While the
> League will work with amateurs in such cases for as long as it takes," he
> added, "we hope the FCC Citation will serve as a warning to electric
> utilities that it's not acceptable to take months or years to fix the
> problem causing the interference."
>
> ==>HUGE CUBESAT LAUNCH SET FOR JUNE 28
>
> In what AMSAT-NA is calling the largest deployment ever of Amateur Radio
> satellites, 13 "CubeSats" carrying ham radio payloads are set for launch
> June 28. If all goes according to plan, a Dnepr-1LV rocket will carry the
> CubeSats into space from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. A
> fourteenth
> satellite in the package will not carry an Amateur Radio payload.
>
> The CubeSat project is a collaboration between California Polytechnic
> State
> University-San Luis Obispo and Stanford University's Space Systems
> Development Laboratory. All of the CubeSats set to launch this month were
> designed and built by students at various universities in the US and
> elsewhere in the world.
>
> Cornell University, Cal Poly, and the University of Arizona each will send
> two CubeSats into space. Other US schools participating in the mass
> CubeSat
> launch are the University of Illinois, the University of Kansas, Montana
> State University and the University of Hawaii. In addition, schools in
> Norway, S Korea and Japan have built CubeSats for this month's launch.
>
> One of the CubeSats, known as SEEDS, was built by students at the Nihon
> University in Japan. It contains a CW beacon, Digi-Talker and other
> experiments. The CW beacon will be on 437.485 MHz and use the call sign
> JQ1YGU. The Digi-Talker experiment will be activated later. All 13
> CubeSats
> will identify using Amateur Radio call signs.
>
> According to AMSAT-NA, the satellites will be put into a 500-by-566 km
> (310
> by 351 miles) orbit with a 97-degree inclination. Each tiny satellite is a
> 10 cm (4 inch) cube weighing just 1 kg (2.2 lbs) into which the battery,
> transmitter and various experiments are packed.
>
> Twelve of the satellites have downlinks in the Amateur Radio satellite
> allocation between 435 and 438 MHz, and one will operate on 145.980 MHz,
> so
> there will be lots of signals to listen out for after launch. None of the
> spacecraft will carry a transponder. Transmitter power outputs range from

> 10
> mW to 2 W.
>
> Handling the complex job of frequency coordination was International
> Amateur
> Radio Union (IARU) Amateur Satellite Advisor Hans van de Groenendaal,
> ZS6AKV, and a panel of experts who assist in frequency coordination and
> advise satellite builders.
>
> Ralph Wallio, W0RPK, maintains a Web page
> <http://showcase.netins.net/web/wallio/CubeSat.htm> with up-to-date
> CubeSat
> status (scroll down).--AMSAT News Service
>
> ==>VERMONT GOVERNOR SIGNS AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA BILL
>
> Vermont Gov Jim Douglas has signed Amateur Radio antenna legislation that
> puts the language of the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1 into
> the
> Green Mountain State's statutes. Vermont is the 23rd state to adopt an
> Amateur Radio antenna law.
>
> "Today we reached a milestone in Vermont Amateur Radio history," exulted
> David Cain, W1DEC, on May 30. "PRB-1 is now officially codified into
> Vermont's statutes." Cain chaired the PRB-1 Committee and serves as
> Vermont
> ARRL State Government Liaison. "To all of you who worked so hard on this a
> hearty 'thank you' and 'well done!'"
>
> ARRL New England Division Vice Director Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, offered his
> congratulations to all involved in seeing the bill through. "This is a
> major
> achievement for Vermont, the New England Division and the hobby," he said.
> The legislation, H.12, cleared Vermont's General Assembly on May 10.
>
> The new law requires local ordinances to comply with ?97.15(b) "by
> allowing
> for the erection of an Amateur Radio antenna or an Amateur Radio antenna
> support structure at a height and dimension sufficient to accommodate
> Amateur Radio Service communications."
>
> Cain notes that a PRB-1 bill has been in the General Assembly hopper in
> Vermont for more than three years. "Hard work and persistence paid off,"
> he
> said, noting that lawmakers "recognized the value of ham radio and the
> need
> for reasonable accommodation."
>
> Section 1 of the bill declares it Vermont policy "that Amateur Radio use
> and

> Amateur Radio antennas and support structures protect and promote the
> public
> interest by providing important communications support to both government
> and the public during times of emergency when other communications
> infrastructure is disabled or overburdened and by presenting the public
> with
> an opportunity for public service, self-training, communications and
> technical investigation."
>
> Language in the original Vermont antenna bill outlined a schedule of
> minimum
> regulatory heights, below which localities could not impose restrictions.
> That language did not survive the legislative process, however.
>
> The legislation that did pass also provides for the Department of Housing
> and Community Affairs (DHCA) to report to the House and Senate committees
> on
> government operations "concerning municipal permitting and siting of
> Amateur
> Radio antennas and Amateur Radio antenna structures and municipal
> compliance
> with state statutes."
>
> In developing its report, DHCA "shall consult with representatives" of
> Vermont's Amateur Radio community and include their recommendations and
> input in its report to the General Assembly.
>
> ==>SECOND GLOBAL AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE SET
>
> ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, will represent the League at
> the second Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (GAREC)
> Conference.
> GAREC 2006 will take place June 19-20 in Tampere, Finland, in parallel
> with
> the International Conference on Emergency Communications (ICEC 2006).
>
> "Many new experiences resulted from dramatic events over the past 12
> months,
> new lessons have been learned, and new concepts have been developed," said
> IARU International Coordinator for Emergency Communications Hans
> Zimmermann,
> F5VKP/HB9AQS.
>
> Continuing the work begun during GAREC 2005, this year's conference will
> consider the latest developments in the application of Amateur Radio to
> emergency communication and cooperation with institutional partners in
> emergency response and disaster relief, Zimmerman said. It will also
> review
> progress made on concepts developed during last year's conference and
> formulate additional proposals.

>
> Zimmerman noted that the concurrent ICEC 2006 will review the application
> and implementation of the Tampere Convention on the Provision of
> Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations.
> "Holding the two events at the same time in the same location allows us to
> give high visibility to the important role of Amateur Radio in emergency
> communications," he said.
>
> ==>MONTENEGRO POISED TO BECOME NEWEST DXCC ENTITY
>
> The Republic of Montenegro, which declared its independence June 3, has
> applied for United Nations membership, according to The Daily DX
> <http://www.dailydx.com>. The move paves the way for the tiny Balkan
> nation
> to join the ARRL DXCC list.
>
> "Once Montenegro is accepted into the UN or obtains a call sign prefix
> block, DXers will have a new DXCC entity," says ARRL Membership Services
> Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG.
>
> The division of Serbia and Montenegro eliminates what remained of
> Yugoslavia. Serbia's parliament this week declared Serbia a sovereign
> nation
> as heir to the former Serbia-Montenegro union. Assuming that Serbia
> continues to hold its current seat in the UN, it will remain on the DXCC
> list as a pre-existing and continuing DXCC entity, Mills explained.
>
> A decision on whether to admit Montenegro into the UN must go before the
> UN
> Security Council and then to the UN General Assembly. A UN spokesperson
> could not say how long the process might take, The Daily DX said.
>
> ==>POTENTIAL THREAT TO AMATEUR BANDS IN UK CITED
>
> AMSAT-UK warns that proposals under consideration in the UK to provide
> wireless broadband in rural areas could pose a threat to Amateur Radio and
> Amateur-Satellite services there. A recently published report from
> telecoms
> regulator Ofcom
> <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/research/technology/overview/ese/exempt/>
> explores
> various options to bring broadband to countryside communities. One option
> calls for the use of wireless broadband. The systems would require high
> power to cover the large geographical areas involved, however. The Ofcom
> report proposes power levels of up to 80 W EIRP in the 2.4 GHz band and
> 200
> W EIRP in the 5 GHz band.
>
> "It is hard to see how amateurs would be able to continue using these
> frequencies when faced by the high levels of interference from the high

> power applications envisaged by this report," an AMSAT-UK spokesperson
> said.
>
> Ofcom notes that unlicensed broadband operators now may run 100 mW on 2.4
> GHz and 2 W EIRP on 5.8 GHz. Both bands have Amateur Radio allocations,
> and
> AMSAT-UK worries that the high power levels outlined in the report could
> cause serious interference to radio amateurs operating in those bands. The
> problem could be particularly severe on the 2400 to 2450 MHz band, used by
> "weak-signal" amateur satellites and amateur TV repeaters. The report
> makes
> no mention of Amateur Radio operation on the 2.4 GHz band.
>
> AMSAT-UK notes that four amateur satellites currently under construction
> will use 2.4 GHz to provide worldwide communications. The Amateur Radio
> P5-A
> Mars orbiter, due to launch in 2009, will rely on 2.4 GHz as well. Also
> under threat would be a planned 2.4 GHz Amateur Radio video link from the
> International Space Station to schools as part of the Amateur Radio on the
> International Space Station (ARISS) educational outreach.--RSGB
>
> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
>
> Propagation prognosticator Tad "Sun King" Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington,
> reports: Sunspot counts were lower this week, but it's surprising what has
> been happening on the ham bands. Operators are still having fun, and still
> working long distances, even on VHF, during this low part of the sunspot
> cycle. Most of this is due to seasonal sporadic E propagation. There were
> also reports of great HF conditions during the CQ WPX contest over the
> Memorial Day weekend.
>
> Average sunspot numbers dropped by 35 points to 19.3 between the last week
> of May and the first week of June. Geomagnetic indexes were a little
> higher.
>
> For more information concerning propagation and an explanation of the
> numbers used in this bulletin see the ARRL Technical Information Service
> Propagation page <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html>.
>
> Sunspot numbers for June 1 through 7 were 11, 0, 0, 17, 23, 36 and 48,
> with
> a mean of 19.3. 10.7 cm flux was 77.2, 75.3, 75.9, 75.6, 77.9, 78, and
> 82.7,
> with a mean of 77.5. Estimated planetary A indices were 13, 8, 4, 2, 4, 23
> and 24, with a mean of 11.1. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 10, 5,
> 2,
> 1, 2, 15 and 18, with a mean of 7.6.
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> ==>IN BRIEF:
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> * This weekend on the radio: The ARRL June VHF QSO Party, the ANARTS World
> Wide RTTY Contest, the Portugal Day Contest, the Asia-Pacific Sprint
> (SSB),
> the GACW WWSA CW DX Contest and the REF DDFM 6-Meter Contest are the
> weekend
> of June 10-11. The NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint and the RSGB 80-Meter
> Club
> Championship (CW) are June 14. The Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder and SARL
> Youth Day are June 16. JUST AHEAD: ARRL Kids Day, Council of Europe RC
> 20th
> Anniversary Challenge 0800Z, Jun 16 to 1000Z, Jun 18, All Asian DX
> Contest,
> CW 0000Z, Jun 17 to 2400Z, Jun 18, SMIRK Contest 0000Z, Jun 17 to 2400Z,
> Jun
> 18, West Virginia QSO Party 1600Z, Jun 17 to 0200Z, Jun 18, AGCW VHF/UHF
> Contest 1600Z-1900Z, Jun 17 (144), 1900Z-2100Z, Jun 17 (432), Quebec QSO
> Party 1700Z, Jun 17 to 0300Z, Jun 18, Kid's Day Contest 1800Z-2400Z, Jun
> 17,
> DIE Contest 0600Z-1200Z, Jun 18, Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
> 0100Z-0300Z,
> Jun 19, RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 22, Thursday NCCC
> Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 23, See the ARRL Contest Branch page
> <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the WA7BNM Contest Calendar
> <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> for more info.
>
> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Sunday, June 25, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE). Program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1 (EC-001), Radio Frequency
> Interference (EC-006), Antenna Design and Construction (EC-009), Analog
> Electronics (EC-012) and Digital Electronics (EC-013). Classes begin
> Friday,
> July7. To learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page
> <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE Department
> <cce@...>.
>
> * Spratly Islands operation reported imminent: The Daily DX
> <http://www.dailydx.com> quotes Toshi Kusano, JA1ELY, who provides details
> of an imminent--and brief--operation from the Spratly Islands. According
> to
> the report, Tex Izumo, 9M2TO, will commence operation from Layang Layang
> Island, Spratly Islands (AS-051) starting at about 1200 UTC, Friday, June
> 9,
> through 2200 UTC on Monday, June 12. He is said to have all necessary
> documentation in order and will be on the air as 9M0/9M2TO on CW only. The
> one-person operation will cover all bands from 80 through 6 meters at 100
> W.
> QSL via JA0DMV, via the bureau (JARL) or direct to Tex Izumo, 2C-10-03

> Mutiara Apt, Jalan Sungai Emas, 11100 Batu Ferringhi, Penang Is, Malaysia.
>
> * Dayton Hamvention 2006 attendance nearly even with last year's: Dayton
> Hamvention? 2006 General Chairman Jim Nies, WX8F, reports that the
> estimated
> attendance for the May 19-21 event was very nearly the same as last
> year's.
> "Our best estimates for attendance at 2006 Hamvention put the number at
> 20,324, a slight drop from 2005, but still within the ballpark for the
> three
> latest all-volunteer Hamvention years," Nies told ARRL. In 2005, an ARRL
> Convention year, 20,411 visitors attended Hamvention. The number of
> attendees in 2004 was calculated at 19,869. Nies said the Dayton Amateur
> Radio Association's Hamvention Committee will conduct a critique meeting
> June 13 to identify areas of Hamvention that need improvement and to
> discuss
> possible solutions, although Nies says that process already has begun
> informally. "Some committee chairmen have begun planning their timelines
> and
> their recruiting for next year," he adds.
>
> * Ebbing sunspots fail to stanch flood of QSL cards: Despite the fact that
> the current sunspot cycle is nearing its low point, the ARRL Outgoing QSL
> Service is doing a brisk business. "We are seeing bigger numbers this year
> as compared to last year," says ARRL Outgoing QSL Service Manager Sharon
> Taratula. "It's amazing, considering where we are in the sunspot cycle."
> By
> late May, the Outgoing QSL Service had received 66,150 QSL cards, she
> says.
> That compares with 54,850 cards received during the entire month of May
> 2005--a difference of 11,200 QSLs. "In 2006 so far, we have received
> 60,025
> more cards than we had by this time in 2005," Taratula said. The volume of
> outgoing QSL cards reflects the trend, although not all cards
> received--especially those destined for rarer DXCC entities--go out right
> away in the bi-monthly mailings to foreign bureaus. "This year so far, we
> have shipped 530,250 cards," she says. "That's 5400 more cards than we'd
> shipped by this time last year." The 2005 total was 1,137,550 cards. In
> the
> current solar cycle, the number of cards shipped via the ARRL Outgoing QSL
> Service topped 1.9 million cards in the 2001-2002 period. The Outgoing QSL
> Service sorts and forwards QSLs received from US radio amateurs to bureaus
> in 225 countries.
>
> * W1AW/0 special event set for Rocky Mountain Division Convention: ARRL
> Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will be on the air as special event station
> W1AW/0 June 9-11 during HAMCON Colorado--the ARRL Rocky Mountain Division
> Convention. HAMCON will be held at the Holiday Inn-Rocky Mountain Park
> Convention Center in Estes Park, Colorado. Two HF stations will be
> available

> for conventioneers to operate throughout the event. Look for W1AW/0 on
> SSB,
> 3.875, 7.255, 14.245 and 21.320 MHz. QSL W1AW/0, 225 Main St, Newington,
> CT
> 06111.--Wes Wilson, K0HBZ
>
> * K6KPH to transmit West Coast Qualifying Run June 17, Field Day message:
> The Maritime Radio Historical Society's K6KPH will transmit the "W1AW"
> West
> Coast Qualifying Run session Saturday, June 17, 2100 UTC (1400 PDT). K6KPH
> will use the normal W1AW CW frequencies of 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475 and
> 21.0675 MHz. This information was inadvertently omitted from the W1AW
> schedule appearing in June's QST. The following weekend, K6KPH will
> complement W1AW's Field Day 2006 message on CW and digital modes for the
> benefit of West Coast stations. K6KPH frequencies for the Field Day
> transmissions: CW, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475 and 21.0675 MHz; Teleprinter
> (RTTY and FEC AMTOR), 7.095 and 14.095 MHz. The K6KPH schedules are
> subject
> to change. The W1AW and K6KPH Field Day schedules are on the ARRL Web site
> <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/06-fd-w1aw-sked.html>.
>
> * Marv Loftness, KB7KK, wins May QST Cover Plaque Award: The winner of the
> QST Cover Plaque Award for May is Marv Loftness, KB7KK, for his article
> "That Noise--When to Call the Power Company." Congratulations, Marv! The
> winner of the QST Cover Plaque award--given to the author or authors of
> the
> best article in each issue--is determined by a vote of ARRL members on the
> QST Cover Plaque Poll Web page
> <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/QSTvote.html>. Cast a ballot for your
> favorite article in the June issue by Friday, June 30.
>
> * New Air Force MARS chief announced: The Air Force Communications Agency
> (AFCA) has announced the appointment of MSgt Donald Poquette as Chief of
> Air
> Force Military Affiliate Radio System (AF MARS). Poquette, who holds the
> Amateur Radio call sign KE9XB, will assume his duties and the AF MARS
> chief's call sign AGA3C immediately. He succeeds AF MARS Chief Ray
> Collins,
> AGA3C, who announced his retirement earlier this year. Poquette has more
> than 20 years of radio communications experience. He has maintained
> high-power HF global stations, managed several radio work centers, and
> served as quality assurance inspector and frequency manager. Additionally,
> he has gained valuable experience as installation MARS director and with
> assisting the previous AF MARS chief with associated responsibilities. The
> Air Force MARS office is located at AFCA Headquarters, Scott Air Force
> Base,
> Illinois.
>
> * Three radio amateurs on next ISS crew: NASA astronauts Michael
> Lopez-Alegria, KE5GTK, and Sunita Williams, KD5PLB, and Russian cosmonaut

> Mikhail Tyurin, RZ3FT, have been named as the 14th crew of the
> International
> Space Station. Expedition 14 is scheduled to begin this fall.
> Lopez-Alegria
> will serve as Expedition 14 commander and as NASA ISS science officer for
> the six-month mission. Lopez-Alegria and Tyurin--who was on the ISS
> Expedition 3 crew--are now training to launch aboard a Russian Soyuz
> spacecraft in September. Williams' arrival on the ISS depends on NASA's
> shuttle fleet being back in operation. She's scheduled to travel to the
> ISS
> via shuttle--her first space flight--and join Expedition 14 in progress.
> If
> all goes according to current plans, Williams will replace European Space
> Agency astronaut Thomas Reiter, DF4TR, whose duty tour is scheduled to
> bridge part of expeditions 13 and 14--the first time that's happened in
> the
> history of the ISS. Unclear at this point is whether Reiter will return on
> the shuttle or aboard a Soyuz, so there could be some additional crew
> overlap. Plans call for Reiter to go into space when the NASA space
> shuttle
> returns to flight in July, and he'll join Expedition 13's Pavel
> Vinogradov,
> RV3BS, and Jeff Williams, KD5TVQ, whose mission began in April.
>
> * DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit: The ARRL DXCC Desk has
> approved this operation for DXCC credit: T61AA, Afghanistan, current
> operation effective May 23, 2006. For more information, visit the DXCC Web
> page <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>. "DXCC Frequently Asked Questions"
> can answer most questions about the DXCC program.
>
> * Correction: In the story "2006 NORTH ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON
> OFFICIALLY
> UNDER WAY" in The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 22 (Jun 2, 2006), we should have
> said: "The Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) <http://www.hwn.org> activates on
> 14.325 MHz when a hurricane is forecast within 300 miles of landfall in
> the
> Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf Coast regions."
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> * ARRLWeb <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/>. (NOTE: The ARRL Letter will
> be
> posted each Friday when it is distributed via e-mail.)
>
> * The QTH.net listserver, thanks to volunteers from the Boston Amateur
> Radio
> Club: Visit Mailing Lists@...
> <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/letter-list>. (NOTE: The ARRL
> cannot assist subscribers who receive The ARRL Letter via this
> listserver.)
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802. Looking for Field Day information

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-10 13:16:42 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 802 Message: 802

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803. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for Field Day information

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-11 02:20:36 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 802 Message: 803

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-11 11:39:09 UTC
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-11 12:33:42 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 802 Message: 805

Tom
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806. Just in case you have not seen this information for fieldday.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-11 14:47:50 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 806 Message: 806

"The only rule change in 2006 involves the GOTA ('Get On The Air') station bonus-point structure," says ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "An individual operator may earn a 50-point bonus for completing 50 QSOs at the GOTA station. They may earn an additional 50 bonus points when they reach 100 QSOs."

Henderson notes there's a 100-QSO cap for bonus points per individual GOTA operator, but additional GOTA operators may earn the bonuses for the club, up to a maximum of 500 GOTA bonus points.

"Additionally, Field Day operations can double their GOTA bonus points by having a designated GOTA Coach/Mentor supervise the station whenever it's on the air," Henderson notes. "The GOTA Coach/Mentor may talk the participants through the QSOs and serve as control operator, but GOTA participants must make and log all QSOs themselves."

This means that if a Field Day group has a GOTA Coach/Mentor, the 50 and 100-point bonuses GOTA operators earn will double to 100 and 200 points respectively, while the maximum GOTA bonus increases to 1000 points.

ARRL Field Day 2006 will be Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25.

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807. APRS and Field day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-11 14:51:08 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 807 Message: 807

Hello along eith Tom's information ...APRS also lets us send messages through the system to other stations on line ...73 Don

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808. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for Field Day information

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-11 14:51:57 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 802 Message: 808

"The existing packet infrastructure" may mean connections to permanent APRS stations or Digi station networks, but then what would you be demonstrating? I did a Google search and didn't find anything more descriptive.

I think it means it can't be connected to a phone line, wireless internet, or an ethernet port.

That statement is what we might need to define a little better, because it is somewhat unclear. Does anyone else have an interperetation?

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Date: 2006-06-11 18:16:39 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 802 Message: 809

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Tom, N8YJT

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for Field Day information
Date: Sat, 10 Jun 2006 19:20:36 -0700 (PDT)

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810. Re: [WestMichiganHams] APRS and Field day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-11 17:25:37 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 807 Message: 810

Maybe we should get togeather after the Tuesday night net.

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From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2006 10:51 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] APRS and Field day

Hello along eith Tom's information ...APRS also lets us send messages through the system to other stations on line ...73 Don

We set up a APRS station to show it in Grand Haven 2-3 years ago. Try that. Tom

811. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for Field Day information

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-11 23:27:30 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 802 Message: 811

If the confusion is ongoing - please let me know and I'll contact ARRL for some clarification.

Linda, MAARC FD Co-Chair
-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Jon Plyler
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2006 2:17 PM
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812. MS-150

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-12 19:27:05 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 779 Message: 812

In the name of all of those that have Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society volunteers, I would like to thank all of the hams that participated in the Grand Rapids MS 150 Bike Tour. It was two long days and our work was very much appreciated by all. The HAMS put in over 400 hours of volunteer service. There were over 700 riders.

The following volunteers participated:

K8WLK, Bill, Holland

N8KAL, Kim, Georgetown

K8JIM, Jim, Allendale

W8TML, Tom, Rothbury

KC8TKH Dick, Grand Rapids

K8TVZ, Laryn, Holland

K8MHZ, Mark, Muskegon

N8CTT, Denny, Muskegon

KC8KML, Fitz, Grand Haven

NV8A, Alan, Zeeland

KC8ZCO, Jon, Zeeland

WB9JSR, John, Port Sheldon

There were also 3 or 4 other hams from out of the area that helped out. I did not catch their calls or names.

A very good effort was put in by hams from at least 6 counties.

73

John WB9JSR

813. Hams STILL needed for National 24 Hour Challenge, Saturday, June 17

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-12 22:20:52 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 813 Message: 813

Come on those of you that truly believe in the public service aspect of Amateur Radio.
Time is getting way too close, I need to hear from you.
Ham radio has been the method of communications for this event for over 20 years. Let's not let them down now!
Still need communications for the course follow vehicule 11AM-6PM. (vehicule and driver supplied)
And a second communications person for check point 3, Delton Library. 12Noon-3:35PM

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To all Amateur Radio Operators

The National 24 Hour Challenge (N24HC) http://www.n24hc.org is a 126 1/2 mile bicycle route through Barry County that takes place on the Saturday before Fathers Day that attracts about
500 riders plus their support crews. Amateur Radio communications is an important part of the logistics of this annual event taking place this year on June 17.
As I type this, the following communications positions are in need of volunteers:
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And a second communications person for check point 3, Delton Library. 12Noon-3:35PM

The event coordinators provide shirts, limited refreshments, and Friday evening spaghetti dinner. Please contact the Ham Radio Communications Director if you are willing to help.
Jack Amelar NY8D
mailto:jamelar@...?subject=N24HC
Phone evening (616)897-6885, days (616)493-8736

Thanks
73 Jack NY8D
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No virus found in this outgoing message.
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814. KB8VEE-3

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-13 03:30:21 UTC
From: Andrew
Topic: 814 Message: 814

Tom and Jim,

Thanks for fixing the KB8VEE-3 APRS Digipeater. Now I won't get lost anymore.

http://location.n8ary.com

Andrew

815. fan

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-13 15:11:06 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 815 Message: 815

Bought an Alinco DM-330Mv power supply at K8IUI sale last year.The cooling fan got very noisy,contact cleaner no help.Trying to avoid burning anything if the fan freezes up, I shut it down.No local substitute,it's 24 volt,had to order.Specs.list over-temperature under protection catagory.I don't a ton of txing,is it safe to run until new fan arrives?My base is all mobile stuff rig,scanners,etc.so I'm dead in the water.Running HT on wallwat.

73 KD8CBJ

816. Re: [WestMichiganHams] fan

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-13 17:45:08 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 815 Message: 816

Can you get a 120-volt fan that's about the same size and just connect it to the primary voltage?

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-13 22:31:01 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 815 Message: 817

Had not thought of that,but fan turns on and off as needed so I think I want to keep it OEM.Thank you

73 KD8CBJ

818. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Sats for Field day.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-14 17:59:04 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 795 Message: 818

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>SNIP<
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73
de Skip k8rra k

819. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Sats for Field day.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-14 23:15:19 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 795 Message: 819

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820. Towers Fall...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-15 02:07:07 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 820 Message: 820

Just in case the links were gone by the time you read my message of
last week on this topic, here's some more...

Laryn K8TVZ

<http://www.walb.com/Global/story.asp?S=5005001&nav=menu37_3>

<http://www.tower-pro.net/>

<http://www.comtrainusa.com/news.htm>

821. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Sats for Field day.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-15 02:14:43 UTC
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
Topic: 795 Message: 821

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Tom

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822. Sping Lake Fireworks tonight

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-17 19:58:17 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 822 Message: 822

Hello Everyone ?.. The police chief for Ferrysburg/Spring Lake contacted me that he is concerned with traffic leaving the fireworks tonight . This being the first time for fireworks for the Heritage Festival he asked if we would have hams available in case there was a need. So with this in mind we have set Ferry Park on Pine St by the ramp to Grand Haven as a place to meet and watch the fireworks from and be available if needed for traffic control. If you are in Spring Lake for the fireworks let me or John know on the 145.49 repeater or want to join us to watch the fireworks incase there is a need it would be appreciated.
There is no need to respond by email please just come and show up ?.. 73 Don Meyer KB8ODB
Fireworks start at 10:15 and will be over by 10:45

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Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

823. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Sats for Field day.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-18 03:43:16 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 795 Message: 823

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824. ConTest University

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-18 10:33:40 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 795 Message: 824

All:

Have a look at this program.? Interesting?

ConTest University
from Tim K3LR
Website: http://www.contestuniversity.com on June 17, 2006
(http://www.contesting.com/forums/post/Articles/L701)
While you are making reservations at the Crowne Plaza in Dayton check out:

http://www.contestuniversity.com

We are getting enough interest that it looks like we will be 100% ready to go for a full day of ConTest University ("CTU") 2007 to be held the Thursday of Dayton week at the Crowne Plaza. The CTU fee is all inclusive of all materials as well as breakfast and lunch, so everything is provided for. If we are able to cut a better deal on food prices with the hotel or obtain additional corporate sponsors, we will reduce the final cost. This is a break-even not-for-profit program.

If you are planning on coming to CTU, please fill out the interest form on the web site as soon as possible and then make your Crowne Plaza reservation for Wednesday night as well. This will be a very good event with coordination help from PVRC and their very successful 2005 Contest Seminar. Watch the website for continued updates about the instructors, course content and the schedule/outline.

Please pass this email to club reflectors, newsletters, etc.

Thanks to KA9FOX and QTH.com for hosting our website!
73! Tim K3LR

825. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Sats for Field day.

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Date: 2006-06-18 12:05:24 UTC
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
Topic: 795 Message: 825

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826. Countdown to Field Day!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-18 16:29:45 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 826 Message: 826

Hello, hams:

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827. Happy Fathers day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-18 16:43:54 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 827 Message: 827

Happy fathers day to all you amateur fathers out there.
no pun intended
Have a great day.
73s
kc8pcj

828. WEAVER'S WORDS - 6M SKIP OPENINGS ARE HAPPENING

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-17 10:23:07 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 828 Message: 828

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2006 4:51 AM
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS - 6M SKIP OPENINGS ARE HAPPENING

>- We won a big one in the House
> - Manassas, Virginia
> - Board Meeting
> - You asked: Why an ARRL Visa Card?
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>
> (REPLY ONLY TO K8JE@....)
>
> Quite a bit has happened since my last issue of Weaver's Words so here
> is another one to bring you up-to-date.
>
> WE WON A BIG ONE IN THE HOUSE
>
> The US House of Representatives, this is. On June 8, the US House
> overwhelmingly passed HR 5252, the Communications Opportunity,
> Promotion and Enhancement (COPE) Act of 2006. Otherwise known as the
> rewrite of the US Communications Act, HR 5252 now goes to a conference
> committee where it will be reconciled with what will likely be a
> substantially different Senate rewrite of the Act. The Senate bill is
> still being hammered out.
>
> The beauty of HR 5252 is that it contains a requirement the FCC review
> its BPL rules within 60 days and report back to the House. The
> Commission would be required to assure the House that BPL systems would
> not cause interference to FCC-licensed operators whose frequencies are
> also used by Part 15 (including BPL) devices.
>
> The BPL-review wording in this bill was added and passed thanks to a
> combination of the fine work of ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, the
> rest of the Legislative Action management team and Arkansas
> Representative Mike Ross, WD5DVR who introduced the BPL control
> amendment . . . and ARRL members who wrote and otherwise contacted the
> US House members from their Districts, urging their support of an
> adequate BPL control clause in the bill.
>
> With the battle in the US House won, the ARRL Legislative Action effort
> concerning BPL legislation has turned to the US Senate. We are working
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> to get wording similar to that in the House bill included in the
> developing Senate bill. ARRL members who's Senators sit in key
> positions regarding the Senate legislation have been asked to contact
> these senators. This grassroots effort can be expected to spread to
> the entire Senate as progress occurs on the upper house's rewrite of
> the Communications Act. Keep your computers and pens warmed up; ready
> to write to your Senators when you are asked to do this.
>
> The effort aimed at fighting flawed BPL systems the past several years
> has been worth the effort. Skeptics among us feel otherwise. This is
> their privilege. The facts, though, show they are wrong.
>
> First of all, indiscriminate development of flawed BPL systems
> countrywide has been delayed substantially thanks to ARRL. There can
> be no doubt that the League and you members who enlisted in the
> grassroots program caused this delay. There has been no one else
> leading the fight.
>
> Secondly, as an obvious result of the strong fight against
> interference-causing BPL systems, several planned and even existing BPL
> trials were dropped. Newer systems that have been brought online and
> that are planned seem to involve BPL systems that are not problematic.
> We'll need to see about this, of course.
>
> Finally, provided we continue our success on the legislative front and
> achieve a strong BPL position in the Senate rewrite of the
> Communications Act, the threat of rampant interference from BPL should
> gone forever. The ARRL goal of getting resounding support from the FCC
> to keep interference from Part 15 devices will have paid off.
>
> We will still need your help, so please be ready.
>
> MANASSAS VIRGINIA
>
> The FCC Enforcement Bureau has finally been allowed to chime in on the
> horrendously noisy BPL system run by Manassas, VA. The Commission
> wrote to operators of this system saying they need to come into
> compliance with the provisions of Part 15 of the FCC rules. This means
> the system must discontinue interfering with Amateur Radio signals soon
> or it may be shut down, summarily. The enforcement letters also mean
> the ARRL has won a big one with the FCC.
>
> The city's own data show the system is operating well beyond required
> limits.
>
> The final lesson to be learned from the enforcement action is that the
> FCC Enforcement folks will not tolerate interference to licensed
> services by poorly designed and poorly-executed BPL systems. This is
> something would-be operators of BPL systems will need to consider
> before they pony up the money needed to develop a system.

>
> BOARD MEETING
>
> As I've done in the past, I'm letting you know the ARRL Board of
> Directors meeting will be July 21 and 22 in Newington, CT. I'll leave
> on July 19 to participate in the quarterly Administration & Finance
> Committee meeting on the 20th. If there is anything you'd like me to
> check on at these meetings, let me know.
>
> YOU ASKED: WHY AN ARRL VISA CARD?
>
> Sometimes I love to answer questions with a question, so my answer is
> "Why not?"
>
> Actually there are two very simple reasons to have the ARRL Visa card.
> First, the Card publicizes Amateur Radio and to a lesser extent, ARRL.
> Second, by using this card, members provide additional financial
> support to ARRL.
>
> The publicity aspect is easy to understand so I won't go into it. What
> about the added financial support?
>
> For every dollar charged on the card, ARRL gets a small reward. It
> isn't much, but with hundreds of members using the card, the extra
> dollars add up to a worthwhile total. In addition, each card issued
> brings a one-time reward to ARRL - sort of a finder's fee if you will.
> When one considers that no one is forced to get one of these cards and
> no one is forced to use one, this is one of the win-win situations I've
> talked about before.
>
> The bottom line to this is that if any of us wants to use a credit card
> and if there are no particular disadvantages to the ARRL Visa Card over
> other cards, we may as well use the ARRL card. Using it brings rebates
> to the user and a slight income to the League. Might as well use it as
> most any other card . . . provided you are going to use a card of any
> sort.
>
> NOT A PROPHET AFTER ALL
>
> A number of you caught my spelling error in the discussion of profit
> from the sales of books and the like. Somehow or other, I turned the
> word profit into the word prophet the second time I used it in the
> item. Don't know how this happened, but it did. A couple of you were
> kind enough to assume I was trying to be clever, but this wasn't it. I
> just goofed!
>
> A couple of you asked how it could be that ARRL, a CFR 501.c.3
> not-for-profit organization by IRS standards, is allowed to make a
> profit. For you who haven't been involved in non-profit groups, there
> is no prohibition against these groups making money. The issue is

> relatively how much they make and how they use it. If you doubt this,
> consider the amount of money the Heart Association or any other major
> non-profit, charitable organizations have brought in each year. One
> purpose of a non-profit usually is to make money to help finance the
> operation it supports.
>
> A PAIN IN THE BACK
>
> First off, I'm healthy and alive in Mason, Ohio. As is true of most
> people who've gotten past 39 years old, I'm having a bit of a problem,
> though. I may need back surgery to correct a spinal issue. I've had
> this procedure previously, and it went very well. There is one
> additional area in the lower back that requires attention. The problem
> occasionally gets in the way of my traveling as much as I'd like and
> had done previously. I hope any additional surgery is over and the
> back problem is resolved by the end of this summer. In the meantime,
> I'm cutting back a little on longer distance auto trips. I'm still
> getting around and I'll still make the Board meetings.
>
> I've scheduled a trip and haven't advised you it has needs to be
> cancelled, it is still on my calendar.
>
> NEW DX COUNTRY CRITERIA
>
> If you missed the recent announcement, the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC)
> and the DX Desk at HQ combined forces to develop a new rule governing
> the acceptability of territories as new countries. For details, go to
> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/06/14/100/?nc=1. The new rule
> replaces the one that was dropped by the Board of Directors several
> months ago.
>
> Also related to DX, Montenegro recently voted to become a separate
> country. It will automatically become a new DX entity upon receiving a
> radio prefix from the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) or
> acceptance into the UN - whichever occurs first. To qualify for credit
> with Montenegro, QSOs must occur after one these options has occured,
> not before.
>
> On a similar theme, during the recent processing period, the Awards
> group at HQ processed 8 applications for Worked All States (WAS). Six
> of these were submitted via the Logbook of the World (LoTW). Look for
> LoTW to be able to support other ARRL and non-ARRL awards in the near
> future. For us who QSL to a large extent to receive credit for awards,
> the use of LoTW will save considerable money. . . and time. For those
> of us who occasionally want to receive hard copy QSLs as souvenirs of
> special QSOs, we can still exchange these, but at the higher cost
> incurred with them. Incidentally, the instructions for using LoTW are
> being rewritten to simplify them still further.
>
> This is all for now. GL, 73,

>
> Jim
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE
> Director, Great Lakes Division
> Chairman, Legislative Action Committee
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> K8JE@...; Tel., 513-459-0142; FAX, same
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> k8je@...
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829. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-17 00:21:46 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 37 Message: 829

> Summer approaches and Field Day is soon to be upon us -- no doubt one of
> the
> greatest operating events in ham radio. Many of us will be swatting the
> mosquitoes and enjoying FD cooking while having fun hauling in the
> contacts.
> Don't overlook bringing your elected officials and other visitors to your
> FD
> site. Our Governor's proclamation of Amateur Radio Awareness Week in
> Michigan coincides with Field Day, and is downloadable from the Public
> Information Coordinators portion of the Section Web Page
> http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=MI and also from the
> http://www.mi-arpsc.org/ web site. Please see that this information and
> the
> news about your club's FD activity gets into distribution with you local
> news
> media.
>
> - - Here is a note from Hank N8XX: July QST has an article about a
> practical application of High Speed Multi Mode on 2.4 GHz spread spectrum
> within the ham band. It's entitled "The Hinternet and Open HSMM." If you
> aren't a member of ARRL, or if your copy of QST hasn't arrived yet, I've
> posted a copy on my personal web site at
> http://members.nuvox.net/~on.hgreeb/swohdigi/hsmm01.pdf . This
> technology,
> or a variant thereof, might be of use for emergency communications,
> especially when the internet is down. This could be "the last mile" of
> communications, which sometimes is the hardest to accomplish during an
> emergency. Besides having emergency communications aspects, "playing
> radio"
> with one's computer can be lots of fun. Are there enough computer gurus
> with
> RF expertise to implement such a network in YOUR area? There's a group in
> Hillsdale, Michigan upon which folks in other areas op the state could
> prevail for expertise and advice. Ideas are cordially solicited. - - 73,
> de
> N8XX Hank, Assistant Director, Great Lakes Division & Local Government
> Liaison, Michigan Section
>
> SPACE (as in outer) is the theme for this year's Michigan Section Summer
> Campout. Plan to join us at the Woodlands Campgrounds east of West Branch
> July 13-16. Details are posted on the Michigan Section Web page
> http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=MI . Campsites are available, as is
> lodging on the campgrounds and motels are in nearby West Branch. Join the
> fun and family activities with your Section Staff and enjoy the
> camaraderie.

>
> Station Activity Reports for May, 2006: N8FPN 241, K8ZJU 198, KC8MLD
> 152,
> K8LJG 144, K8AE 132, WI8K 120, KV8Z 118, WD8USA 116, WB8RCR 83, AA8SN 64,
> K8AMR 52, W8RNQ 31, AB8CB 15, WA8OOH 12, K8YB 11, N8UN 7, KC8RTW 2, KD8BGQ
> 1,
> WB8TKL 1.
>
> Public Service Honor Roll reports for May, 2006: W8RAE 387, K8AE 200,
> KC8RTW 147, KD8BGQ 133, WB8RCR 120, K8ZJU 120, N8FPN 110, KV8Z 103, AA8SN
> 100, WI8K 100, K8AMR 92, K8KV 80, K8VFZ 74, K8KHZ 63, N8WTQ 35.
>
> Official Emergency Station reports came in from N8HA, KC8ULE, and W8RAE.
> PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your OES reports
> with
> WA8EFK.
>
> 73, Dale
>
> And now some news from Dan KB6NU our Affiliated Club Coordinator:
> An Extra Class Course/Net?
>
> At Dayton, I ran into someone who was in my 2005 General Class license
> course. I mentioned to her that I'd just passed the Extra Class test, and
> she
> asked if perhaps I might teach an Extra Class license course in the
> future.
> At that time, I said that I didn't have any plans to do so, and that an
> Extra
> Class course would be quite an undertaking. This afternoon, I received an
> e-mail from another guy who asked if I could help him pass the Extra test.
> Apparently, the need is there, so it got me to thinking about how to
> approach this. To prepare myself for the Extra test, all I really did was
> to
> take a bunch of practice tests. A friend lent me his copy of the Extra
> Class
> license manual, but I rarely opened it. After taking 30 or 40 tests, I
> convinced myself that I could pass the "real" test, and actually did so.
> Taking the practice tests was very valuable. Even though I've been a ham
> for
> 35 years, I learned quite a bit about stuff I didn't have any experience
> with
> and about some of the more arcane rules and regulations.
> Thinking about this a bit more, it occurs to me that one way to approach
> an
> Extra Class license course would be to have the students take a bunch of
> practice tests, identify the areas in which they need help, and then have
> them have them gather on a repeater or via EchoLink once or twice a week
> to
> review these particular topics. Furthermore, if we did it this way, I

> could
> invite other people--both teachers and students--to participate.
> Have any of you tried something like this? If so, was it successful? If
> not, do you think it could be successful? And, if you're thinking about
> getting your Extra Class license, would you participate? E-mail me at
> kb6nu@..., phone me at 734-930-6564, or look for me on 40m around
> 7.030
> MHz (working CW, of course) if you'd like to discuss this further......73,
> Dan KB6NU
>
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> ---
> ARRL Michigan Section
> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
> ---
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830. Would I be out of line ... ?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-19 00:49:51 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 830 Message: 830

Hello Everyone . I have a question for the hams here on the reflector and that is do you think it would be wrong for me to ask for help (as friends not organizations)on a personal benefit my family is putting on to help out my nephew who is 30 years old fighting leukemia. This event is going to be in the near future and there will be a need for security in just eyes and ears not enforcing just people to watch over "the what I hope will be a crowd" and I will have someone to call to handle problems.
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.73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

831. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Would I be out of line ... ?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-19 03:56:14 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 830 Message: 831

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From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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832. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-19 03:59:40 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 826 Message: 832

I like the idea of a mini swap. What time are we meeting Friday?
----- Original Message -----
From: Linda Rosenthal
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2006 12:29 PM
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833. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-19 11:57:32 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 826 Message: 833

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834. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-19 12:44:16 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 826 Message: 834

Per ARRL rules, we can't start set up until 1800 UTC on Friday. There is no specific time for folks to gather on Friday. (The potluck will likely start between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.. Jean, KC8WSE, is giving a mini-seminar on the NTS system, including how to write those important radiograms for Field Day points, after the evening meal.) The Friday mini-swap would be very, very casual and probably ongoing from the time that we begin set up until folks wander off for the evening. I'm picturing the swap happening as a tailgate sort of thing and limited to Friday afternoon/evening. It's first time for this, so we'll see how it goes...

73,
Linda
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From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Jim KC8PCJ
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835. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-19 12:45:42 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 826 Message: 835

We welcome any and all visitors, Andrew. Come on down!

Linda
-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Andrew Young
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836. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Would I be out of line ... ?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-19 13:34:15 UTC
From: Mark
Topic: 830 Message: 836

I don't have a problem with it at all. I also don't see it as any different from any of the other even

73,

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
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and that is do you think it would be wrong for me to ask for help (as
friends not organizations)on a personal benefit my family is putting
on to help out my nephew who is 30 years old fighting leukemia. This
event is going to be in the near future and there will be a need for
security in just eyes and ears not enforcing just people to watch
over "the what I hope will be a crowd" and I will have someone to call
to handle problems.
On this same note I would like to let everyone know at this time my
family is going through some trying times and if sometimes I seem short
with you I normally am not that way and I still try not to be, but I do
have a lot on my mind at this time and I hope everyone will stick with
me through this ....

....73 Don Meyer . KB8ODB

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.394 / Virus Database: 268.9.0/368 - Release Date: 6/16/2006

837. GRARA, W8DC Field Day, Hudsonville

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-19 13:33:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 837 Message: 837

Sorry if this is a repeat of a previous announcement. I just found out about this reflector a few daze ago. I don't see the announcement of the Grand Rapids ARA Field Day operation.

Anyway, W8DC (Grand Rapids ARA) will be operating Field Day this coming weekend at the farm owned by John, K8IHY, 1840 Byron Rd, Hudsonville, MI 49426. Setup will begin about 10 a.m. Saturday. All are welcome to visit, and we'll make room for visitors to operate. We hope to have 3 rigs plus a GOTA station.

There will be an ATV station on premise - see you on the Grand Rapids ATV repeater!

73 de n8xx Hg

838. Free Sat. program

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-20 02:14:32 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 838 Message: 838

Hello .. This is the Sat program site I found on line .....it is
called orbitron.... I am looking for comments on if it is anygood ...
73 Don

http://www.stoff.pl/

839. (no subject)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-20 02:28:33 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 839 Message: 839

For those interested in tracking sats Here are a couple of links with software. free and comercial.

www.satscape.co.uk/

www.celstrak.com/software/satellite/sat-trak.asp

840. sat tracking software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-20 02:29:05 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 840 Message: 840

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www.satscape.co.uk/

www.celstrak.com/software/satellite/sat-trak.asp

841. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-20 10:09:41 UTC
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
Topic: 826 Message: 841

1800 UTC is 2:00 PM local

--- linda_rosenthal@... wrote:

From: "Linda Rosenthal" <linda_rosenthal@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!
Date: Mon, 19 Jun 2006 08:44:16 -0400

Per ARRL rules, we can't start set up until 1800 UTC on Friday. There is no specific time for folks to gather on Friday. (The potluck will likely start between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.. Jean, KC8WSE, is giving a mini-seminar on the NTS system, including how to write those important radiograms for Field Day points, after the evening meal.) The Friday mini-swap would be very, very casual and probably ongoing from the time that we begin set up until folks wander off for the evening. I'm picturing the swap happening as a tailgate sort of thing and limited to Friday afternoon/evening. It's first time for this, so we'll see how it goes...

73,
Linda
-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Jim KC8PCJ
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 12:00 AM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!

I like the idea of a mini swap. What time are we meeting Friday?
----- Original Message -----
From: Linda Rosenthal
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2006 12:29 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!

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you like the idea, maybe you'll sell something.

Return to the park on Saturday beginning at 2 p.m. local time and help our
shack managers operate in the most anticipated annual event of the amateur
radio calendar. OR, show up with a friend, young or elder, and Get on the
Air at our GOTA station. Have a look at our packet, satellite, and amateur
television demonstrations. Friendly folks will heartily welcome your visits
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Look forward to seeing everyone,
Linda, AB8QH
Co-Chair, MAARC Field Day Committee
Go W8ZHO!

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842. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-20 18:00:59 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 826 Message: 842

You are always welcome to join us, Andrew. However, being Field Day, we may need to hold you there to protect our "strategy." Not a total loss - we'll keep you as a "hostage" at one of our stations. Already being acclimated to the 3rd shift hours, you and I should have an operating edge for the early morning operations. :-)
73,
Jon AB8RD

Andrew Young <ayoung@...> wrote:
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Voice.

843. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-20 20:22:04 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 826 Message: 843

As long as the ropes aren't too tight.
----- Original Message -----
From: Jon Plyler
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 2:00 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!

You are always welcome to join us, Andrew. However, being Field Day, we may need to hold you there to protect our "strategy." Not a total loss - we'll keep you as a "hostage" at one of our stations. Already being acclimated to the 3rd shift hours, you and I should have an operating edge for the early morning operations. :-)
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844. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-20 21:20:26 UTC
From: jfischer@azulstar.com
Topic: 826 Message: 844

> andrew check thic
link.http://www.radioreference.com/modules.php?name=RR&ctid=1296

As long as the ropes aren't too tight.
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Jon Plyler
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 2:00 PM
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!
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> Andrew
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> Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2006 12:29 PM
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!
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845. packet up and running

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-20 22:12:48 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 845 Message: 845

Hello ... I have my station up and running right now it is on 145.07
and is kb8odb-4 now I have to just find who else is out there ....

73 Don KB8ODB

846. Re: [WestMichiganHams] packet up and running

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-21 00:13:41 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 845 Message: 846

Mine is usually on 144.39 or 145.80, but it's on 145.07 right now.

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 6:12 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] packet up and running

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and is kb8odb-4 now I have to just find who else is out there ....

73 Don KB8ODB

847. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Countdown to Field Day!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-21 00:54:45 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 826 Message: 847

No ropes... we use electric tape to keep your fingers from slipping off the Te Ne Ke.
:-)
Jon

Andrew Young <ayoung@...> wrote:
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848. Packet Connections

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-21 00:57:13 UTC
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
Topic: 848 Message: 848
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

All,
I need help. I am mystified by the different types of packet operations and esoteric terminology that I have encountered recently. I have put together the attached spreadsheet in an attempt to get a picture in my mind as to the various types of operations and the kinds of services that are being offered in the Muskegon area. I am currently working with an abreviated copy of the JNOS Operator's Manual (thanks to K8RRA) but still need some clarification. If you are the operator of one or more of the attached stations please provide feedback to fill in spaces or to provide suggestions for additions (for example, I recently added a column to seperate out the KA and Net/Rom Nodes as different kinds of operations). If you have any such additions please let me know.
Tom, N8YJT

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849. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Packet Connections

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-21 01:28:01 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 848 Message: 849

Tom,

I usually keep a station on 144.39 that can easily be switched to another frequency.

----- Original Message -----
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
To: West Michigan Hams
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 8:57 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Packet Connections

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850. Fillmore Packet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-21 01:40:38 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 845 Message: 850

Don, I reset the ARESDATA computer at Fillmore the other day. I think the computer was locked up, but not totally sure... Let me know if that did not fix it.

Laryn K8TVZ

852. sat information for any interested

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-21 03:55:49 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 852 Message: 852
Attachments: 7 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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see attached formation on possible sats for field day.

853. RE: [WestMichiganHams] packet up and running

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-21 11:12:52 UTC
From: Dave Lamer
Topic: 845 Message: 853

Hi Don,

Glad you have your packet station on line.

I have the hamgate.ottawa.ampr.org on line (wa8rsa-1) and able to pass ampr.org and callsign.#swmi.mi.usa.noam messages.

I'm not passing internet email because of all the spam.

Don, I have you setup in the users file but if you know of any club that's wants to pass messages his field would you let me know their call and name and I'll add them. I also have my station setup on HF packet 14.105 and do not run an open system because of the HF.

Catch you on packet.

73 Dave

Wa8rsa

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 5:13 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] packet up and running

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73 Don KB8ODB

854. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Packet Connections

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-21 11:22:15 UTC
From: Dave Lamer
Topic: 848 Message: 854
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi Tom,

I added Holland K8DAA to your list. When you get the spreadsheet completed could I get a copy?

Thanks

Dave

Wa8rsa

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of jtporritt@...
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 7:57 PM
To: West Michigan Hams
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Packet Connections

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855. AB8WO needs a ride to Field Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-21 14:59:00 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 855 Message: 855

A Muskegon ham, Chris, AB8WO, would like to attend Field Day at Fruitland Township park, but does not have a ride. If anyone can help him out, please contact him at his Hotmail address: ab8wo@...

Chris: Assuming that you will receive this e-mail through Hotmail, if you don't get some help on the ride through the list, please monitor the .94 repeater and we'll work on this Saturday.

73,
Linda, AB8QH
Co-chair, MAARC/W8ZHO Field Day Committee

856. Countdown to Field Day!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-21 03:11:03 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 826 Message: 856
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Here something for the 20m shack on field day from ARRL

Antarctica's KC4AAA to be on the air for Field Day (Jun 16, 2006) -- KC4AAA at Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica, has announced plans to participate in ARRL Field Day 2006. The station's Satellite Communications Technician Robert Reynolds, N0QFQ, will head up the effort. Operations from KC4AAA will commence at 1800 UTC on June 24 and continue through 2100 UTC on June 25. Experience has shown that best opportunity for North and South American stations to contact KC4AAA appears around 2300 UTC on the Eastern Seaboard, moving westward with time until the window closes around 0400 UTC. Given South Pole's location right under the auroral oval, propagation can make South Pole intercontinental HF radio communications a challenge, so listen carefully! The primary operating frequency will be on or about 14.243 MHz. KC4AAA operators will monitor and exploit other bands, but 20 meter SSB will be the primary operating mode. South Pole will operate as a "home" station with supplied power (Class 1D). Reynolds plans to have a team of up to 10 operators staffing the station, most of whom are in a ham radio licensing class at the station. KC4AAA will be running 1 kW and will mainly use a pair of log-periodic antennas aimed toward the US. KC4AAA plans to upload its Field Day log to Logbook of The World (LoTW). QSL cards will be sent later in the year. For more information, contact Nick Powell, NH6ON

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857. Re: [WestMichiganHams] packet up and running

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-22 00:10:20 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 845 Message: 857

Interesting Don,

I'm out there...
See the AX.25 beacon for k8rra.
Also: k8rra is not listed in HOSTS.NET yet.

I'm interested in whatever you find that does NOT work here on k8rra
node.
Be prepared that SMTP does not support internet interconnect yet - soon
though.

A few minutes ago when I tried your station seems to:

* beacon.
* support AX.25 "connect" to kb8odb-4.
* be a NOS version (I don't recognize)

But when I tried your station seems not to:

* respond to ping 44.102.132.21.
* respond after connect (session went into limbo?)
* be heard by my TCP/IP and be listed in the "IHeard" table.

Are you doing any IP activity or just AX.25 stuff?

Activity in general seems to be picking up in this area.
My "Jheard" list after 3 days is larger than one screen full (and it
does not paginate - boo).

On Tue, 2006-06-20 at 22:12 +0000, Don Meyer - KB8ODB wrote:
> Hello ... I have my station up and running right now it is on 145.07
> and is kb8odb-4 >SNIP<
>
> _

73
de Skip k8rra k

858. Re: [WestMichiganHams] packet up and running

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-22 02:14:30 UTC
From: Don LaBrenz
Topic: 845 Message: 858

George (Skip) VerDuin wrote:
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> Interesting Don,
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sounds like you guys are ahead of me a bit. Nos box here allows rf
connects (will move it over to a taller antenna soon)
but I am still having getting the internet part working. (maybe tommorow.)

I see that my public IP can be pinged, and I can ping other boxes from here. However the ampr IP address does not want to respond.

I was hoping to have things up and running by FD, but am not sure that will happen.

I will look forward to seeing RSA and RRA at the DRG meeting.

73 de Don, WB8I

859. Ham in a Day! July 232006 1PM

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-22 13:22:44 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 859 Message: 859
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Tom can you put this out to everyone.

Please pass this along to anyone who may be interested or post at your place of work.

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860. Antenna question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-22 19:11:06 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 860 Message: 860

I want to connect both a VHF omni and a VHF yagi antenna to my radio at home. Can I just use a splitter and connect both antennas, or do I need to use a switch or something and select the antenna?

Tim

KC8MSE

862. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Antenna question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-22 21:31:04 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 860 Message: 862

I HAVE 20TH EDITION (LATEST)ARRL ANTENNA BOOK WITH BOOK ON CD.WANT A LOOK SEE?YOUR JUST DOWN THE ROAD.

73 KD8CBJ

863. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Antenna question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-22 23:10:41 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 860 Message: 863

You will need a switch. being one will more than would be out of phase, ,just for starters, you will lose what you are trying to gain. You can get a switch for about $13.00 and up. Would be well worth the investment. I am using 4 positions on a 6 position switch I have. I am switching between a , yagi, j-pole, indoor ground plane and dummy load. When I get the cross yagi in the air I will use another position on the switch.

Hope this helps.

----- Original Message -----
From: Deater, Tim
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2006 3:11 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Antenna question

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864. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Free Sat. program

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-23 01:27:08 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 838 Message: 864

VERY GOOD,EXCEPT SUIT SAT TIMING.NICE MAP SELECTIONS.AT THE ORBITRON WEB SITE HIT CARDWARE , THAN THE FIND POSTCARD,ENTER HOLTON MI.

73
KD8CBJ

865. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Free Sat. program

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-23 03:29:10 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 838 Message: 865

ALSO,ORBITRON WILL RUN IN WIN.95 ON A LAPTOP.

73 KD8CBJ

866. SAT PREDICTIONS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-23 19:20:56 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 866 Message: 866
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Here are the predictions from amsat-na and satscape.

They tend to be a little different. I will be using Satascape and also giving orbitron a try

867. FIELD DAY??

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-23 21:47:08 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 867 Message: 867

ANY INFORAL SWAP MEET TYPE THINGS GOING ON SAT.OR SUN?I NEED A TNC.

KD8CBJ

869. Field day,a Ham buffet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-26 12:59:36 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 869 Message: 869

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73 KD8CBJ Thank You Thank You

870. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Field day,a Ham buffet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-26 20:09:25 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 869 Message: 870

Thank you for your encouraging comments. We enjoy having the visitors - questions and all. We all (regardless of which club) look forward to FD each year when we can spend time together doing one of the things we like best (besides eating): "playing" radio! From HF voice and CW, to satellite and packet, to TTY and ATV - and don't forget W8CSO's Sterba Curtain! (Thanks for the "seminar" at breakfast, Lou!)... there's always something of interest for everyone. My thanks to all for sharing your expertise, experimentation, and enthusiasm - another year of wonderful Field Day memories.
73,
Jon AB8RD

kd8cbj <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
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73 KD8CBJ Thank You Thank You

Yahoo! Sports Fantasy Football ?06 - Go with the leader. Start your league today!

871. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Field day,a Ham buffet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-26 20:59:46 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 869 Message: 871

Paul,

Isn't Field Day amazing? You will find similar experiences at just about any Field Day site that you would visit accross the United States and Canada. Two clubs you can visit next year is NOARC (North Ottawa ARC) in the Grand Haven area and HARC (Holland ARC). Both put in good efforts.

73

John WB9JSR/8

----- Original Message ----
From: kd8cbj <KD8CBJ@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2006 8:59:36 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Field day,a Ham buffet

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872. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Field day,a Ham buffet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-26 21:05:27 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 869 Message: 872

Now added to my 07 list,thank you

73 KD8CBJ

873. Re: Field Day, a Ham Buffet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-26 22:44:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 873 Message: 873

There was a major problem with Field Day this year. The weather was perfect - no sweltering heat, enough wind to discourage most biting insects, but not too much to blow down temporary antennae, just the tiniest amount of light sprinkles toward the end of the event on Sunday. :)

And, band conditions were great! 40 stayed open all night, 20 was open most of the time, QRN was moderate, even on 80/75.... Tropo was even up on 440 - a contact was made on ATV across Lake Michigan, using a moderate antenna at the Field Day site! 6 metres had a few sporadic E openings!

Oh, well, in spite of all the great conditions, we @ W8DC still managed to have a great time, and went away tired but happy!

73 de n8xx Hg

874. Contesting Seminar?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-27 13:33:51 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 874 Message: 874

All:

Field Day is such a great event with so many facets. There is the fun, food, friends, radio, computers, experimenting, new modes, and the like.

A real big part is the contesting aspect. I am wondering if there is any interest in having some type of instruction in contesting in general and maybe contesting in the Field Day contest. I saw and heard lots of great operators and we enjoyed QSOs in varying success. Does anyone want to learn a bit more?

There is the option of a pre Field Day lesson in the exchange, search & pounce, logging, running a frequency, logging, staying on the radio, and similar subjects. There is also the possibility that a core of folks could begin a contesting group to enjoy the many contests throughout the year. These folks could work on their contesting skills and make some suggestions throughout the year.

Contesting is an interesting part of ham radio. I use contests to fill the log with interesting DX. You might find the furious pace interesting and even consider this form of entertainment as the original multi player game. Everyone can participate with a station of any configuration. It is fun!

So, what say you?

Bill, AB8SC

876. Re: Contesting Seminar?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-27 18:03:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 874 Message: 876

A contesting seminar would be fine. But, instead of Field Day, which is designed more as an emergency operation, how about setting it up a few months prior to a contest, for example, the November Sweepstakes, or the Michigan QSO Party in April?

73 de n8xx Hg

877. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Contesting Seminar?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-27 21:05:19 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 874 Message: 877

I just loved it on Field day when folks would use locations as their phonetics, like when one station ended in NNY. He used "Northern New York" as his phonetics. Confusing. We decided we could start using "Washington 8 California Saskatchewan Oregon" but decided it might be too frustrating and cause someone's head to explode.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 11:40 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Contesting Seminar?

Bill,

The idea of some training for contesting is great! The first lesson we need to teach is that 59 is NOT a signal report. It is an ARRL numbered radiogram for "Congratulations on your new arrival, hope mother and child are well". ;)

Lesson 2: Listen, listen, listen.

Lesson 3: Use standard phonetics. While I thought "Zipper Half Open" was hilarious, others may not and still others may not be able to understand it, especially if English is their second language. Spending some time working DX should make my point a bit better, as the use of creative phonetics by others makes for some very hard to understand call signs. For instance a popular phonetic for the letter 'A' is 'Hahmoddica'. For 'Z' it is 'Sohnseebah'.

Seriously, I think a session for contest training is a super idea.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

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From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 9:33 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Contesting Seminar?

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878. 599? Yes!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-27 22:02:05 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 874 Message: 878

I disagree that the signal report is NOT 59(9) in a contest nor remote or exotic DX.

Those guys seriously contesting or working the world want to pass the exchange as fast as possible and to as many stations as possible. They don't want to mess around with an "honest" 43 or 38. It just does not happen. Contrary to some opinion, the QSO is complete when each station agrees on the band, mode, call sign, date, and time. The signal report is not in the equation. You might have just spent some big bucks calibrating your S meter but when you mess around with some of the features on the rig the S meter begins to return funny data. In a contest (and FD is not a good example because the exchange does not include a signal report) the exchange is always 59(9) and often times the DX will fake in the other parts of the exchange, for example the CQ or ITU zone. They just don't have the time.

So, save the honest S meter readings for a rag chew and eschew the dramatics when contesting.

Bill, AB8SC

879. 1st JULY (this Saturday) - HARC'S next FREE Mini Swap. All welcome!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-27 21:02:41 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 879 Message: 879

All
Pass this on to all. Thanks Tom

After a short break due to conflicts with other nearby swaps, Holland Amateur Radio Club's next **FREE** mini-swap takes place this coming Saturday. Each month our mini-swap just keeps getting better and better!

Bring all your surplus items, come join us at our new Technology and Training building in downtown Holland. Family and friends always welcome to join in for a fun day of fellowship.

Parking available.

Start / set up times. (Friday night prior a limited opportunity exists between 19h00 - 20h30.)

DATE: SAT JULY 1st 2006 (Talk in : 147.060 94.8pl)

SET UP TIME: SAT 09H30 - 10h00

SWAP TIME: SAT 10h00 to 2.00pm

VENUE: 280 East 8th Street, Holland.

ENTRY FEE : **FREE**!

TABLE COST : **FREE**

HARC will provide once again....

* FREE table space
* FREE trunk swap parking space (weather permitting)
* FREE parking
* FREE entry
* FREE coffee
* 50/50 Draw

(To offset our new buildings upkeep, donations from sellers /visitors would however be very much appreciated!)

Bring what ever surplus radio / computer equipment to sell / swap. Last months a LOT of equipment changed hands!

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

ANY QUESTIONS:
Please contact Ken ZR5AAD/W8
Cell Ph: (616)726-3929
E-Mail : rafaviator@hotmail.com

880. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Contesting Seminar?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-28 01:50:04 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 874 Message: 880

I would be interested in something like that. I know I have a lot to learn about contesting.

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From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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881. Re: Digital Angel

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-28 01:57:48 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 868 Message: 881

As long as it isn't mandatory. Even then.....lots of
questions, and very wary.

Laryn K8TVZ

882. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Digital Angel

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-28 12:39:53 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 868 Message: 882

Kind of like Onstar (and APRS) in the car, as well as GPS enabled Cell Phones.

----- Original Message -----
From: Laryn Lohman
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 9:57 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Digital Angel

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Laryn K8TVZ

885. Newaygo county breakfast

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-28 16:30:49 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 885 Message: 885

The first Saturday of every month there is a breakfast get-together at 8:00am at Samuels restaurant in Fremont. Anyone is welcome to come.

Thanks!

73

Tim

KC8MSE

886. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Digital Angel

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-28 21:39:09 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 868 Message: 886

And you can't turn it off.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@k8mhz.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 9:32 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Digital Angel

Except that it is embedded into living tissue.

----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 8:39 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Digital Angel

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887. Frank WA7VLH

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-28 23:32:59 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 887 Message: 887

I found the plans for the colapsable j-pole. I tried sending it to you but Yahoo blocked it due to size. I will send you the link when I get to work. It is on my work laptop.

888. Packet Radio Parameter Settings

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-29 03:10:16 UTC
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
Topic: 888 Message: 888

All,
Recently I have been doing some reading about the timing for controlling packet radio when a frequency is being used by multiple stations. I have found several articles with varing recommendations for various assumptions about the operating environment. The considerations are different for APRS, being connected through a node, or digi operation. I have seen the recommendation to do "what the local people do." It seems that to get most efficient throughput there needs to be cooperation among local users. The following parameters are set to control the timing of packet radio communications. I have also listed the defaults for my KPC9612.

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Slottime - Sets the time between successive tries of the persist algorithm with a default of 10

My understanding is that persist and slottime are most applicable in the digi mode. The most recent recommendation in the material I have read indicates that persist should be set to 255 and slottime to 0.

Here are two Referecnce in addition to my TNC's manual:
1. Developed by the Ventura County ARES AREA 6 Training Group HTML Version Last Revised Wednesday, October 27th, 1999 by K6NE

2. INTRODUCTION TO PACKET RADIO - by Larry Kenney, WB9LOZ

The question is "what is being used locally (West Michigan) for these parameters?" And "are there any other considerations?"

Tom, N8YJT

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Netscape. Just the Net You Need.

889. Frank WA7VLH

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-29 02:57:00 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 887 Message: 889

Frank here is the link to the folding j-pole

http://www.web-features.com/ka0zlg/KA0ZLG_JPOLE_QST_Article.pdf

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890. Re: Contesting Seminar?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-29 09:31:51 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 874 Message: 890

Mark wrote:

> Lesson 3: Use standard phonetics. While I thought "Zipper Half Open" was hilarious, others may not and still others may not be able to understand it, especially if English is their second language. Spending some time working DX should make my point a bit better, as the use of creative phonetics by others makes for some very hard to understand call signs. For instance a popular phonetic for the letter 'A' is 'Hahmoddica'. For 'Z' it is 'Sohnseebah'.

It is three o'clock, local, in the morning and you are running a frequency. Things are a little slow this morning and the stations calling are getting fewer and fewer. It is Field Day so the folks in your "audience" are domestic radio stations. You are literally begging for contacts so you get a little silly and use the Zipper Half Open phonetics.

Where is the harm? If you can get just one more person to reply to your plaintiff call for anyone to respond then the ploy worked. I would not try this trick in a DX contest as it will surely be misunderstood by folks who only know a little English.

In a pile-up on a DX station I will sometimes try to substitute the "DX phonetics" for the standard ones. For example, the pile-up is huge on Easter Island. Tons of Ws and Ks are in there. My call, AB8 Sierra Charlie is just another call. But I substitute Canada for the last letter. Now the DX "hears" another country. Does it work? I've got the QSL in my collection. Probably it was more luck, but hey, superstitions are really difficult to disprove and mom's little tips and hints are equally magical.

My purpose is not to be difficult but to present an alternative. Lots of wife's (that doesn't "look" right) (should it be wives?) tales with little fact. The pile-up problem is so fluid and difficult. And after an hour of calling you get to the point of trying Anything. Or you begin plotting for that hundred feet of tower and monster beam. Hi

Bill, AB8SC

891. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Contesting Seminar?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-29 11:54:03 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 874 Message: 891

Bill,

I agree with you on being silly to troll for contacts. No harm and it makes it interesting. I am silly all the time, so I can't tell the difference.

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 5:31 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Contesting Seminar?

Mark wrote:

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892. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Packet Radio Parameter Settings

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-29 14:18:15 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 888 Message: 892
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

OK Tom, here is some more info...

On Wed, 2006-06-28 at 20:10 -0700, jtporritt@... wrote:
> All,
> Recently I have been doing some reading about the timing for
> controlling packet radio when a frequency is being used by multiple
> stations. I have found several articles with varing recommendations
> for various assumptions about the operating environment. The
> considerations are different for APRS, being connected through a node,
> or digi operation. I have seen the recommendation to do "what the
> local people do." It seems that to get most efficient throughput there
> needs to be cooperation among local users. The following parameters
> are set to control the timing of packet radio communications. I have
> also listed the defaults for my KPC9612.

I'm also using a kpc9612 in KISS mode and driven by jnos2.0d at this
time.
What I don't know are those parameters that are set in "terminal" mode
and remain effective in "KISS" mode, vs. those which are over-ridden by
jnos.
I hope to find out...

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Taking your leadership - I have created a spreadsheet to show yours and
mine - it is attached.
In the future I will add any other station data that responds to your
posting and re-post the modified spreadsheet.

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> the digi mode. The most recent recommendation in the material I have
> read indicates that persist should be set to 255 and slottime to 0.

I have run with persist = 255 and slottime = 1 until recently (prior to
Field day).
I can not say these two parms caused "recovery" mode quite often, but I
am looking for a configuration to avoid "recovery" on 145.070.

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Thanks for taking the lead Tom.
Have you found a good way to measure "reliability" or "effectiveness"?

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de Skip k8rra k

893. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Packet Radio Parameter Settings

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-29 21:48:40 UTC
From: jtporritt@netscape.com
Topic: 888 Message: 893

Skip,
Thank you for getting into the spirit of my inquiry.
Tom

--- k8rra@... wrote:

From: "George (Skip) VerDuin" <k8rra@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Packet Radio Parameter Settings
Date: Thu, 29 Jun 2006 10:18:15 -0400

OK Tom, here is some more info...

On Wed, 2006-06-28 at 20:10 -0700, jtporritt@... wrote:
> All,
> Recently I have been doing some reading about the timing for
> controlling packet radio when a frequency is being used by multiple
> stations. I have found several articles with varing recommendations
> for various assumptions about the operating environment. The
> considerations are different for APRS, being connected through a node,
> or digi operation. I have seen the recommendation to do "what the
> local people do." It seems that to get most efficient throughput there
> needs to be cooperation among local users. The following parameters
> are set to control the timing of packet radio communications. I have
> also listed the defaults for my KPC9612.

I'm also using a kpc9612 in KISS mode and driven by jnos2.0d at this
time.
What I don't know are those parameters that are set in "terminal" mode
and remain effective in "KISS" mode, vs. those which are over-ridden by
jnos.
I hope to find out...

>
> Frack - Increment retry with a default of 4
> Dwait - Wait from last packet heard with a default of 0
> Maxframes - Maximum unacknowledged packets default of 4
> Persist - Described as probablity of accessing frequency with a
> default of 63
> Slottime - Sets the time between successive tries of the persist
> algorithm with a default of 10

Taking your leadership - I have created a spreadsheet to show yours and
mine - it is attached.
In the future I will add any other station data that responds to your
posting and re-post the modified spreadsheet.

>
> My understanding is that persist and slottime are most applicable in
> the digi mode. The most recent recommendation in the material I have
> read indicates that persist should be set to 255 and slottime to 0.

I have run with persist = 255 and slottime = 1 until recently (prior to
Field day).
I can not say these two parms caused "recovery" mode quite often, but I
am looking for a configuration to avoid "recovery" on 145.070.

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896. Field Day is a pleasant memory - check out ARRL's soapbox

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-27 12:54:34 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 896 Message: 896

Thanks, all, for making Field Day a great success. Our hard work paid off and we appreciate each and every one of you for your efforts! If you want to see how others did it, too, check out this link to ARRL's soapbox:

http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox/?con_id=106

I believe that K8MHZ's photo from 2005 Field Day wound up on the cover of the QST magazine because of a submission to the soapbox. I haven't looked at every single page yet for this year, but I'm sure some of our great moments from 2006 will be posted there sooner or later.

73 and thanks again for a wonderful memory,
Linda, AB8QH, 2006 MAARC Field Day chair

897. ARES E-Letter for June 21, 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-22 11:24:11 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 897 Message: 897

> The ARES E-Letter
> June 21, 2006
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> Rick Palm, K1CE, Editor
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> <http://www.qrz.com/database?callsign=K1CE>,
> <http://www.iaru-r2emcor.net/>
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> ==================================
> ARES reports, other related contributions, editorial questions or
> comments: <k1ce@...>;
> ==================================
>
> + THE VIEW FROM FLAGLER COUNTY
>
> Looking out the back window as this is written, it's pounding rain
> and the trees are whipping from winds of the outer bands of Tropical
> Storm (and potential hurricane) Alberto. I've just answered an e-mail
> from our county ARES reflector about possible deployments. And I'm
> checked into the Northern Florida ARES Net on 3950 kHz, listening to
> the State EOC's John Fleming, WD4FFX, inform the net of storm
> preparations. Here we go: Another tropical weather season underway,
> and the hair starts to rise on the back of the neck.
>
> NOAA predicts an 80% chance of an above-normal 2006 north Atlantic
> hurricane/tropical storm season: 13 to 16 named storms, with eight to
> 10 becoming hurricanes, of which four to six could become 'major'
> hurricanes of Category 3 strength or higher," says NOAA Administrator
> Conrad Lautenbacher.
>
> The first named storm of the 2006 season is this one, "Alberto." The
> name "Katrina" has been removed from the list of storm names.
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> + MAY ARES REPORTS
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> * Ridgecrest, California - A small city in the high desert,
> Ridgecrest endured a recent series of electrical failures, one of
> which lasted over eight hours. East Kern County ARES/RACES provided
> critically needed communications support when a major substation
> serving the valley went down. As soon as the event was officially
> declared a disaster, 34 responded and were quickly assigned to the
> EOC, the local hospital, and ambulance service, and other areas
> around the valley.
>
> ARES hams kept up an information network, especially appreciated by
> the Police Chief and the administrators of the hospital who were able
> to change plans as needed utilizing immediate and accurate
> information so vital during an emergency. Although the local police
> officers all had department issued cell phones, they quickly became
> useless as circuits became overloaded.
>
> EC/RO Jerry Brooks, KK6PA, commented that he "was pleased at how many
> hams responded and how well they synchronized with emergency
> services." -- Judith Rogow, N7TTH
>
> * Staten Island, New York - ARES participated May 21 in an American
> Red Cross drill dubbed "The Staten Island Storm Rehearsal," designed
> to prepare volunteers by providing a hands-on experience in emergency
> shelter operations. "ARES is relied upon by our clients, like the Red
> Cross, to be able to quickly, adequately and professionally set up
> and run a portable communications system to help those affected by a
> disaster," said ARRL New York City DEC Mike Lisenco, N2YBB. During
> the "blackout" scenario, ten ARES operators on battery power
> maintained communication with the Red Cross EOC in Manhattan.
>
> * New England -- ARES volunteers provided communications in a major
> flooding emergency. On May 18-19, the Massachusetts Bay Red Cross
> Chapter requested Amateur Radio communication support for damage
> assessment, and on May 20, the northeast Massachusetts Red Cross
> Chapter requested ARES support for vehicle-to-vehicle communication
> to help facilitate distribution of clean-up and care kits to coastal
> communities north of Boston. Severe weather occurred May 21. Eastern
> Massachusetts SEC Rob Macedo, KD1CY: "The incident happened so
> quickly, we self-activated our nets and fed reports of damaging winds

> and large hail via the spotter line and the Web." Waterspouts were
> reported off Portsmouth, Rhode Island, and a tornado was reported in
> Hampton Falls, New Hampshire. Four injuries were reported in the NWS
> Taunton warning area.
>
> * East Central Florida -- On May 9, four Seminole county ARES/RACES
> members went with fire personnel to Volusia county to support forest
> fire fighting at New Smyrna Beach. A Division of Forestry trailer was
> used and is equipped with a 100 foot crank-up tower, VHF repeater and
> 64 hand held radios. -- Dick Fess, K4FUY, EC Seminole county
> ARES/RACES
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> + RED CROSS DISASTER ASSESSMENT TRAINING IN MASSACHUSETTS
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> Red Cross' Central Massachusetts Chapter recently provided training
> in "Preliminary Disaster Assessment" to Worcester Emergency
> Communications Team (WECT) amateurs, managed by Mark Rubin, WB1ARZ.
> Hams were trained to assist the Red Cross in the earliest stages of
> disaster response, including how to recognize and report observations
> of the scope of a disaster and factors affecting disaster relief
> delivery. Examples of the observations requested include the
> geographic boundaries of the affected area, numbers of dwellings
> impacted, demographics of the populations affected, status of
> utilities and roads, and other factors affecting service delivery. By
> providing spot reports of these data to the Red Cross Chapter, the
> hams can play a role in expediting disaster relief. The training was
> presented by Monty Plough, KB1HXZ, and Tom Carrigan, NE1R, both of
> whom are active with Red Cross Disaster Services, and was well
> attended by hams from the Central Massachusetts area and Emergency
> Management officials. -- Tom Carrigan, NE1R
>
> + HOSPITAL DISASTER SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SERVES, DRILLS
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> Orange County, California - On May 10, eight HDCSC members worked at
> the St. Joseph Hospital in Orange to provide back up communication
> during major phone work. To have good communications with the hams
> inside the hospital and maintain communications with the base
> station, one member put his car on the roof of the parking structure,
> erected a "big stick" antenna, dropped coax over the side to the
> security office and hooked up to his radio. With phones going down
> throughout the work and at times all phones being down, the operators
> were kept busy. There were "stat pages" called down to the PBX and
> numerous contacts between ICU, ED and the lab and pharmacy. Before
> the night was over, HDSCS communicators also assisted in calling a
> "Code Blue" from the CCU and facilitating a report from a Children's
> Hospital unit to the OR when a sick baby needed emergency surgery.
>
> The next morning the operators were up participating in a twelve
> hospital earthquake drill. HDSCS simulated a "Core Team" response,
> which is an automatic response to check on hospitals and go to the

> county EOC. Some hospitals simulated evacuations of their command
> post locations necessitating, once again, the need for HDSCS
> operators' portability and flexibility. The drill lasted for three
> hours. Twenty-three HDSCS members participated in this daytime drill.
> More activity on the horizon: HDSCS will be operating Field Day at
> the Huntington Beach Hospital. -- April Moell, WA6OPS, EC, Hospital
> Disaster Support Communications System <emcom4hosp@...> and
> <www.hdscs.org>
>
> + WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA QUARTERLY ARES EC MEETING HELD AT EOC
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> The ARRL West Central Florida Section Quarterly ARES Emergency
> Coordinators meeting was held June 10, at the Charlotte County EOC.
> ARES ECs, AECs, and OESs were encouraged to attend.
>
> The WCF Section leadership began a policy of holding rotating
> quarterly ARES EC meetings at the EOCs of the ten counties. This was
> done to promote interoperability among the ARES programs in the
> individual counties and to promote closer ties between these programs
> and their respective Emergency Management agencies.
>
> The Section is a leader in Florida in accomplishing having all
> counties achieve a combined ARES/RACES or ACS organization and in
> having interested emergency management directors attend the quarterly
> ARES EC meetings.
>
> Of the meetings held to date, four county emergency management
> directors have attended and expressed their support for using Amateur
> Radio as part of their county's ESF-2 backup/auxiliary communications
> plans.
>
> All counties in the ARRL West Central Florida Section are now staffed
> with a single ARES/RACES or ACS leader of a unified ARES/RACES or ACS
> organization that has a working relationship with their county's
> emergency management agency. --Gary Sessums, KC5QCN, EC/RO
> Hillsborough County ARES/RACES
>
> + SECOND GLOBAL AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE SET
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> ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, will represent the
> League at the second Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications
> (GAREC) Conference. GAREC 2006 is taking place now, June 19-20, in
> Tampere, Finland, in parallel with the International Conference on
> Emergency Communications (ICEC 2006).
>
> "Many new experiences resulted from dramatic events over the past 12
> months, new lessons have been learned, and new concepts have been
> developed," said IARU International Coordinator for Emergency
> Communications Hans Zimmermann, F5VKP/HB9AQS.
>

> Continuing the work begun during GAREC 2005, this year's conference
> will consider the latest developments in the application of Amateur
> Radio to emergency communication and cooperation with institutional
> partners in emergency response and disaster relief. It will also
> review progress made on concepts developed during last year's
> conference and formulate additional proposals.
>
> Zimmerman noted that the concurrent ICEC 2006 will review the
> application and implementation of the Tampere Convention on the
> Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and
> Relief Operations. "Holding the two events at the same time in the
> same location allows us to give high visibility to the important role
> of Amateur Radio in emergency communications," he said.
>
> [Readers can learn more about the Tampere Convention and Amateur
> Radio emergency communication capabilities in other Region 2
> countries: <http://www.iaru-r2emcor.net/> -- ed.]
>
> + VIRGINA ARES GROUP'S "PROJECT WHERE?"
>
> Under the leadership of "cool EC" Alan Bosch, KO4ALA, the Arlington,
> Virginia ARES collected the latitude and longitude of local shelter
> locations during shelter communications checks. Coordinates were
> badly needed by hams responding to Hurricane Katrina. James Olson,
> W4JO, wrote: "Most useful equipment that I wish I had brought was a
> GPS receiver with detailed mapping display. With road signs missing,
> the GPS could find your way. This would also be especially helpful if
> the Red Cross were to give us the GPS coordinates of the shelters
> that we were heading out to serve."
>
> Bosch has now started "Project Where?" to collect the coordinates of
> other locations including hospitals, and nursing homes, and then
> exchanging this information with other local ARES groups.
>
> To get the coordinates for the local Red Cross chapter, school,
> shelter, Salvation Army unit, and others, search the name in the
> Geographical Names Information System (GNIS) database:
> <http://geonames.usgs.gov>. To find the coordinates of the Red Cross
> chapter, for example, go to the geonames homepage, select "Domestic
> Names," then select "search GNIS" and enter "Red Cross" into the GNIS
> database as the "feature name." Next enter the name of the state and
> county. The database will return the appropriate coordinates along
> with the elevation of that feature and the name of the USGS 1:24,000
> topographic map for that location. -- Jim Hastings, K9AUC
> <k9auc@...>
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> + RESOURCE: COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY SERVES NORTHWEST EMCOMMS
>
> Communications Academy is a non-profit coalition of volunteer
> communications teams providing training to the Pacific Northwest. By

> providing a once-a-year large-scale venue for training, volunteer
> communicators learn emergency management, communications techniques
> and protocols, real-life emergency responses, and other related
> subjects.
>
> The Communications Academy is open to anyone with an interest in
> emergency communications, volunteer or professional. The
> presentations are designed to promote the development of
> knowledgeable, skilled emergency communicators who will support their
> local communities during a disaster or emergency response. Readers
> can get handouts and information at its Web site:
> <http://www.commacademy.org/2006/handouts.php> -- Communications
> Academy
>
> + NEW ONLINE TRAINING COURSE ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
>
> FEMA's NIMS Integration Center and Emergency Management Institute
> have made available new online, interactive Web-based training that
> will help incident managers establish NIMS-related systems that will
> help them get the resources they need to respond to an emergency or
> disaster. Resource management is an ongoing process that establishes
> systems to describe, inventory, request and track resources. The
> systems are used during deployment or recall of resources in
> connection with an incident.
>
> Resource management is a key component of the National Incident
> Management System (NIMS), which standardizes the procedures and
> functions involved in the resource management process. The course is
> called IS-703 NIMS Resource Management and demonstrates how
> resources, such as personnel, teams, facilities, equipment and
> supplies, are managed through advance planning, resource
> identification and ordering, categorizing resources, use of
> agreements, acquisition management, management information systems,
> and protocols for ordering, mobilizing and dispatching. To take the
> course on-line go to <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is703.asp>
>
> + LETTERS: ON RED CROSS PAYING HAMS
>
> I first became interested in setting up a communications systems in
> Towns County, Georgia, in response to an ad run by the Red Cross,
> seeking ham operators to set up an emergency communications network.
> I was the only responder.
>
> As a result, thanks to much equipment donated by other hams and a lot
> of hard work put in by local hams, we now have three fixed stations
> with 2 meter capability, and soon two will also have HF capability.
> Some of these hams were already Red Cross members.
>
> The local Red Cross is doing great things to provide aid and comfort
> during fires, highway accidents, and other disasters, and on a very

> limited budget. So far, no ham (or Red Cross Volunteer) has
> complained about not being compensated for time and expenses. When
> you have a funds-strapped Red Cross that is as active as ours, and
> hams who are willing to give their time and donate equipment to the
> cause of public service, I think asking for monetary compensation is
> totally NOT in the radio amateur's code! -- Alton Higgins, W4VFZ,
> Towns County EC for Red Cross, RACES and ARES <manmtn@...>;
>
> + LETTERS: TITLES CONTEST AFTERMATH
>
> If it weren't for the people who listed their titles, classes, and
> certifications in the contest, I wouldn't have known what others were
> doing. They serve as fine examples of what others could do, too. --
> Matt Cassarino, WV1K, Brewster, Massachusetts
>
> + LETTERS: HTs, BUT NO HELMETS
>
> Brevard County, Florida -- During a recent county disaster drill,
> responders were expected to arrive on the scene ready for deployment.
> Fire responders showed up in full fire gear, Police in full police
> gear, CERT members with appropriate gear including helmet, orange
> safety vest, long pants, shirt, heavy shoes, gloves, face mask,
> flashlight, as well as HT, and necessary tools. Our ARES members
> showed up only with their HT, with some in shorts, sandals, no head
> gear nor uniform/identification of any kind.
>
> ARES responders need to meet the same equipment standards as Fire,
> Police and CERT personnel. Had ARES members attending our mock drill
> arrived and reported for an actual event, they wouldn't have been
> deemed prepared and likely would be sent to NIMS-IC "camp" for
> training. ARES/ARRL needs to develop gear standards. ARES personnel
> need to arrive on the emergency site ready to be deployed. Prepared
> for deployment means ARES members having more than the clothing on
> their backs and an HT (with only one set of batteries) in their
> hand!-- Lyle Schultz, KI4MYT, <ki4myt@...> Titusville, Florida
>
> + LETTERS: RESOURCE TYPING
>
> As a coordinator of public service events and a RACES/ARES appointee,
> I assign amateurs to positions at these events. It became a
> frustrating task due to the lack of knowledge of the amateurs'
> complement of equipment and capabilities. Having been exposed to the
> ICS system and working with the local emergency management office I
> considered resource typing. Today I use the resource typing document
> in capturing capabilities of amateurs signing up for duty for public
> events as well as RACES/ARES activities. It is available for viewing
> at <http://home.comcast.net/~jrgalvin2/resourcetypeC.pdf>. It's easy
> to use. If you need five event shadow operators for example, then you
> ask for five Type S operators. It might be a good model for others.
> -- John Galvin, N5TIM <jrgalvin2@...>

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> + RESPONSE: ARECC COURSES
>
> The observations of the Crepeaus [May issue] in Katrina and Wilma are
> worthy of much consideration, as they are born out of direct
> experience in those disasters. With regard to their opinion that the
> ARRL ARECC courses should be required, the courses should first be
> updated to be NIMS compliant. Part of this effort includes making
> message forms and standards using plain language, replacing the codes
> and jargon. All the ARRL courses should be updated before we consider
> mandating them for ARES membership.
>
> If they are going to be required, they should also be online as are
> the required FEMA courses, and cost the same as the FEMA courses in
> that format. Of course, if one wishes to buy the services of the
> current Web site ARRL utilizes in order to take the course and be
> mentored, they should expect to pay for it. Similarly, if they wish
> to purchase a hard copy of the course materials from ARRL, they
> should expect to pay for it, since it costs to print. But having a
> PDF file of the course materials and questions, such as FEMA does,
> available free on-line is a low cost, low maintenance proposition.
> Taking the test, once materials are learned from the downloaded PDFs,
> from an appropriate VE at the current cost would then be a low-cost
> alternative to make it easier for hams to complete any ARECC course.
> -- Bill Farnham, KI4FZT, EC Roane County, Tennessee
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> + LETTERS: HAMS AS CONSULTANTS
>
> When it comes to placing amateur equipment in EOCs, I have had to
> become a "consultant" to architecture firms as well as electricians,
> cable pullers and others that don't know what our gear looks like,
> what it needs, or how much space it takes up. This, of course, is a
> good thing because it means that we are being taken seriously enough
> that we merit space in places that are, in many cases, already so
> pressed for space that the Chief Executive is sitting on the lap of
> some other functionary (metaphorically speaking, of course) but it
> also means that we have to be able to provide this information.
>
> I am setting up a "workspace" and taking pictures of it so that I
> have something to show the contractors when they ask "what do you
> need?" I already had a worksheet with pieces and prices that I can
> e-mail and this is the next logical step.
>
> I am curious if anyone else is in this "business" yet? I am also
> curious if we can get the drawings from the manufacturers or vendors.
> -- David A. Lane, KG4GIY, EC/RO Prince William County, Virgina
> <http://www.qsl.net/pwcares/>
>
> + LETTERS: WRITE PROPERLY
>

> We have all seen e-mails to media, business and government officials,
> in which words are spelled incorrectly, there is a lack of
> subject-verb agreement, lack of apostrophes to indicate possession,
> improper capitalization, improper punctuation, not dividing into
> paragraphs, etc. I know this may sound like "word smithing," but come
> on ladies and gentlemen. This is ninth grade English.
>
> Every e-mail program I know of has a spell-checker. Another
> alternative is to type the message in a word-processing program, and
> use the grammar and spell checker there to correct the e-mail. And
> there are always dictionaries.
>
> When we write like a third-grader, we will be perceived as a
> third-grader and our ideas received on that level. So, think of
> writing a personal letter or e-mail to your boss or someone you want
> to impress. Take some time to write properly. And when you are
> invited to that next meeting, as a result of well written
> correspondence, dress appropriately. -- Jimmy Bishop, W4CYF
>
> + K1CE FOR A FINAL
>
> As it turned out, Tropical Storm Alberto spun out of strength and
> departed the scene rather more quietly than expected. That is good.
> It did cause Florida ARES leaders to look even harder at
> preparedness, and we now have a meeting scheduled for next week in
> Tallahassee at the State EOC. I'll tell you about it in the next
> issue.
>
> In response to last month's "Final," a number of readers pointed out
> the detractions of satellites as platforms for Amateur Radio emcomms.
> Their points are certainly valid, but I still feel that a good long
> range goal would be a satellite, or at least a satellite channel,
> available to amateurs for use in meeting incident needs as another
> arrow in our quiver of capabilities. Like the stock market, it's good
> to diversify.
>
> See you next month if the ARES E-Letter Corporate Office Suite
> Complex on its main campus here in Flagler county is still standing.
> - Rick, K1CE
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898. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Great CW Emergency Comm Story!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-28 21:55:20 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 884 Message: 898

Thanks, Mark, for sending this great story along

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 11:54 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Great CW Emergency Comm Story!

This is a cool story about a hiking accident and a CW aided 'rescue'.

http://www.eham.net/articles/14090

899. The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 25 (Jun 23, 2006)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-24 02:03:49 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 899 Message: 899

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> The ARRL Letter
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> ==>AMATEUR RADIO VOLUNTEERS READY IN WESTERN STATES AS FIRE THREAT
> CONTINUES
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> Fire season is in full swing in several states in the Western US, and
> Amateur Radio volunteers have been helping to provide communication for

> the
> American Red Cross and The Salvation Army. Fires have forced evacuations
> in
> several areas.
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> At week's end, Arizona ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Rick Aldom,
> W7STS,
> said ARES teams were gearing up to activate in case the Brins Fire,
> burning
> in timber two miles northeast of Sedona, got out of hand over the weekend.
> Given the heavy HF activity expected for Field Day, Aldom requested that
> radio amateurs steer clear of the ARES net frequencies of 7248 kHz and
> 3992
> kHz and The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) frequency
> of 3977.7 kHz, on the outside chance they'll be needed for fire-related
> emergency traffic. Aldom anticipates that most emergency communication
> would
> take place on VHF and UHF repeaters, however.
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> "The American Red Cross invited ARES volunteers to provide back-up for
> their
> communication systems," Aldom told ARRL June 23. "Emergency Coordinators
> in
> Flagstaff and Yavapai County report ham radio volunteers are supporting
> two
> evacuation centers." He said ARES also is available to provide
> communication
> between the state emergency operations center and the two shelters, as
> needed.
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> Additional ARES involvement depends on how the fire behaves, Aldom said,
> noting that firefighters made "significant progress" in battling the blaze
> June 23, and "things are looking very good." The weather also cooperated.
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> "Two things happened," Aldom said. "We had an influx of moisture last
> night
> in the middle levels, which I think helped on the ground, and the winds
> were
> much calmer than they might have been."
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> Should additional evacuations become necessary, ARES volunteers may be
> called in to help livestock rescue crews. As of June 23, about a dozen
> ARES
> volunteers were assisting in the Arizona wildfire response. Aldom also has
> two portable repeaters on standby in case they're needed.
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> By late June 22, the Brins Fire had burned some 3260 acres and was 15
> percent contained. Evacuation orders remained for Oak Creek Canyon and two
> subdivisions north of Sedona. State Route 89A was closed, and power to the
> region was cut. The fire also was generating considerable smoke in the

> region, causing a health and visibility hazard.
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> A statewide fire emergency continues throughout New Mexico. On June 19,
> the
> Bear Fire in the Bearwallow Mountain area of Catron County prompted
> authorities to evacuate residents and campers in the vicinity to two Red
> Cross shelters. New Mexico ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Rick Sohl,
> K5RIC, has been coordinating Amateur Radio volunteer assistance for Grant
> and Catron counties. Russell Stanley, KD5RWX, and Grant County ARRL
> Emergency Coordinator Tom Meyer, N4CYV, were reported active on UHF to
> provide any needed communication support.
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> "This looks to be a very active fire season," Sohl observed. "ARES groups
> need to be ready in the event of a major fire." ARES volunteers have been
> working overtime in June to support local emergency managers after several
> wildfires broke out across the state -- some of them ignited by lightning.
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> As of June 23, the Bear Fire had spread over more than 44,800 acres and
> was
> only 5 percent contained. Sixty structures along Willow Creek were said to
> be imminently threatened. The fire has crossed into the wilderness, and
> accumulations of extremely dry fuels in the southern and western portions
> of
> the fire are hampering containment.
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> Over the June 17-18 weekend, the Skates Fire prompted precautionary
> evacuations in the Lake Roberts area, and ARES volunteers provided
> communication for a shelter. Residents have since been allowed to return
> home. No homes were lost.
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> ARES volunteers assisted the Red Cross after two fires broke out earlier
> this month in the Bosque south of Albuquerque.
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> Colorado SEC Rob Roller, N7LV, reports the Colorado Disaster Response Team
> (DRT) stood down this week after providing communication support for The
> Salvation Army in the wake of the Mato Vega fire near Fort Garland. DRT
> Emergency Coordinator Wes Wilson, K0HBZ, provided communication support
> for
> The Salvation Army back to its Denver Headquarters using Winlink for
> digital
> e-mail communication.
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> At more than 13,100 acres and 35 percent contained as of June 23, the
> fire,
> 12 miles northeast of Fort Garland, prompted the evacuation of 280 homes
> in
> three communities. US Route 160 remained closed.
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> So far in 2006, wildfires have burned more than 3.1 million acres
> nationwide. Long-range forecasts offer little hope for relief from the

> extreme fire danger in the Southwest and the Amateur Radio operators who
> volunteer when called. -- NM PIO Charlie Christman, K5CEC, contributed
> information for this report
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> ==>FCC TO SEEK COMMENTS ON KATRINA PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS
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> The FCC will invite public comments in response to recommendations
> presented
> this month by the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane
> Katrina on Communications Networks. A Notice of Proposed Rule Making
> (NPRM)
> <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-83A1.pdf> in EB
> Docket 06-119, released this week, contains wide-ranging proposals and
> considerations that could involve FCC rule or administrative changes, a
> few
> of which deal with the Amateur Service.
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> "The devastation of Hurricane Katrina highlighted the importance of
> telecommunications and media to our daily lives, and our dependency on our
> national communications infrastructure," remarked FCC Chairman Kevin J.
> Martin. "With this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, we are asking for
> comments
> and suggestions from the public on how to best address and implement the
> Independent Panel's recommendations."
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> The Independent Panel's report points out that Amateur Radio stations were
> among those segments of the communications infrastructure adversely
> affected
> by Hurricane Katrina.
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> "Equipment was damaged or lost due to the storm, and trained amateurs were
> difficult to find in the immediate aftermath," the report said. "However,
> once called into help, Amateur Radio operators volunteered to support many
> agencies, such as FEMA, the National Weather Service, Hurricane Watch
> [Net]
> and the American Red Cross."
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> The Independent Panel report said Amateur Radio volunteers provided
> communication in many locations where no other means of communicating
> existed. Hams also provided other technical aid to communities affected by
> Hurricane Katrina, the report added. The panel recommended adopting "a
> proactive (rather than reactive) program for network reliability and
> resiliency."
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> ARRL Alabama Section Manager Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, addressed the
> Independent
> Panel on March 7 to note that Amateur Radio volunteers "were part of the
> solution" in supplementing normal emergency communication systems taken
> out
> by the storm. For 37 days following Hurricane Katrina, Sarratt headed the

> volunteer effort to process Amateur Radio volunteers headed to the Gulf
> Coast to assist recovery operations.
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> In its NPRM, the FCC asked if should explore amending its rules to permit
> automatic grants of certain types of waivers or special temporary
> authority
> (STA) in declared disaster areas. "As a condition of the waiver or STA,
> the
> FCC could require verbal or written notification to the Commission staff
> contemporaneously with activation or promptly after the fact," the NPRM
> suggested. Following last year's devastating hurricanes, the FCC issued a
> handful of STAs to permit licensees lacking HF privileges to operate on HF
> for emergency purposes. The NPRM offered these specific areas for
> consideration.
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> * Waiver of Amateur Radio and license-exempt rules, permitting
> transmissions
> necessary to meet essential communications needs.
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> * Waiver of application filing deadlines, something the FCC did last fall
> for amateurs who lived in hurricane-stricken states.
>
> * Streamlined STA process, so parties in the affected area may simply
> notify
> the FCC in writing or orally of a need to operate in order to restore
> service.
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> Comments will be due 30 days from the date the NPRM is published in the
> Federal Register and may be filed via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing
> System (ECFS) <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>.
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> ==>NEW JERSEY, MICHIGAN KIDS GET A TURN AT HAM RADIO'S "MICROPHONE TO
> SPACE"
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> Youngsters in New Jersey and Michigan recently had a chance to learn
> firsthand about life in space when they spoke via ham radio with astronaut
> Jeff Williams, KD5TVQ, aboard the International Space Station. Both
> contacts
> were arranged by the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station
> (ARISS) program. Using the ARISS station NA1SS, Williams chatted June 5
> with
> pupils at Salt Brook Elementary School in New Providence, New Jersey, and
> June 6 with students at Scarlett Middle School in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
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> All of the Salt Brook students who participated in the contact between
> N2XJ
> and NA1SS are members of the Salt Brook Statics, a ham radio club at the
> school mentored by the New Providence Amateur Radio Club. One sixth grader
> wanted to know if Williams felt as if he were moving in space during his
> recent spacewalk. Williams answered that when he looked around and saw

> Earth
> far below him, it did indeed feel like he was moving.
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> The New Providence Amateur Radio Club set up and operated the ground
> station
> at the school for the approximately 10-minute contact, originally
> scheduled
> for May 31 but postponed due to technical difficulties. Nick Esposito,
> KC2ONP, a seventh grader at New Providence Middle School, served as the
> control operator.
>
> An audience of some 600 fellow students, parents, faculty, dignitaries and
> news media packed the school's auditorium for the contact. Another 300
> students at Liberty Middle School in W Orange listened in. ARRL Northern
> New
> Jersey Section Manager Bill Hudzik, W2UDT, represented ARRL.
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> The following day, students at Scarlett Middle School in Ann Arbor,
> Michigan, had their chance to speak with Williams via ham radio.
> Responding
> to one youngster's question, "Why did you decide to go into space?" the
> astronaut said he wanted to serve his country and humankind.
>
> "Really, the history of humankind is the history of exploration," Williams
> told the middle schoolers. "And that's what we're doing here: Exploring
> the
> unknown."
>
> Replying to another question about the risks involved with space travel,
> Williams said, "There's quite a bit of risk involved with going into space
> and being in space - and returning home." Understanding the risks and how
> to
> minimize them is part of an astronaut's training, he explained.
>
> His two favorite things about living aboard the ISS are weightlessness
> "and
> all the things weightlessness allows you to do" as well as looking at
> Earth
> from 220 miles above.
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> Wearing T-shirts illustrating the space station and commemorating the
> ARISS
> contact, 21 youngsters from science teacher Jon Strempek's class prepared
> and asked the questions. Ignacy Justyna, N0EFT, served as the control
> operator.
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> In the audience was a staff member from US Rep John Dingell's office as
> well
> as NASA Aerospace Education Specialist Jim Fitzgerald, a reporter and a
> photographer from the Ann Arbor News, administration, faculty and parents.

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> ARISS is a nine-nation educational outreach with US participation by ARRL,
> AMSAT and NASA.
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> ==>LEAGUE ASKS FCC TO PROTECT 902-928 MHZ OPERATIONS
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> The ARRL has asked the FCC to avoid making any changes within the 902-928
> MHz allocation -- including further deployment of unlicensed Part 15
> devices
> -- that might increase the noise floor or otherwise adversely affect
> Amateur
> Radio operations there. The League filed comments recently in a Notice of
> Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in WT Docket 06-49, which seeks input on
> encouraging the little-used Multilateration Location Monitoring Service
> (M-LMS) -- a terrestrial service for location of objects and tracking --
> while continuing to accommodate licensed and unlicensed uses of the
> 902-928
> MHz band. Amateur Radio is secondary in the band to federal radiolocation
> systems, industrial, scientific and medical devices, federal fixed and
> mobile systems and the M-LMS.
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> "This 'kitchen sink' of allocations is acceptable from ARRL's perspective,
> provided that the noise floor is regulated, in terms of aggregate noise
> levels from unlicensed devices," the ARRL said in its comments, filed May
> 30. "The high power levels permitted in this band in particular bear
> careful
> watching, lest the allocated radio services, including federal systems,
> suffer decreased utility of the band."
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> Given that only two M-LMS licensees operate these systems that exist only
> in
> six major US cities and in parts of Florida, the League asked whether
> present FCC rules are the obstacle to M-LMS or whether it's been overtaken
> by time and GPS technology.
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> The League urged the FCC to examine the 902-928 MHz band in its entirety.
> "Specifically, the needs of the Amateur Service in this proceeding are
> increased protection of weak-signal operations in the 902-903 MHz
> segment,"
> the ARRL noted, specifying the 902.0-902.2 MHz and 903.0-903.2
> "weak-signal"
> segments.
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> "The Amateur Service also requires the continued use of the 903.2-928 MHz
> band for amateur voice, television and digital communications, coexisting
> with other licensed and unlicensed users of this spectrum," the League
> concluded.
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> In its comments, the ARRL pointed out that the NPRM does not propose to
> adopt, modify or delete any rules but only seeks information "looking

> toward
> modifications in the licensing and use" of the 902-928 MHz band. The
> League
> described the band as "a patchwork of overlays" and one that has "orphan
> allocation status" in ITU Region 2, precluding amateur use of the band for
> communication outside the region.
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> ==>HAM-COM 2006 A HUGE SUCCESS AT NEW LOCATION, ORGANIZERS SAY
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> Organizers of Ham-Com are calling the Texas hamfest's first year at its
> new
> location in Plano "an unqualified success." The show moved this year from
> Arlington. More than 3500 attended Ham-Com June 9-10 at the Plano Centre,
> its sponsors report. Ham-Com has secured the new venue at least through
> the
> 2011 event. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, addressed the ARRL West
> Gulf
> Division forum during the show. Representing ARRL Headquarters were Chief
> Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, who discussed the importance of
> the
> League's development activities to Amateur Radio, and Field and Regulatory
> Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG, who talked about the Headquarters'
> response to Hurricane Katrina.
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> "An enthusiastic crowd visited the ARRL booth, which was staffed by a
> multitude of League officials," Skolaut reported. Those attending managed
> to
> retain an upbeat mood despite unseasonably hot weather, he added. In
> addition to President Harrison, other League volunteers attending included
> West Gulf Division Director Coy Day, N5OK, Vice Director Dr David
> Woolweaver, K5RAV, Oklahoma ARRL Section Manager John Thomason, WB5SYT,
> Arkansas SM David Norris, K5UZ, and North Texas ASM Bill Byrom, N5BB.
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> Past ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, from Dallas also turned out for
> Ham-Com 2006, which is billed as "the biggest hamfest in Texas."
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> Ham-Com 2006 offered more than 100 hours of programs featuring 52 speakers
> and 78 individual forum sessions. Amateur Radio examination session
> resulted
> in 38 license upgrades as well as 19 new Technician, 9 new General and 10
> new Amateur Extra Class tickets. Ham-Com volunteers also helped 57 Boy
> Scouts receive their Radio merit badges.
>
> Ham-Com 2006 was a commercial success as well, with more than three dozen
> commercial vendors filling all 60 booths. All 48 available tables in the
> indoor flea market were sold, while tailgaters filled 61 spaces on Friday
> and 88 spaces on Saturday -- the largest turnout in several years, Ham-Com
> sponsors said.
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> The ARRL West Gulf Division forum featured a discussion on BPL. Addressing

> the concerns of radio amateurs during his presentation was Jory McIntosh,
> KJ5RM, an ARRL West Gulf Assistant Director and chair of the West Gulf BPL
> Task Force. A representative of Texas utility TXU discussed his company's
> plans to deploy BPL in Texas.
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> TXU's initial foray into BPL in Irving, Texas, resulted in interference
> complaints, including one from McIntosh. The company has changed BPL
> vendors
> and will use Current Technologies equipment in its future systems. Current
> Technologies' gear has shown to be Amateur Radio friendly.
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> In conjunction with Ham-Com 2006, the Lone Star DX Association hosted
> W5DXCC
> 2006, which featured a Friday banquet. Featured speaker Bob Allphin,
> K4UEE,
> spoke about his experiences as co-leader of the recent 3Y0X DXpedition to
> Peter I Island. A sellout crowd of more than 150 attended the DX
> gathering.
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> ==>KNIGHT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS WELCOME
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> The ARRL invites nominations for the Joe Knight Distinguished Service
> Award.
> The award recognizes "exceptionally notable contributions by a Section
> Manager to the health and vitality of the League." The ARRL Board of
> Directors created the award in 2003 to honor former ARRL New Mexico SM Joe
> Knight, W5PDY, who was its first recipient. He died in December of that
> year. Until ill health forced him to step down as SM in July 2003, Knight
> had guided the New Mexico Section for nearly 27 years -- longer than any
> of
> his peers.
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> Knight was honored not only for his more than a quarter-century of service
> as an SM but for repeatedly volunteering to share his leadership knowledge
> and skills each year to help orient new SMs. Knight also headed a section
> that values public service and emergency preparedness, and he helped to
> maintain the WA5IHL Megalink Repeater System that opened up statewide
> communication to anyone with a handheld.
>
> The ARRL Board of Directors may from time to time designate a recipient of
> the Knight Distinguished Service Award to an individual who distinguishes
> himself or herself in accordance with these ideals:
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> * Exceptionally notable contributions over an extended period of time
> within
> his or her Section and beyond.
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> * Efforts contributing to the health and vitality of the ARRL and its
> Field
> Organization.

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> * Actions in the spirit of the unselfish contributions of Joe Knight,
> W5PDY.
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> Recipients of the Knight Distinguished Service Award will be presented
> with
> a plaque commemorating the award.
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> Any ARRL member may nominate a Section Manager -- past or present -- for
> the
> Knight Distinguished Service Award. A narrative of the nominee's
> accomplishments identifying the individual's long-term contributions to
> the
> ARRL and its Field Organization should accompany the nomination.
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> Submit nominations to ARRL Field and Educational Services Manager Dave
> Patton, NN1N, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111 or via e-mail
> <dpatton@...>.
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> ==>ASTRONAUT STILL SEEKS QSLS FOR DXCC FROM SPACE
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> International Space Station Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR,
> reports logging 130 DXCC entities from NA1SS while on orbit, but the DX
> QSLs
> have been slow in coming. To date McArthur has only about one-third of the
> entities confirmed for a special DXCC from space.
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> DX stations that worked McArthur at NA1SS during Expedition 12 are urged
> to
> send QSL cards to ARRL, ARISS QSL -- Exp 12, 225 Main St, Newington, CT
> 06111-1494 USA. DX stations may also QSL via the routes on the Amateur
> Radio
> on the International Space Station (ARISS) Web site
> <http://www.rac.ca/ariss/oindex.htm#QSL's>, but they will take longer to
> be
> counted. If you've already sent a card "via the buro," ARISS asks that you
> send another to the ARRL ARISS QSL address.
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> As of June 20, McArthur has these entities confirmed from NA1SS: Alaska,
> Antarctica, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Colombia,
> England,
> France, Gibraltar, Hawaii, India, Israel, Japan, Mariana Is, Mexico, the
> Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Puerto Rico, South Cook Is, South
> Africa,
> Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United States, Uruguay and
> Venezuela.
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> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
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> Sun gazer Tad "Staring at the Sun" Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington,

> reports:
> One thing nice about the bottom of the solar cycle is that disruptive
> radio
> blackouts or sudden ionospheric events are very unlikely, compared with
> periods when the solar cycle is active.
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> Very low geomagnetic activity is predicted this time around, with the
> planetary A index forecast around five. Sunspot counts for the past five
> days have been 23, 21, 20, 19 and 0. No substantial increase is predicted.
> Geophysical Institute Prague predicts quiet conditions June 23, 24 and 27,
> quiet to unsettled June 25 and 29, and unsettled June 26 and 28.
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> I've received many messages asking for advice on which HF bands to
> concentrate on during Field Day. Your best bets are going to be 40 and 20
> meters. Be alert for sporadic E openings on 15 and 10 meters too. Forty
> meters will open to many areas of North America throughout the day and
> night, and 80 meters should give good results from a couple of hours
> before
> local sunset on Saturday night until a couple of hours past local sunrise
> on
> Sunday morning.
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> For more information concerning propagation and an explanation of the
> numbers used in this bulletin see the ARRL Technical Information Service
> Propagation page <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html>.
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> Sunspot numbers for June 15 through 21 were 11, 0, 42, 23, 21, 20 and 19,
> with a mean of 19.4. 10.7 cm flux was 76.4, 75.3, 73.2, 73.3, 73.3, 72.9,
> and 72.7, with a mean of 73.9. Estimated planetary A indices were 28, 10,
> 10, 8, 5, 4 and 4, with a mean of 9.9. Estimated mid-latitude A indices
> were
> 17, 7, 7, 6, 4, 2 and 2, with a mean of 6.4.
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> ==>IN BRIEF:
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> * This weekend on the radio: ARRL Field Day, the ARCI Milliwatt Field Day,
> the His Majesty the King of Spain Contest (SSB) and the Ukrainian DX Digi
> Contest are the weekend of June 24-25. The Marconi Memorial HF Contest has
> been cancelled. The Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder is June 30. JUST AHEAD:
> The
> RAC Canada Day Contest is July 1. The Venezuelan Independence Day Contest,
> the DL-DX RTTY Contest, the Original QRP Contest, the DARC 10-Meter
> Digital
> Contest are the weekend of July 1-2. The RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship
> (CW) is July 3. The ARS Spartan Sprint is July 4. The MI QRP July 4th CW
> Sprint is July 4-5. See the ARRL Contest Branch page
> <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the WA7BNM Contest Calendar
> <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> for more info.

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> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Friday July 7, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002) Amateur Radio
> Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003R2) Antenna Modeling (EC-004) HF
> Digital Communications (EC-005) VHF/UHF -- Life Beyond the Repeater
> (EC-008)
> and Radio Frequency Propagation (EC-011) Classes begin Friday, July 21. To
> learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page
> <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE Department
> <cce@...>.
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> * Minnesota student-ham presented with 2006 ARRL Goldwater scholarship:
> Acting in his role as vice president of the ARRL Foundation, ARRL Dakota
> Division Director Jay Bellows, K0QB, recently presented the 2006 ARRL
> Scholarship to Honor Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, to Melissa Johnson,
> K1MJ, of Bemidji, Minnesota. The $5000 scholarship grant recognizes her
> outstanding academic achievement and her dedication to the ideals of
> public
> service that Senator Goldwater exemplified. Melissa, 21, just completed
> her
> first year at the University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine.
> Bellows presented a Certificate of Award to Melissa on May 26. She is the
> daughter of 2004 ARRL International Humanitarian Award winner Glenn
> Johnson,
> W0GJ.
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> * Three radio amateurs aboard Discovery for July 1 launch: NASA has
> tentatively cleared the shuttle Discovery for a July 1 flight to the
> International Space Station. Three radio amateurs will be among the seven
> crew members. One of them, European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut and
> Mission
> Specialist Thomas Reiter, DF4TR, will remain on the ISS as part of the
> Expedition 13 and 14 crews, marking the first three-person crew since NASA
> grounded the shuttle fleet in 2003. Discovery will carry no Amateur Radio
> equipment. Commander Steve Lindsey will head the 12-day STS-121 mission.
> Others on the flight include Pilot Mark Kelly, Mission Specialists Michael
> Fossum, Lisa Nowak, KC5ZTB, Stephanie Wilson, KD5DZE, and Piers Sellers.
> The
> Discovery crew will test new hardware and techniques to improve shuttle
> safety, as well as deliver supplies to the ISS and make repairs. Now
> aboard
> the ISS are Expedition 13 Commander and cosmonaut Pavel Vinogradov, RV3BS,
> and Flight Engineer and NASA Station Science Officer Jeff Williams,
> KD5TVQ.
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> * Special WRTC 2006 call signs announced: WRTC 2006 Steering Committee
> Chairman Atilano de Oms, PY5EG, has announced that ANATEL (Ag?ncia
> Nacional

> De Telecomunica??es), Brazil's national telecommunication authority, has
> okayed the allocation of special call signs for use by World Radiosport
> Team
> Championship 2006 teams Saturday and Sunday, July 8-9. The call signs
> approved are from PW5A to PW5Z and from PT5A to PT5Z -- a total of 52 call
> signs, although 47 stations will be competing. Call signs will be assigned
> by lottery prior to the contest. WRTC 2006 will take place concurrently
> with
> the IARU HF World Championship, although WRTC rules differ in some
> respects
> from those of the IARU event, and scoring is separate. More information is
> on the WRTC 2006 Web site <http://www.wrtc2006.com/site/home.asp>.
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> * Spain, the Netherlands report Amateur Radio regulatory changes: New
> Amateur Radio regulations
> <http://www.ure.es/ureinforma/Reglamento_Radioaficionados.pdf> became
> effective in Spain on June 10. The new licensing regime essentially
> eliminates the former Novice, General and Restricted license classes and
> extends the same privileges to all radio amateurs. Jose D?az, EA4BPJ,
> general secretary of the Union de Radioaficionados Espa?oles (URE),
> Spain's
> IARU member-society, says the change means EB and EC-prefix call signs
> will
> be showing up on all bands now, in addition to the familiar EA prefix. All
> amateurs in Spain also now may use the 50-51 MHz band, although D?az notes
> there are some geographical restrictions on 6-meter operation. In the
> Netherlands, Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, the IARU liaison officer of
> IARU
> member-society the Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek in
> Nederland (VERON), reports that as of June 10, radio amateurs in the
> Netherlands may use the band 7.100-7.200 MHz on a secondary basis with a
> maximum power output of of 250 W. Telecommunication authorities in
> Thailand
> reportedly have granted temporary permission for radio amateurs to operate
> on the 30, 17 and 12-meter bands upon application. The temporary
> allocation
> is valid until the end of the year.
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> * Yukon Territory radio amateur exploring LF spectrum: J Allen, VY1JA, of
> Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, recently became the first radio amateur to
> put
> the Yukon on LF. Allen has joined the half-dozen or so Canadian hams
> authorized to experiment on low frequencies. Perhaps best known as the ham
> who most often hands out the hard-to-work Northern Territories multiplier,
> Allen now is beaconing nightly on 137.574 kHz. On May 25, Allen completed
> the first LF QSO from the Yukon by working LF aficionado Steve McDonald,
> VE7SL, in British Columbia. "Running just 30 W into a loaded inverted L,
> J's
> ERP was likely well below 100 mW," McDonald estimated. He reports Allen's
> very slow-speed CW signal was 100-percent copy using ARGO software on the

> receiving end. In Whitehorse, Allen reported that VE7SL's signal was
> strong
> enough to copy by ear at normal speeds. Observed McDonald: "At 1000 miles
> distance, the initial QSO demonstrates that amateurs can enjoy
> inter-provincial or out-of-state CW ragchews on 2200 meters using simple
> stations and backyard antenna systems." There's more information on 2200
> meter activity in "The VE7SL Radio Notebook"
> <http://www.imagenisp.ca/jsm>.
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900. Items for sale.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-06-30 22:20:34 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 900 Message: 900

All
Some more items For Sale from Shawn KB8UFI e mail him direct at kb8ufi@comcast.net

Tom
I have a monoband 440 base station antenna ground plane and I have a double stack of a449-11s 440 beams for sale. Could you please get this information out for me.

Thanks Shawn KB8UFI

901. ARRL Letter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-01 02:07:44 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 901 Message: 901

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NOTE: ARRL Headquarters will be closed Tuesday, July 4, for the
Independence
Day holiday. There will be no W1AW code practice or bulletin
transmissions
that day. ARRL Headquarters will reopen Wednesday, July 5, at 8 AM
EDT. We
wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!
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==>ARES/RACES TEAMS HANDLE FLOOD DUTY IN MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES

Amateur Radio volunteers this week supported communication or remained on alert to assist relief organizations and local emergency managers in flood-stricken regions of the Eastern US. Widespread flooding in several states claimed at least a dozen lives. ARRL Eastern Pennsylvania PIO Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO, says ham radio volunteers in 10 counties in his Section actively aided local law enforcement, emergency management agencies and the Red Cross, which set up about a dozen evacuation centers.

"Hams in some areas may be on duty for several days as river levels slowly drop below flood stage," Josuweit told ARRL June 29. The Delaware River -- which separates New Jersey and Pennsylvania -- crested June 29, and the Susquehanna River a day earlier.

A mandatory evacuation order affecting some 200,000 residents of the Wilkes Barre area in Luzerne County was lifted June 29. Josuweit reports that the Susquehanna crested at nearly 34 feet, 12 feet above flood stage for that area. "In areas where the water has already receded, many utilities are still out of service and local officials are advising residents to stay away from the their homes until at least Saturday [July 1]," Josuweit said.

Despite flooding in the area, Josuweit says the Wilkes Barre hamfest <http://www.qsl.net/k3ytl> sponsored by the Murgas Amateur Radio Club will go on as scheduled Sunday, July 2, at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Route 118, Lake Lehman.

ARRL Eastern Pennsylvania Section Emergency Coordinator Al Rabenau, W3AHR, reported the Schuylkill River receding as of June 29. He said Bucks County ARES had been on alert status since June 28. Members established a VHF repeater net and have been staffing several EOCs and shelters. Bucks County EC Harris Stein, NY3H, says ARES/RACES was trimming down some

operations at
week's end but will continue Red Cross support through the holiday
weekend.
He anticipates needing operators to assist with damage assessment
July 1 and
to replace shelter operators.

Due to topography, flooding along the Delaware typically is worst in
Bucks
County and in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. ARRL Hunterdon County
District
Emergency Coordinator David Kanitra, WB2AZE, this week placed
Hunterdon ARES
on a Level 1 alert for possible deployment to assist RACES.

In Mercer County, New Jersey, Emergency Coordinator Kip Burnett,
KB2EGI,
reported his ARES/RACES team was on standby and no longer staffing
the EOC,
which remains active. "We may be needed later to assist with water
deployment or some other situation," he said. ARES/RACES personnel
at the
EOC this week monitored river levels.

Burnett called the flooding "basically a repeat of the October 2004
and
April 2005 floods," and said officials evacuated the same locations -
- an
area called "The Island" -- in Trenton as well as parts of
Titusville.
Conventional communication systems remained intact.

In Binghamton, New York, and surrounding Broome County authorities
ordered
the evacuation of some 15,000 residents as the Susquehanna and
Chenango
rivers overflowed their banks, putting some neighborhoods under
several feet
of water. Parts of Interstates 81 and 88 as well as State Route 17
were
closed.

In Delaware last weekend, Justin Kates, KB3JUV, says ARES volunteers
diverted their attention from Field Day and prepared to support
communication in the wake of flooding in Sussex County, which
received 15
inches of rain in some areas. "Emergency management had a difficult
time
providing road and medical crews to the affected areas due to the
high
water," Kates told ARRL. The weather event also disrupted

conventional
communication systems.

While formal activation was unnecessary, Amateur Radio volunteers remained
poised to supply any needed communication assistance. A SKYWARN activated,
however, and volunteers relayed rainfall reports as well as road and highway
reports.

==>UN MAKES IT OFFICIAL: MONTENEGRO NOW NUMBER 336 ON THE CURRENT DXCC LIST

A new ARRL DXCC entity came into being this week! As expected, the United
Nations admitted the Republic of Montenegro as its 192nd member June 28, and
that action automatically makes the tiny Balkan nation the 336th current
DXCC entity.

"According to the ARRL DXCC List criteria, entities on the UN list of
member-states qualify as political entities," said ARRL Membership Services
Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG. "Therefore, effective June 28, 2006 (UTC), ARRL
has added The Republic of Montenegro to the DXCC List. Claims for DXCC
credit will be accepted immediately."

The Daily DX <http://www.dailydx.com> this week quoted Ranko Boca, YT6A,
that current Montengrin radio amateurs may use their current
Serbia-Montenegro call signs until the International Telecommunication Union
(ITU) designates a call sign block for the new country.

In anticipation of Montengro's new nation status, International DX Festival
Montenegro <http://www.yu6scg.cg.yu/international-dx-festival.html> has been
set for July 20 until August 12. That's when several international operators
- with Boca as DXpedition leader and well-known DXer Martti Laine, OH2BH, as
radio operations leader - will join forces with Montenegrin Amateur Radio
operators from at least three different stations using a common call sign in
an effort to meet the DX community's need to work the newest DXCC Entity.

Festival organizers have set the ambitious goal of 200,000 contacts for the
event, which will use all HF bands.

The event also will include several basic courses on ham radio operating and
CEPT license examinations aimed at new and less-experienced radio amateurs.
Another goal is to establish an Amateur Radio Club of Montenegro

Others scheduled to take part in the DX Festival include ARRL CEO David
Sumner, K1ZZ, and XYL Linda, KA1ZD; 3Y0X team member Bob Grimmick, N6OX;
IARU Region 1 Executive Committee member Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T;
Carsten Esch, DL6LAU, and Vladan Kecman, YT3T/YU1AO.

Montenegro declared its independence on June 3 following a national referendum May 21.--The Daily DX; ARRL DXCC Desk

==>EUROPEAN SPACE CAMPERS QUIZ ASTRONAUT ON SPACE LIFE, RESEARCH

A group of British space campers at the Euro Space Center (ESC) in Belgium
went right to the source via ham radio and teleconference to get answers to
their questions about life and work aboard the International Space Station.
The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program
arranged the June 13 contact with US Astronaut Jeff Williams, KD5TVQ, at
NA1SS. One camper wanted to know whether a human space flight to Mars would
be possible by 2020, as has been projected.

"Oh, I think it's realistic," Williams replied. "It depends upon the countries that are involved and how committed they are to the programs to
make them happen by 2020."

Answering another space camper, Williams outlined some potentially practical
benefits of the scientific research occurring onboard the ISS.

"You never know when you're doing research what the benefits are going to be
until way off in the future," Williams qualified. "We are working on research to prevent kidney stones -- renal stones. That's very important for
us in a weightless environment, and that will have direct application to

those on the ground."

Williams said he and Expedition 13 Commander Pavel Vinogradov, RV3BS, also
are conducting studies on bone density. Experience has shown that the weightless environment appears to affect bone density of astronauts and
cosmonauts on long-term duty in space.

As other ISS crew members before him have said, viewing Earth from the ISS
is awe inspiring. "It definitely changes your vision of the world. It's a
very humbling experience to see the earth from this vantage point," Williams
responded. "The earth is a beautiful planet from above, and it definitely
makes you more aware of what we've been given in our world and that we need
to be good stewards of it."

One questioner wanted to know if Williams saw the flashes of light in his
eyes -- believed due to cosmic rays -- that other space travelers have
reported. Williams said he does see them, especially when he closes his eyes
to sleep, but they're not very bothersome. "It's just a very quick flash out
of the corner of your eye," he explained.

Serving as the Earth station for the contact with NA1SS was W6SRJ at Santa
Rosa Junior College in California. Verizon Conferencing donated a teleconference link to handle two-way audio between the ESC and California.
Contact audio was distributed worldwide via EchoLink and IRLP.

Some 60 teenaged students and their teachers from Gillingham School, Dorset,
England, were at the ESC Space Camp the week the contact took place. According to ARISS-Europe's Gaston Bertels, ON4WF, youngsters from many
European countries visit the space camp, which includes a permanent Space
Expo and an Amateur Radio club station, ON4ESC.

Twenty questions were asked and answered, and there was time left over for
Bertels to express thanks on behalf of the students, and the youngsters gave
a resounding applause. Williams signed off by encouraging the

students to
make the most of their space camp experience and suggested that some
of them
might contribute to space exploration in the future.

Also visiting on the day of the event were 50 French schoolchildren.
A
teacher translated the questions and the answers into French for
their
benefit.

After the contact, an ARISS member conducted a half-hour question-
and-answer
session with the students. Six of their questions focused on ARISS
activities.

ARISS <http://www.rac.ca/ariss> is a nine-nation international
educational
outreach, with US participation by ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.

==>FCC AFFIRMS FINE FOR MARKETING NON-CERTIFICATED CBs AS HAM
TRANSCEIVERS

The FCC has affirmed a $7000 fine it proposed to levy on
TravelCenters of
America in Troutdale, Oregon, for marketing uncertificated Citizens
Band
(CB) transceivers as 10-meter Amateur Radio transceivers. In a
Forfeiture
Order (NoF) released June 29
<http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-06-
1334A1.pdf>, the
FCC turned away TravelCenters' argument that the transceivers in
question
were not CB transceivers, which require FCC certification, but
Amateur Radio
transceivers, which do not. The Commission says its Office of
Engineering
and Technology (OET) determined that the radios in question --
manufactured
by Galaxy -- could be easily modified to operate on CB channels.

"TravelCenters provides no evidence to show that the Galaxy models it
offered for sale were not easily modified," the FCC said in its NoF.
"Therefore, we find that the subject Galaxy models were CB
transmitters
pursuant to Section 95.603(c), regardless of the signs TravelCenters
placed
near the point of purchase." The signs advised that the units were
Amateur
Radio transceivers, not CB radios, and a license was required.

In May, an FCC Order concluded a similar case in which the Commission had imposed $125,000 in fines on Pilot Travel Centers LLC for continuing to market CB transceivers labeled as Amateur Radio gear but intended for use on both CB and amateur frequencies. Under the terms of a consent decree, Pilot agreed to make "a voluntary contribution" of $90,000 to the US Treasury "without further protest or recourse," but did not admit to any wrongdoing. Pilot further agreed to refrain from marketing as "Amateur Radio" gear any transmitting devices with built-in features to facilitate CB operation.

The FCC required Pilot to remove from sale Galaxy transceiver models DX33HML, DX66V and DX99V. Those units also were among the radios the FCC cited in the TravelCenters proceeding. Some of the Galaxy transceivers at issue in the TravelCenters' case have only CB-like channel knobs and indicators for tuning, although the more expensive models sport a digital frequency readout. Most of the units transmit only in AM and FM mode.

In affirming the $7000 fine, the FCC cited a 1999 letter from the FCC's Office of General Counsel (OGC) on the importation and marketing of ham radio transceivers. The OGC's letter clarified that transmitters having "a built-in capacity to operate on CB frequencies and can easily be altered to activate that capacity, such as by moving or removing a jumper plug or cutting a single wire" fall within the definition of a CB transmitter and must obtain FCC certification prior to importation or marketing.

The FCC also turned away TravelCenters' argument that Commission efforts 10 years ago to clarify the definition of a CB transceiver in an OET Public Notice violated the Administrative Procedures Act. The FCC countered that it had relied on the OGC's letter and its interpretation of §95.603(c) as well as the OET's recent determination regarding the specific transceiver models in question. The Commission further noted that §95.655(a) of its

rules
states that no transmitter will be certificated for CB use
if "equipped with
a frequency capability" not listed in Part 95 as CB transmitter
channel
frequencies.

The TravelCenters case dates back to the fall of 2001, when an FCC
agent
visited the TravelCenters' retail store in Troutdale and observed
six models
of "CB transceivers" that had not received FCC certification. The
FCC's
Portland, Oregon, Field Office issued a Citation to TravelCenters'
Troutdale
store later that fall for selling non-certificated CB transceivers.
It
warned TravelCenters that future violations could lead to fines and
seizure
of equipment.

In July 2005 the FCC's Enforcement Bureau issued a Notice of Apparent
Liability (NAL) proposing the $7000 fine for "apparently willfully
and
repeatedly" violating §302(b) of the Communications Act and §2.803(a)
(1) of
its rules "by offering for sale a non-certified CB transceiver."

==>ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO ARES TEAMS KEEP CLOSE EYE ON WILDFIRES

As firefighters gained the upper hand with the Brins Fire near
Sedona,
Arizona, and some evacuation orders have been lifted, Amateur Radio
Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers were in a holding pattern at
week's end.
The fire burned more than 4300 acres and was 90 percent contained by
midweek.

"We are essentially just in a standby mode if something should
change," ARRL
Arizona SEC Rick Aldom, W7STS, told ARRL Headquarters. Two Red Cross
evacuation centers closed over the June 24-25 weekend.

Evacuations for some Oak Creek Canyon residents remained in effect at
midweek, impacting nearly 600 homes and 40 businesses. State Rte 89A
remained closed to the general public, but authorities reopened the
highway
to residents, business owners, service providers and emergency
vehicles June
27. Individuals entering the area must provide identification.

Officials believe the Brins Fire, some two miles north of Sedona in the
Coconino National Forest, resulted from an escaped campfire. "The
firefighters who responded to this fire have done an incredible job of
saving not only one of the more scenic areas of Arizona, but nearly 500
structures that were threatened," Aldom commented. "Had this fire jumped the
fire lines, it would have become really ugly, really fast."

In New Mexico, Sandoval County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (SCARES) was
well into its Field Day exercise on Saturday, June 24, when Sandoval
County's emergency manager notified District Emergency Coordinator Mike
Scales, K5SCA, of a forest fire north of Cuba, near Gallina, in the Santa Fe
National Forest. The SCARES Field Day ended abruptly, and members went on
standby until Scales could assess the needs at the Bear Paw fire scene.

By 7 PM, Scales and Vance Loen, WV5L, were in Sandoval County's Emergency
Communication Vehicle - "Command 7" - en route to assist with any
evacuations and to coordinate communication among Sandoval and Rio Arriba
counties and the US Forest Service. Until then Command 7 had been used for
Field Day.

By June 28, the Bear Paw Fire had consumed 3200 acres in sage and ponderosa
and full containment was expected by June 29. A downed power line apparently
caused the fire, but the circumstances remain under investigation. At one
point, the fire threatened the communities of Gallina Plaza and Bear Paw,
prompting a mandatory evacuation order for Gallina Plaza and a voluntary
evacuation advisory for Bear Paw. State Road 96 was closed, and an
evacuation shelter was set up in Cuba.

SCARES members remained on stand-by at the scene in Command 7, while Bill
Kauffman, W5YEJ, and Marlin Allison, K5MHA, kept an ear on the SCARES
repeater on Pajarito Peak from Rio Rancho.

At week's end, no ARES/RACES personnel were on active fire duty in New

Mexico. "Fire season is not over," New Mexico SEC Rick Sohl, K5RIC, has
reminded all ARES members nonetheless. Although several of the state's
forest and range fires have been doused with rains over the past week, new
ones continue to break out.-Charlie Christman, K5CEC; National Fire Information Center

==>POST YOUR FIELD DAY 2006 PHOTOS AND EXPERIENCES ON THE CONTEST SOAPBOX

ARRL invites participants in ARRL Field Day 2006 to post photos and narratives to its Contest Soapbox
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox/>
for all to see. It's not only fun and easy, but your photos and writeup
could become part of the annual Field Day summary that appears in December
QST.

Several participants have already taken the opportunity to tell their Field
Day tales on the ARRL Contest Soapbox, which is open to ARRL members and
non-members alike. Narratives should focus on your or your club's or group's
involvement in Field Day.

The League reserves the right to edit or even to decline postings it considers inappropriate for this forum. The potential audience for your post
is broad, so good taste is a must. Responsibility for all posted material
rests solely with the author, and the ARRL staff assumes no responsibility
for errors, omissions or accuracy of items appearing in the Contest Soapbox.

Direct any questions and comments on to the author of the post. If you have
questions or comments about using Contest Soapbox, contact the ARRL Contest
Branch <contests@arrl.org>.

==>FOLLOW WRTC-2006 VIA THE NCJ WEB SITE BLOGS

The year's premier global contesting event, World Radiosport Team Championship 2006 (WRTC-2006)
<http://www.wrtc2006.com/site/home.asp>, takes
place July 8-9 in conjunction with the IARU HF World Championship
<http://www.iaru.org/contest.html>.

Via Web logs (blogs), the National Contest Journal (NCJ) is giving you a
front-row seat as top-notch contesters in two-person teams from around the
world compete on HF from Brazil on as level a playing field as possible. The
contest period is 1200 UTC Saturday, July 8, until 1200 UTC Sunday, July 9.
Winners will be announced Monday, July 10, at the awards dinner.

The NCJ WRTC-2006 blogs will include the musings and general comments of
WRTC-2006 competitors, referees and log checkers. We invite NCJ readers to
post their comments as well.

Access the blogs from the NCJ home page <http://www.ncjweb.com/> or from the
WRTC-2006 coverage section <http://www.ncjweb.com/wrtc2006blogs.php>.
Postings have already begun and will continue -- on a time-available basis,
since the contributors do have WRTC-2006 responsibilities -- until WRTC-2006
wraps up.

Blog contributors are: Doug Grant, K1DG; Randy Thompson, K5ZD; Jeff Briggs,
K1ZM; Ann Santos, WA1S; Tim Duffy, K3LR; Eric Scace, K3NA; Glenn Johnson,
W0GJ; Ward Silver, N0AX; Dean Straw, N6BV; Tree Tyree, N6TR; Rusty Epps,
W6OAT, and Dale Green, VE7SV.

The National Contest Journal thanks these contributors for being willing to
share their personal WRTC-2006 experiences with the Amateur Radio community.
Also, thanks to Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, for suggesting this blog and putting it
on the NCJ Web site, and to the ARRL for shipping 300 copies of the special
WRTC-2006 July/August NCJ issue to Brazil.

==>SOLAR UPDATE

Solar swami "You Are My Sunshine" Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington,
reports: There were no sunspots for Field Day weekend, but a big new sunspot
(897) rotated into view this week. Followed by sunspot 898, it looks like a
moderately rising solar flux and sunspot number will be with us through July

6.

A solar wind stream caused elevated geomagnetic numbers on June 28 and 29,
and this may happen again around July 3-5. Geophysical Institute Prague
predicts quiet conditions over June 30 to July 3, quiet to unsettled on July
4, unsettled to active on July 5, and unsettled on July 6.

For more information concerning propagation and an explanation of the
numbers used in this bulletin see the ARRL Technical Information Service
Propagation page <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html>.

Sunspot numbers for June 22 through 28 were 0, 0, 0, 13, 14, 33 and 38, with
a mean of 14. The 10.7 cm flux was 72.1, 71.8, 73.6, 74, 76.4, 78.5, and
83.5, with a mean of 75.7. Estimated planetary A indices were 6, 2, 4, 5, 3,
6 and 18, with a mean of 6.3. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 6, 1, 2,
3, 1, 7 and 12, with a mean of 4.6.

==>IN BRIEF:

* This weekend on the radio: The RAC Canada Day Contest is July 1. The
Venezuelan Independence Day Contest, the DL-DX RTTY Contest, the Original
QRP Contest, the DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest are the weekend of July 1-2.
The RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship (CW) is July 3. The ARS Spartan Sprint
is July 4. The MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint is July 4-5. JUST AHEAD: The
VK/Trans-Tasman 160-Meter Contest (phone) is July 8. The IARU HF World
Championship, the FISTS Summer Sprint, the Six Club Contest and the ARCI
Summer Homebrew Sprint are the weekend of July 8-9. The RSGB 80-Meter Club
Championship (SSB) is July 12. The Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder is July 14.
See the ARRL Contest Branch page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the
WA7BNM Contest Calendar
<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>
for more info.

* ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
Registration remains open through Friday July 7, for these ARRL
Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) program on-line courses:
Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002) Amateur Radio
Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003R2) Antenna Modeling (EC-
004) HF
Digital Communications (EC-005) VHF/UHF -- Life Beyond the Repeater
(EC-008)
and Radio Frequency Propagation (EC-011) Classes begin Friday, July
21. To
learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page
<http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE Department
<cce@...>.

* ARRL, IARU HQ mults will be on the air for IARU HF World
Championship:
During the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) HF World
Championship
Contest July 8-9, W1AW/4 will provide the ARRL Headquarters
multiplier from
Tennessee, with the Tennessee Contest Group hosting the operation.
Supplying
the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) HQ multiplier will be
NU1AW/8,
operating from sites in Michigan and Ohio, hosted by Dave Pruett,
K8CC, and
friends from the Mad River Radio Club and the North Coast
Contesters. The
World Radiosport Team Championship 2006 (WRTC 2006) in Brazil takes
place
concurrently with the IARU HF World Championship, although WRTC
rules differ
in some respects from those of the IARU event, and scoring is
separate. IARU
HF World Championship Contest rules are on the ARRL Web site
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2006/iaru.html>.

* WRTC-2006 requests IARU HF World Championship logs: World
Radiosport Team
Championship 2006 (WRTC-2006) <http://www.wrtc2006.com/> officials
want as
many logs as possible from IARU HF World Championship
<http://www.iaru.org/contest.html> participants within six hours of
the
event's end. The WRTC-2006 competition among 47 top contesting teams
from
around the globe takes place in Brazil July 8-9, coinciding with the
IARU HF
World Championship event. Because WRTC-2006 winners will be
announced on
July 10, event organizers want IARU contest logs enhance the
accuracy of

WRTC-2006 log checking. WRTC-2006 is especially interested in logs from HQ stations, since these serve as multipliers for both events. E-mail complete IARU HF World Championship logs in Cabrillo format by 1800 UTC Sunday, July 9, to <logs@...>. WRTC-2006 has announced a lottery and prizes for early receipt of IARU contest logs <http://www.wrtc2006.com/release52.html>. Note that submission of IARU contest logs does not constitute an official entry for the IARU HF World Championship. That is an entirely separate entry, and the usual deadline and submission requirements apply. [WRTC-2006-logo.jpg]

* ARRL "DXCC Dialog" blog debuts: The ARRL DXCC Desk has inaugurated the "DXCC Dialog Weblog" <http://www.arrl.org/blog/DXCC%20Dialog> - containing news and notes about the ARRL DXCC program. "This page will have up-to-date information about the DXCC program," says ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG. "It does not provide for users to post responses, but authors and e-mail addresses are listed." The blog will be updated as needed to inform and update the DXing community regarding news of interest.

* Field Day at W1AW slide show available: A slide show, "Field Day at W1AW," now is available on the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/contests/FD2006-W1AW/>. Photographed and produced during Field Day 2006 by ARRL Web/Software Development Manager Jon Bloom, KE3Z, the 4-1/2 minute presentation "was created to give members a feel for what happens at W1AW on Field Day," he says. It also provides a peek inside W1AW for those who have never visited. "The slide show is presented using Adobe Flash format. Adobe Flash Player 7 or later and a compatible Web browser are needed to play the slide show," he notes, adding that most computers already have a copy of Flash Player installed. If not, Flash Player is a free for download from Adobe

<http://www.adobe.com/go/gntray_dl_getflashplayer>. The show can be played
directly from the Web site in either a large format - suitable for broadband
Web users - or in a smaller format more attuned to dial-up Internet connections.

* Educator astronaut gets on the air for Kids Day: NASA Educator Astronaut
Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, KE5DAT, spent an hour or so on the air June 17
talking to youngsters around the US during ARRL Kids Day. She spoke with
about a dozen kids and ham radio operators from W5RRR at the Johnson Space
Center in Houston. Assisting her at the microphone was Kent Castle, W5OJ,
who spent several hours on 20 meters before and after KE5DAT's visit,
chatting with youngsters taking part in the twice-a-year activity.
Metcalf-Lindenburger joined the NASA Astronaut Corps in 2004.--Kenneth
Ransom, N5VHO

* New IRC available July 1: The Universal Postal Union (UPU) has announced
that a new International Reply Coupon (IRC) design
<http://www.dailydx.com/2007irc.jpg> has been selected. Radio amateurs often
enclose IRCs when QSLing DX stations directly to cover the cost of return
postage. The new design, known as "Beijing Model No. 2," was submitted by
Volodymyr Taran, a graphic artist from Ukraine. Chosen by a jury of 40 UPU
member countries, the coupon design was inspired by Michelangelo's painting
on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel -- two fingers about to touch framed in
a postage stamp, representing the notions of communication and exchange. The
new IRC will be valid until December 31, 2009. The current IRC is valid
through December 31, 2006. For more information on IRCs, see the June 1999
issue of QST (page 83).--The Daily DX <http://www.dailydx.com>

Correction regarding Director/Vice Director eligibility: The July QST "It
Seems to Us . . ." editorial misstates the eligibility requirements to run
for ARRL Director and Vice Director. The membership/licensing

requirements
are four years of continuous full membership and four years of
continuous
holding of a valid authorization as a radio amateur in accordance
with the
applicable laws and regulations of the United States immediately
preceding
nomination.

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* The QTH.net listserver, thanks to volunteers from the Boston Amateur Radio
Club: Visit Mailing Lists@QTH.Net
<http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/letter-list>. (NOTE: The ARRL
cannot assist subscribers who receive The ARRL Letter via this listserver.)

902. Phonetics in a Contest

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-01 12:53:10 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 900 Message: 902

All:

There has been a little behind the scenes chatter on the use of phonetics in a contest. Specifically the question of the questionable use of Zipper Half Open at club radio events. While I recognize that everyone has a certain tolerance we also must cooperate and help everyone enjoy the hobby.

The first time I heard this phonetic butchering of the club's call sign I was just saddened. There are many zippers in our world but the sorry ones immediately and tragically come to mind when this phrase is uttered. It may reflect poorly on the club and the operator using this phrase.

Imagine a twist on the scenario where the GOTA shack is soliciting contacts in the Field Day setting. The call sign is Alpha Bravo Eight Sugar Charlie. It is changed to America Baker Eight Sex Change. This brought the problems home to roost in a personal way. Funny? Stupid? Sad? A good image? I'm wondering.

My two cents.

Bill
AB8 Slow Code

By the way, I use Slow Code with pride and with the fond memory of Bob, K8IUI SK who first suggested, in jest, these phonetics. RIP friend

904. The ARRL Letter, Vol 25, No 26 (Jun 30, 2006)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-01 02:08:37 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 904 Message: 904

> **********
> The ARRL Letter
> Vol. 25, No. 26
> June 30, 2006
> **********
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> IN THIS EDITION:
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> * +Ham radio volunteers ready as floods hit Eastern US
> * +Montenegro becomes the 336th DXCC entity
> * +Space campers in Belgium query ISS crew member via ham radio
> * +FCC levies fine for marketing non-certificated CBs as ham radio gear
> * +Fires keeping Southwestern ham radio volunteers on alert
> * +Contest Soapbox ready for your Field Day writeups, photos
> * +NCJ to offer WRTC-2006 blogs
> * Solar Update
> * IN BRIEF:
> This weekend on the radio
> ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration
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> WRTC-2006 requests IARU HF World Championship logs
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> ==>Editorial questions or comments: Rick Lindquist, N1RL, n1rl@...
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> NOTE: ARRL Headquarters will be closed Tuesday, July 4, for the
> Independence
> Day holiday. There will be no W1AW code practice or bulletin transmissions
> that day. ARRL Headquarters will reopen Wednesday, July 5, at 8 AM EDT. We
> wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!
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> ==>ARES/RACES TEAMS HANDLE FLOOD DUTY IN MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES
>
> Amateur Radio volunteers this week supported communication or remained on
> alert to assist relief organizations and local emergency managers in

> flood-stricken regions of the Eastern US. Widespread flooding in several
> states claimed at least a dozen lives. ARRL Eastern Pennsylvania PIO Bob
> Josuweit, WA3PZO, says ham radio volunteers in 10 counties in his Section
> actively aided local law enforcement, emergency management agencies and
> the
> Red Cross, which set up about a dozen evacuation centers.
>
> "Hams in some areas may be on duty for several days as river levels slowly
> drop below flood stage," Josuweit told ARRL June 29. The Delaware River --
> which separates New Jersey and Pennsylvania -- crested June 29, and the
> Susquehanna River a day earlier.
>
> A mandatory evacuation order affecting some 200,000 residents of the
> Wilkes
> Barre area in Luzerne County was lifted June 29. Josuweit reports that the
> Susquehanna crested at nearly 34 feet, 12 feet above flood stage for that
> area. "In areas where the water has already receded, many utilities are
> still out of service and local officials are advising residents to stay
> away
> from the their homes until at least Saturday [July 1]," Josuweit said.
>
> Despite flooding in the area, Josuweit says the Wilkes Barre hamfest
> <http://www.qsl.net/k3ytl> sponsored by the Murgas Amateur Radio Club will
> go on as scheduled Sunday, July 2, at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds,
> Route
> 118, Lake Lehman.
>
> ARRL Eastern Pennsylvania Section Emergency Coordinator Al Rabenau, W3AHR,
> reported the Schuylkill River receding as of June 29. He said Bucks County
> ARES had been on alert status since June 28. Members established a VHF
> repeater net and have been staffing several EOCs and shelters. Bucks
> County
> EC Harris Stein, NY3H, says ARES/RACES was trimming down some operations
> at
> week's end but will continue Red Cross support through the holiday
> weekend.
> He anticipates needing operators to assist with damage assessment July 1
> and
> to replace shelter operators.
>
> Due to topography, flooding along the Delaware typically is worst in Bucks
> County and in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. ARRL Hunterdon County District
> Emergency Coordinator David Kanitra, WB2AZE, this week placed Hunterdon
> ARES
> on a Level 1 alert for possible deployment to assist RACES.
>
> In Mercer County, New Jersey, Emergency Coordinator Kip Burnett, KB2EGI,
> reported his ARES/RACES team was on standby and no longer staffing the
> EOC,
> which remains active. "We may be needed later to assist with water

> deployment or some other situation," he said. ARES/RACES personnel at the
> EOC this week monitored river levels.
>
> Burnett called the flooding "basically a repeat of the October 2004 and
> April 2005 floods," and said officials evacuated the same locations -- an
> area called "The Island" -- in Trenton as well as parts of Titusville.
> Conventional communication systems remained intact.
>
> In Binghamton, New York, and surrounding Broome County authorities ordered
> the evacuation of some 15,000 residents as the Susquehanna and Chenango
> rivers overflowed their banks, putting some neighborhoods under several
> feet
> of water. Parts of Interstates 81 and 88 as well as State Route 17 were
> closed.
>
> In Delaware last weekend, Justin Kates, KB3JUV, says ARES volunteers
> diverted their attention from Field Day and prepared to support
> communication in the wake of flooding in Sussex County, which received 15
> inches of rain in some areas. "Emergency management had a difficult time
> providing road and medical crews to the affected areas due to the high
> water," Kates told ARRL. The weather event also disrupted conventional
> communication systems.
>
> While formal activation was unnecessary, Amateur Radio volunteers remained
> poised to supply any needed communication assistance. A SKYWARN activated,
> however, and volunteers relayed rainfall reports as well as road and
> highway
> reports.
>
> ==>UN MAKES IT OFFICIAL: MONTENEGRO NOW NUMBER 336 ON THE CURRENT DXCC
> LIST
>
> A new ARRL DXCC entity came into being this week! As expected, the United
> Nations admitted the Republic of Montenegro as its 192nd member June 28,
> and
> that action automatically makes the tiny Balkan nation the 336th current
> DXCC entity.
>
> "According to the ARRL DXCC List criteria, entities on the UN list of
> member-states qualify as political entities," said ARRL Membership
> Services
> Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG. "Therefore, effective June 28, 2006 (UTC), ARRL
> has added The Republic of Montenegro to the DXCC List. Claims for DXCC
> credit will be accepted immediately."
>
> The Daily DX <http://www.dailydx.com> this week quoted Ranko Boca, YT6A,
> that current Montengrin radio amateurs may use their current
> Serbia-Montenegro call signs until the International Telecommunication
> Union
> (ITU) designates a call sign block for the new country.

>
> In anticipation of Montengro's new nation status, International DX
> Festival
> Montenegro <http://www.yu6scg.cg.yu/international-dx-festival.html> has
> been
> set for July 20 until August 12. That's when several international
> operators
> - with Boca as DXpedition leader and well-known DXer Martti Laine, OH2BH,
> as
> radio operations leader - will join forces with Montenegrin Amateur Radio
> operators from at least three different stations using a common call sign
> in
> an effort to meet the DX community's need to work the newest DXCC Entity.
> Festival organizers have set the ambitious goal of 200,000 contacts for
> the
> event, which will use all HF bands.
>
> The event also will include several basic courses on ham radio operating
> and
> CEPT license examinations aimed at new and less-experienced radio
> amateurs.
> Another goal is to establish an Amateur Radio Club of Montenegro
>
> Others scheduled to take part in the DX Festival include ARRL CEO David
> Sumner, K1ZZ, and XYL Linda, KA1ZD; 3Y0X team member Bob Grimmick, N6OX;
> IARU Region 1 Executive Committee member Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T;
> Carsten Esch, DL6LAU, and Vladan Kecman, YT3T/YU1AO.
>
> Montenegro declared its independence on June 3 following a national
> referendum May 21.--The Daily DX; ARRL DXCC Desk
>
> ==>EUROPEAN SPACE CAMPERS QUIZ ASTRONAUT ON SPACE LIFE, RESEARCH
>
> A group of British space campers at the Euro Space Center (ESC) in Belgium
> went right to the source via ham radio and teleconference to get answers
> to
> their questions about life and work aboard the International Space
> Station.
> The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program
> arranged the June 13 contact with US Astronaut Jeff Williams, KD5TVQ, at
> NA1SS. One camper wanted to know whether a human space flight to Mars
> would
> be possible by 2020, as has been projected.
>
> "Oh, I think it's realistic," Williams replied. "It depends upon the
> countries that are involved and how committed they are to the programs to
> make them happen by 2020."
>
> Answering another space camper, Williams outlined some potentially
> practical

> benefits of the scientific research occurring onboard the ISS.
>
> "You never know when you're doing research what the benefits are going to
> be
> until way off in the future," Williams qualified. "We are working on
> research to prevent kidney stones -- renal stones. That's very important
> for
> us in a weightless environment, and that will have direct application to
> those on the ground."
>
> Williams said he and Expedition 13 Commander Pavel Vinogradov, RV3BS, also
> are conducting studies on bone density. Experience has shown that the
> weightless environment appears to affect bone density of astronauts and
> cosmonauts on long-term duty in space.
>
> As other ISS crew members before him have said, viewing Earth from the ISS
> is awe inspiring. "It definitely changes your vision of the world. It's a
> very humbling experience to see the earth from this vantage point,"
> Williams
> responded. "The earth is a beautiful planet from above, and it definitely
> makes you more aware of what we've been given in our world and that we
> need
> to be good stewards of it."
>
> One questioner wanted to know if Williams saw the flashes of light in his
> eyes -- believed due to cosmic rays -- that other space travelers have
> reported. Williams said he does see them, especially when he closes his
> eyes
> to sleep, but they're not very bothersome. "It's just a very quick flash
> out
> of the corner of your eye," he explained.
>
> Serving as the Earth station for the contact with NA1SS was W6SRJ at Santa
> Rosa Junior College in California. Verizon Conferencing donated a
> teleconference link to handle two-way audio between the ESC and
> California.
> Contact audio was distributed worldwide via EchoLink and IRLP.
>
> Some 60 teenaged students and their teachers from Gillingham School,
> Dorset,
> England, were at the ESC Space Camp the week the contact took place.
> According to ARISS-Europe's Gaston Bertels, ON4WF, youngsters from many
> European countries visit the space camp, which includes a permanent Space
> Expo and an Amateur Radio club station, ON4ESC.
>
> Twenty questions were asked and answered, and there was time left over for
> Bertels to express thanks on behalf of the students, and the youngsters
> gave
> a resounding applause. Williams signed off by encouraging the students to
> make the most of their space camp experience and suggested that some of

> them
> might contribute to space exploration in the future.
>
> Also visiting on the day of the event were 50 French schoolchildren. A
> teacher translated the questions and the answers into French for their
> benefit.
>
> After the contact, an ARISS member conducted a half-hour
> question-and-answer
> session with the students. Six of their questions focused on ARISS
> activities.
>
> ARISS <http://www.rac.ca/ariss> is a nine-nation international educational
> outreach, with US participation by ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.
>
> ==>FCC AFFIRMS FINE FOR MARKETING NON-CERTIFICATED CBs AS HAM TRANSCEIVERS
>
> The FCC has affirmed a $7000 fine it proposed to levy on TravelCenters of
> America in Troutdale, Oregon, for marketing uncertificated Citizens Band
> (CB) transceivers as 10-meter Amateur Radio transceivers. In a Forfeiture
> Order (NoF) released June 29
> <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-06-1334A1.pdf>, the
> FCC turned away TravelCenters' argument that the transceivers in question
> were not CB transceivers, which require FCC certification, but Amateur
> Radio
> transceivers, which do not. The Commission says its Office of Engineering
> and Technology (OET) determined that the radios in question --
> manufactured
> by Galaxy -- could be easily modified to operate on CB channels.
>
> "TravelCenters provides no evidence to show that the Galaxy models it
> offered for sale were not easily modified," the FCC said in its NoF.
> "Therefore, we find that the subject Galaxy models were CB transmitters
> pursuant to Section 95.603(c), regardless of the signs TravelCenters
> placed
> near the point of purchase." The signs advised that the units were Amateur
> Radio transceivers, not CB radios, and a license was required.
>
> In May, an FCC Order concluded a similar case in which the Commission had
> imposed $125,000 in fines on Pilot Travel Centers LLC for continuing to
> market CB transceivers labeled as Amateur Radio gear but intended for use
> on
> both CB and amateur frequencies. Under the terms of a consent decree,
> Pilot
> agreed to make "a voluntary contribution" of $90,000 to the US Treasury
> "without further protest or recourse," but did not admit to any
> wrongdoing.
> Pilot further agreed to refrain from marketing as "Amateur Radio" gear any
> transmitting devices with built-in features to facilitate CB operation.
>

> The FCC required Pilot to remove from sale Galaxy transceiver models
> DX33HML, DX66V and DX99V. Those units also were among the radios the FCC
> cited in the TravelCenters proceeding. Some of the Galaxy transceivers at
> issue in the TravelCenters' case have only CB-like channel knobs and
> indicators for tuning, although the more expensive models sport a digital
> frequency readout. Most of the units transmit only in AM and FM mode.
>
> In affirming the $7000 fine, the FCC cited a 1999 letter from the FCC's
> Office of General Counsel (OGC) on the importation and marketing of ham
> radio transceivers. The OGC's letter clarified that transmitters having "a
> built-in capacity to operate on CB frequencies and can easily be altered
> to
> activate that capacity, such as by moving or removing a jumper plug or
> cutting a single wire" fall within the definition of a CB transmitter and
> must obtain FCC certification prior to importation or marketing.
>
> The FCC also turned away TravelCenters' argument that Commission efforts
> 10
> years ago to clarify the definition of a CB transceiver in an OET Public
> Notice violated the Administrative Procedures Act. The FCC countered that
> it
> had relied on the OGC's letter and its interpretation of ?95.603(c) as
> well
> as the OET's recent determination regarding the specific transceiver
> models
> in question. The Commission further noted that ?95.655(a) of its rules
> states that no transmitter will be certificated for CB use if "equipped
> with
> a frequency capability" not listed in Part 95 as CB transmitter channel
> frequencies.
>
> The TravelCenters case dates back to the fall of 2001, when an FCC agent
> visited the TravelCenters' retail store in Troutdale and observed six
> models
> of "CB transceivers" that had not received FCC certification. The FCC's
> Portland, Oregon, Field Office issued a Citation to TravelCenters'
> Troutdale
> store later that fall for selling non-certificated CB transceivers. It
> warned TravelCenters that future violations could lead to fines and
> seizure
> of equipment.
>
> In July 2005 the FCC's Enforcement Bureau issued a Notice of Apparent
> Liability (NAL) proposing the $7000 fine for "apparently willfully and
> repeatedly" violating ?302(b) of the Communications Act and ?2.803(a)(1)
> of
> its rules "by offering for sale a non-certified CB transceiver."
>
> ==>ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO ARES TEAMS KEEP CLOSE EYE ON WILDFIRES
>

> As firefighters gained the upper hand with the Brins Fire near Sedona,
> Arizona, and some evacuation orders have been lifted, Amateur Radio
> Emergency Service (ARES) volunteers were in a holding pattern at week's
> end.
> The fire burned more than 4300 acres and was 90 percent contained by
> midweek.
>
> "We are essentially just in a standby mode if something should change,"
> ARRL
> Arizona SEC Rick Aldom, W7STS, told ARRL Headquarters. Two Red Cross
> evacuation centers closed over the June 24-25 weekend.
>
> Evacuations for some Oak Creek Canyon residents remained in effect at
> midweek, impacting nearly 600 homes and 40 businesses. State Rte 89A
> remained closed to the general public, but authorities reopened the
> highway
> to residents, business owners, service providers and emergency vehicles
> June
> 27. Individuals entering the area must provide identification.
>
> Officials believe the Brins Fire, some two miles north of Sedona in the
> Coconino National Forest, resulted from an escaped campfire. "The
> firefighters who responded to this fire have done an incredible job of
> saving not only one of the more scenic areas of Arizona, but nearly 500
> structures that were threatened," Aldom commented. "Had this fire jumped
> the
> fire lines, it would have become really ugly, really fast."
>
> In New Mexico, Sandoval County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (SCARES)
> was
> well into its Field Day exercise on Saturday, June 24, when Sandoval
> County's emergency manager notified District Emergency Coordinator Mike
> Scales, K5SCA, of a forest fire north of Cuba, near Gallina, in the Santa
> Fe
> National Forest. The SCARES Field Day ended abruptly, and members went on
> standby until Scales could assess the needs at the Bear Paw fire scene.
>
> By 7 PM, Scales and Vance Loen, WV5L, were in Sandoval County's Emergency
> Communication Vehicle - "Command 7" - en route to assist with any
> evacuations and to coordinate communication among Sandoval and Rio Arriba
> counties and the US Forest Service. Until then Command 7 had been used for
> Field Day.
>
> By June 28, the Bear Paw Fire had consumed 3200 acres in sage and
> ponderosa
> and full containment was expected by June 29. A downed power line
> apparently
> caused the fire, but the circumstances remain under investigation. At one
> point, the fire threatened the communities of Gallina Plaza and Bear Paw,
> prompting a mandatory evacuation order for Gallina Plaza and a voluntary

> evacuation advisory for Bear Paw. State Road 96 was closed, and an
> evacuation shelter was set up in Cuba.
>
> SCARES members remained on stand-by at the scene in Command 7, while Bill
> Kauffman, W5YEJ, and Marlin Allison, K5MHA, kept an ear on the SCARES
> repeater on Pajarito Peak from Rio Rancho.
>
> At week's end, no ARES/RACES personnel were on active fire duty in New
> Mexico. "Fire season is not over," New Mexico SEC Rick Sohl, K5RIC, has
> reminded all ARES members nonetheless. Although several of the state's
> forest and range fires have been doused with rains over the past week, new
> ones continue to break out.-Charlie Christman, K5CEC; National Fire
> Information Center
>
> ==>POST YOUR FIELD DAY 2006 PHOTOS AND EXPERIENCES ON THE CONTEST SOAPBOX
>
> ARRL invites participants in ARRL Field Day 2006 to post photos and
> narratives to its Contest Soapbox <http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox/>
> for all to see. It's not only fun and easy, but your photos and writeup
> could become part of the annual Field Day summary that appears in December
> QST.
>
> Several participants have already taken the opportunity to tell their
> Field
> Day tales on the ARRL Contest Soapbox, which is open to ARRL members and
> non-members alike. Narratives should focus on your or your club's or
> group's
> involvement in Field Day.
>
> The League reserves the right to edit or even to decline postings it
> considers inappropriate for this forum. The potential audience for your
> post
> is broad, so good taste is a must. Responsibility for all posted material
> rests solely with the author, and the ARRL staff assumes no responsibility
> for errors, omissions or accuracy of items appearing in the Contest
> Soapbox.
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>
> Direct any questions and comments on to the author of the post. If you
> have
> questions or comments about using Contest Soapbox, contact the ARRL
> Contest
> Branch <contests@...>.
>
> ==>FOLLOW WRTC-2006 VIA THE NCJ WEB SITE BLOGS
>
> The year's premier global contesting event, World Radiosport Team
> Championship 2006 (WRTC-2006) <http://www.wrtc2006.com/site/home.asp>,
> takes
> place July 8-9 in conjunction with the IARU HF World Championship

> <http://www.iaru.org/contest.html>.
>
> Via Web logs (blogs), the National Contest Journal (NCJ) is giving you a
> front-row seat as top-notch contesters in two-person teams from around the
> world compete on HF from Brazil on as level a playing field as possible.
> The
> contest period is 1200 UTC Saturday, July 8, until 1200 UTC Sunday, July
> 9.
> Winners will be announced Monday, July 10, at the awards dinner.
>
> The NCJ WRTC-2006 blogs will include the musings and general comments of
> WRTC-2006 competitors, referees and log checkers. We invite NCJ readers to
> post their comments as well.
>
> Access the blogs from the NCJ home page <http://www.ncjweb.com/> or from
> the
> WRTC-2006 coverage section <http://www.ncjweb.com/wrtc2006blogs.php>.
> Postings have already begun and will continue -- on a time-available
> basis,
> since the contributors do have WRTC-2006 responsibilities -- until
> WRTC-2006
> wraps up.
>
> Blog contributors are: Doug Grant, K1DG; Randy Thompson, K5ZD; Jeff
> Briggs,
> K1ZM; Ann Santos, WA1S; Tim Duffy, K3LR; Eric Scace, K3NA; Glenn Johnson,
> W0GJ; Ward Silver, N0AX; Dean Straw, N6BV; Tree Tyree, N6TR; Rusty Epps,
> W6OAT, and Dale Green, VE7SV.
>
> The National Contest Journal thanks these contributors for being willing
> to
> share their personal WRTC-2006 experiences with the Amateur Radio
> community.
> Also, thanks to Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, for suggesting this blog and putting
> it
> on the NCJ Web site, and to the ARRL for shipping 300 copies of the
> special
> WRTC-2006 July/August NCJ issue to Brazil.
>
> ==>SOLAR UPDATE
>
> Solar swami "You Are My Sunshine" Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington,
> reports: There were no sunspots for Field Day weekend, but a big new
> sunspot
> (897) rotated into view this week. Followed by sunspot 898, it looks like
> a
> moderately rising solar flux and sunspot number will be with us through
> July
> 6.
>

> A solar wind stream caused elevated geomagnetic numbers on June 28 and 29,
> and this may happen again around July 3-5. Geophysical Institute Prague
> predicts quiet conditions over June 30 to July 3, quiet to unsettled on
> July
> 4, unsettled to active on July 5, and unsettled on July 6.
>
> For more information concerning propagation and an explanation of the
> numbers used in this bulletin see the ARRL Technical Information Service
> Propagation page <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html>.
>
> Sunspot numbers for June 22 through 28 were 0, 0, 0, 13, 14, 33 and 38,
> with
> a mean of 14. The 10.7 cm flux was 72.1, 71.8, 73.6, 74, 76.4, 78.5, and
> 83.5, with a mean of 75.7. Estimated planetary A indices were 6, 2, 4, 5,
> 3,
> 6 and 18, with a mean of 6.3. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 6, 1,
> 2,
> 3, 1, 7 and 12, with a mean of 4.6.
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> ==>IN BRIEF:
>
> * This weekend on the radio: The RAC Canada Day Contest is July 1. The
> Venezuelan Independence Day Contest, the DL-DX RTTY Contest, the Original
> QRP Contest, the DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest are the weekend of July
> 1-2.
> The RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship (CW) is July 3. The ARS Spartan Sprint
> is July 4. The MI QRP July 4th CW Sprint is July 4-5. JUST AHEAD: The
> VK/Trans-Tasman 160-Meter Contest (phone) is July 8. The IARU HF World
> Championship, the FISTS Summer Sprint, the Six Club Contest and the ARCI
> Summer Homebrew Sprint are the weekend of July 8-9. The RSGB 80-Meter Club
> Championship (SSB) is July 12. The Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder is July 14.
> See the ARRL Contest Branch page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/> and the
> WA7BNM Contest Calendar <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html>
> for more info.
>
> * ARRL Certification and Continuing Education course registration:
> Registration remains open through Friday July 7, for these ARRL
> Certification and Continuing Education (CCE) program on-line courses:
> Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002) Amateur Radio
> Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003R2) Antenna Modeling (EC-004) HF
> Digital Communications (EC-005) VHF/UHF -- Life Beyond the Repeater
> (EC-008)
> and Radio Frequency Propagation (EC-011) Classes begin Friday, July 21. To
> learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page
> <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the CCE Department
> <cce@...>.
>
> * ARRL, IARU HQ mults will be on the air for IARU HF World Championship:

> During the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) HF World Championship
> Contest July 8-9, W1AW/4 will provide the ARRL Headquarters multiplier
> from
> Tennessee, with the Tennessee Contest Group hosting the operation.
> Supplying
> the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) HQ multiplier will be
> NU1AW/8,
> operating from sites in Michigan and Ohio, hosted by Dave Pruett, K8CC,
> and
> friends from the Mad River Radio Club and the North Coast Contesters. The
> World Radiosport Team Championship 2006 (WRTC 2006) in Brazil takes place
> concurrently with the IARU HF World Championship, although WRTC rules
> differ
> in some respects from those of the IARU event, and scoring is separate.
> IARU
> HF World Championship Contest rules are on the ARRL Web site
> <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2006/iaru.html>.
>
> * WRTC-2006 requests IARU HF World Championship logs: World Radiosport
> Team
> Championship 2006 (WRTC-2006) <http://www.wrtc2006.com/> officials want as
> many logs as possible from IARU HF World Championship
> <http://www.iaru.org/contest.html> participants within six hours of the
> event's end. The WRTC-2006 competition among 47 top contesting teams from
> around the globe takes place in Brazil July 8-9, coinciding with the IARU
> HF
> World Championship event. Because WRTC-2006 winners will be announced on
> July 10, event organizers want IARU contest logs enhance the accuracy of
> WRTC-2006 log checking. WRTC-2006 is especially interested in logs from HQ
> stations, since these serve as multipliers for both events. E-mail
> complete
> IARU HF World Championship logs in Cabrillo format by 1800 UTC Sunday,
> July
> 9, to <logs@...>. WRTC-2006 has announced a lottery and prizes
> for
> early receipt of IARU contest logs
> <http://www.wrtc2006.com/release52.html>.
> Note that submission of IARU contest logs does not constitute an official
> entry for the IARU HF World Championship. That is an entirely separate
> entry, and the usual deadline and submission requirements apply.
> [WRTC-2006-logo.jpg]
>
> * ARRL "DXCC Dialog" blog debuts: The ARRL DXCC Desk has inaugurated the
> "DXCC Dialog Weblog" <http://www.arrl.org/blog/DXCC%20Dialog> - containing
> news and notes about the ARRL DXCC program. "This page will have
> up-to-date
> information about the DXCC program," says ARRL Membership Services Manager
> Wayne Mills, N7NG. "It does not provide for users to post responses, but
> authors and e-mail addresses are listed." The blog will be updated as
> needed

> to inform and update the DXing community regarding news of interest.
>
> * Field Day at W1AW slide show available: A slide show, "Field Day at
> W1AW,"
> now is available on the ARRL Web site
> <http://www.arrl.org/contests/FD2006-W1AW/>. Photographed and produced
> during Field Day 2006 by ARRL Web/Software Development Manager Jon Bloom,
> KE3Z, the 4-1/2 minute presentation "was created to give members a feel
> for
> what happens at W1AW on Field Day," he says. It also provides a peek
> inside
> W1AW for those who have never visited. "The slide show is presented using
> Adobe Flash format. Adobe Flash Player 7 or later and a compatible Web
> browser are needed to play the slide show," he notes, adding that most
> computers already have a copy of Flash Player installed. If not, Flash
> Player is a free for download from Adobe
> <http://www.adobe.com/go/gntray_dl_getflashplayer>. The show can be played
> directly from the Web site in either a large format - suitable for
> broadband
> Web users - or in a smaller format more attuned to dial-up Internet
> connections.
>
> * Educator astronaut gets on the air for Kids Day: NASA Educator Astronaut
> Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, KE5DAT, spent an hour or so on the air June
> 17
> talking to youngsters around the US during ARRL Kids Day. She spoke with
> about a dozen kids and ham radio operators from W5RRR at the Johnson Space
> Center in Houston. Assisting her at the microphone was Kent Castle, W5OJ,
> who spent several hours on 20 meters before and after KE5DAT's visit,
> chatting with youngsters taking part in the twice-a-year activity.
> Metcalf-Lindenburger joined the NASA Astronaut Corps in 2004.--Kenneth
> Ransom, N5VHO
>
> * New IRC available July 1: The Universal Postal Union (UPU) has announced
> that a new International Reply Coupon (IRC) design
> <http://www.dailydx.com/2007irc.jpg> has been selected. Radio amateurs
> often
> enclose IRCs when QSLing DX stations directly to cover the cost of return
> postage. The new design, known as "Beijing Model No. 2," was submitted by
> Volodymyr Taran, a graphic artist from Ukraine. Chosen by a jury of 40 UPU
> member countries, the coupon design was inspired by Michelangelo's
> painting
> on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel -- two fingers about to touch framed
> in
> a postage stamp, representing the notions of communication and exchange.
> The
> new IRC will be valid until December 31, 2009. The current IRC is valid
> through December 31, 2006. For more information on IRCs, see the June 1999
> issue of QST (page 83).--The Daily DX <http://www.dailydx.com>
>

> Correction regarding Director/Vice Director eligibility: The July QST "It
> Seems to Us . . ." editorial misstates the eligibility requirements to run
> for ARRL Director and Vice Director. The membership/licensing requirements
> are four years of continuous full membership and four years of continuous
> holding of a valid authorization as a radio amateur in accordance with the
> applicable laws and regulations of the United States immediately preceding
> nomination.
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> registration to sign up for e-mail delivery of The ARRL Letter, W1AW
> bulletins, and other material. To change these selections--including
> delivery of The ARRL Letter--registered members should click on the
> "Member
> Data Page" link (in the Members Only box). Click on "Modify membership
> data," check or uncheck the appropriate boxes and/or change your e-mail
> address if necessary. (Check "Temporarily disable all automatically sent

> email" to temporarily stop all e-mail deliveries.) Then, click on "Submit
> modification" to make selections effective. (NOTE: HQ staff members cannot
> change your e-mail delivery address. You must do this yourself via the
> Members Only Web Site.)
>
> The ARRL Letter also is available to all, free of charge, from these
> sources:
>
> * ARRLWeb <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/>. (NOTE: The ARRL Letter will
> be
> posted each Friday when it is distributed via e-mail.)
>
> * The QTH.net listserver, thanks to volunteers from the Boston Amateur
> Radio
> Club: Visit Mailing Lists@...
> <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/letter-list>. (NOTE: The ARRL
> cannot assist subscribers who receive The ARRL Letter via this
> listserver.)
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905. Phonetics - lighten up

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-01 20:16:54 UTC
From: ke8fo
Topic: 905 Message: 905

Guys....
Lighten up.

What are you thinking when you hear "Zipper Half Open"? Could be a jacket. Even if you're thinking pants...so what?

On the other hand, standard - or at least close to standard - phonetics are most useful in a contest, chasing DX, etc. But sometimes a "butchered" phonetic set is clearer and more memorable....therefore, easier understood.

Wanna butcher my call sign?.... Kilo Echo 8 Efff Off? No thank you.

And a note to Tom: Posting the ARRL letter ONCE is OK. Three times is a pain in the zipper. Being an ARRL member, I get it e-mailed to me. Is it really necessary to post it on here? Just asking!

Mark
KE8FO

908. Raffle!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-01 21:32:56 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 905 Message: 908

All:

The president of the W8ZHO radio council is doing a raffle! The prize is a gift certificate good at Com Dac and likely that new ham shack south of Grand Rapids, too.

This event is entirely under the radar and off the approved list. He has not secured permission to raffle anything from the council nor the council's board. No problem, all profit will be donated entirely to the council's general fund.

So, break out your wallets and buy a chance. $5 each ticket or $45 for ten. We'll pull the winning ticket at the club's Founders Day Picnic August 19. I cannot imagine that you would miss the event but you will not have to be present to win the prize.

Get your tickets at the next club function including the meeting, Teenage Picnic, Fox Hunt, and, of course, the final day at the picnic.

And, oh, don't tell anyone in any position of authority. This is strictly a not for general notification. The fewer tickets we sell the less likely we are to get into trouble and the better your chances. Really, keep this under your hat.

If you want to help sell a few chances then let me know. I'm the club pres.

Bill, AB8SC

910. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Spam Filtering

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-01 22:10:24 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 907 Message: 910

Since some people do not know how to hit the delete button, I will NOT be sending the ARRL letter out to West Michigan Hams. Tom KB8VEE DEC-6

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, July 01, 2006 5:09 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Spam Filtering

All,

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73,

Mark K8MHZ
WestMichiganHams Group Moderator

911. Regarding recent posts...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-01 23:49:05 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 911 Message: 911

Recent posts on this reflector and some conversations with Bill, AB8SC, reminded me to this powerful statement, particularly the FRIENDLY part:

The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE...never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY...slow and patient operating when requested; friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC...station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

--The original Amateur's Code was written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928.

73, Linda, AB8QH

913. rule of thumb

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-02 14:40:35 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 913 Message: 913

I am doing some rearranging in the shack/lab.Read some transmission line info.After moving stuff say I have 3ft or more extra coax,cut and resolder connections?Less than 3ft,don't bother?For RX-scanner- it does'nt matter?Keep it full lenght for future applications?

73 KD8CBJ

914. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Phonetics - lighten up

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-02 15:57:02 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 905 Message: 914

Phonetics - More insight-
In my very humble opinion the ITU standard alphabet should be used at all times without variation-Everyone and those outside of the ham bands we might encounter in disaster work will be using standard phonetics-using something else could confuse them or old hands used to using correct procedures might have a problem! Standardization is called for here no matter what you are doing- DE WD8USA ...-.-

915. help need in grand haven

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-02 16:29:30 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 915 Message: 915

hello this sunday july 9 the grand haven public saftey is asking for our help with the 2nd triathlon there are allready 800 people pre regestered. they need are help with the bike portion within the city limits we may be used elsewere I will know more thursday july 6 if you can help please email don kb8odb or myself kc8uny we will meet at 7:00 sun july 9 at the public safety parking lot.call in will be on 145.490 thanks 73 John KC8UNY

916. RE: [WestMichiganHams] rule of thumb

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-02 17:06:28 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 913 Message: 916
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I would keep it full length in case you ever re-arrange again. I may be wrong, but 3 extra feet should not make a difference, as long as you have a good way to coil it. Adding a barrel coupler to lengthen it in the future will add loss.

Tim
KC8MSE

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com on behalf of kd8cbj
Sent: Sun 7/2/2006 10:40 AM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] rule of thumb

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917. Re: Phonetics

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-02 17:59:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 905 Message: 917

When I was at the University of Denver, we ran into several cases where Spanish speaking folks had trouble with Whiskey Zero Alpha Novemeber Alpha. We solved that problem by using W0 "ANNA". (pronounced "AH NA" This was one of the few times when "special phonetics" worked.

Hg

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> WD8USA ...-.-

918. Re: ARRL Letter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-02 17:53:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 905 Message: 918

I 2nd the sediment that says we should post the ARRL letter, etc., here on the reflector. Lettuce promote the ham radio institution which has fought for our frequencies since 1914. Without it we wouldn't have the amateur radio service.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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> Referring to the ARRL newsletter please remember that only a minority of hams are ARRL members (30 percent of active hams or something like that). The others would possibly like to see it. I encourage Tom to post it here as long as he wishes and as long the ARRL does not have a problem with it.
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> 73,
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> Mark K8MHZ

919. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: ARRL Letter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-02 20:47:28 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 905 Message: 919

Sorry Hank, Mark, (et al) who prefer to put Tom to work forwarding the newsletter.
Great concept Tom has to whet our whistle for the material,
BUT
I agree with Tom [perhaps for a different reason]...

Tom has duplicated the letter in my mailbox - therefore it is SPAM from a trusted source.
No filter works for that circumstance - so far.
Tom works hard to get it to me - I work hard finding the delete button.
My life, Tom's, and potentially many others, would be simpler if Tom retired the practice of forwarding.
Unless of course he has editorial comment - then cut-and-paste works like a dream.

For those who want to see the letter like I do - do like I do / subscribe directly.
It gets here earlier, the service is free, and it promotes ham radio.
It comes from: ARRL Letter Mailing List <letter-dlvy@...>
And the good news - you only get it once...
There is no down side.

Not a member? Join.
To promote ham radio by reading the letter while not a member of the publishing group is an oxymoron.
When you find an ARRL issue to bitch about, you get heard just a little better as a member...

Don't you hate it when there is this dissenting voice out there?

On Sun, 2006-07-02 at 17:53 +0000, Hank Greeb wrote:
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de Skip k8rra k

922. Re: [WestMichiganHams] A mobile to die for

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-03 04:59:55 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 921 Message: 922

Try http://www.emcomm.org/red_cross/crv_pictures.htm if your email program did not load the page correctly.

----- Original Message ----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, July 2, 2006 8:26:19 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] A mobile to die for

American Red Cross Communications Response Vehicle
(Click on picture for full-size image)

Front of Vehicle
Left Side of Vehicle
Right Side of Vehicle
Rear of Vehicle

Driver's Station
Dashboard Video
Work Station

Work Station
External Power

AZ State CRV

Deployed
In Oklahoma for the Twisters

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Find the message you want faster. Visit your group to try out the improved message search.
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923. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Spam Filtering

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-03 05:16:47 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 907 Message: 923

Tom, I feel that what you are doing is a service to other HAMs. I for one appreciate the work that you are doing as Michigan's sixth district "ARRL District Emergency Coordinator" in keeping our fellow HAMs up-to-date as to many of the happenings in the hobby. It certainly is easy to simply click the delete button if one does not wish to read the reports.

73

John WB9JSR

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Mark K8MHZ
WestMichiganHams Group Moderator

924. Re: A mobile to die for

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-03 19:30:49 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 921 Message: 924

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "John Wehmer \(WB9JSR\)" <johnwehm@...> wrote:
>
> Try http://www.emcomm.org/red_cross/crv_pictures.htm if your email program did not load the page correctly.
>

Thanks John, that worked better. Is this the same vehicle that is on display the last several years at the Dayton Hamvention? It is impressive.

Laryn K8TVZ

925. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Spam Filtering

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-04 00:38:09 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 907 Message: 925

For some reason I have been missing the occasional ARRL Letter direct from ARRL, so I am thankful that I get the missing ones from you.

73

Alan NV8A

On 07/01/06 06:10 pm Tom VanderMel wrote:

> Since some people do not know how to hit the delete button, I will NOT be sending the ARRL letter out to West Michigan Hams. Tom KB8VEE DEC-6

927. Re: A mobile to die for

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-04 00:49:14 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 921 Message: 927

The ECRV is a awesome vehicle. I had the pleasure of attending a Red Cross class on the vehicle. Late this fall I will be attending a one week (40+ hours) course that will certify me to drive and operate all the neat gadgets on the ECRV. Just one of the perks of being part of the Red Cross Communications Response team.

By the way, there is a HUGE need for more amateur radio operators to help in the Red Cross Communications Response teams. Contact your local chapter and ask about being part of the RTT-RCM.

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> American Red Cross CRV
> American Red Cross Communications Response Vehicle
> (Click on picture for full-size image)
>
> Front of Vehicle
> Left Side of Vehicle
> Right Side of Vehicle
> Rear of Vehicle
>
> Driver's Station
> Dashboard Video
> Work Station
>
> Work Station
> External Power
>
> AZ State CRV
>
> Deployed
> In Oklahoma for the Twisters
>

928. Re: [WestMichiganHams] help need in grand haven Some more information

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-04 14:48:13 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 915 Message: 928

Hello Everyone ... Hope you are having a good 4th of July ... This comeing Sundays Triathlon event we have been asked by GHPS to help them with traffic at some intersection which you would be working with other people ... we are meeting at 7:00am to be in position by 7:30 and are hopeing to be done by 12:00 noon ... we are under the direction of GHPS and will be working under them so if you can help out please get ahold of John Fisher or Don Meyer ASAP ...John will be running this event in that I will be out of town Thursday - Sunday please contact John after Wed night ... Please come out and help if you can.. Thank you Don Meyer KB8ODB
P.S. I would like to see someone with each one of the other Refectors post a copy of this email to there group reflector ... 73 Don

John T Fischer <jfischer@...> wrote:
hello this sunday july 9 the grand haven public saftey is asking for
our help with the 2nd triathlon there are allready 800 people pre
regestered. they need are help with the bike portion within the city
limits we may be used elsewere I will know more thursday july 6 if you
can help please email don kb8odb or myself kc8uny we will meet at 7:00
sun july 9 at the public safety parking lot.call in will be on 145.490
thanks 73 John KC8UNY

929. Spam Posted here

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-04 15:54:11 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 929 Message: 929

Hello Everyone ... Toms Post of the ARRL Newletter is always welcome
and the reason it was posted twice was my fault .. it went to spam and
I missed it at first then approved it for posting after he already
posted it again here at the refector ..but I have fixed that problem
and more people will get notification if spam comes into the reflector
if we need to turn the Spam filters back on .... for your information
we only get about 1 or 2 spam messages a month which is not too
bad .... Please be aware you can go into your profile and setup how
you get messages from the reflector .. just click on the down arrow
and you can change it your self ... Thanks for useing WMH's
73 Don Meyer - KB8ODB

930. Re: [WestMichiganHams] ARRL news

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-04 20:15:47 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 930 Message: 930

I think it's not a big deal. It's text and not too big a file.
If it was a bunch of graphics, I'd complain about download time.
It doesn't even have anything about flashing, rotating, or oscillating yellow lights in it.
I say keep it.

----- Original Message -----
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2006 11:54 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Spam Posted here

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posted it again here at the refector ..but I have fixed that problem
and more people will get notification if spam comes into the reflector
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933. BBS info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-07 11:36:03 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 933 Message: 933

I am setting up to run WinPack.I need local BBS info(I think)also
telnet info.Or any other info that would help.I am studying the WinPack
user manual,all 200+ pages PDF from WinPack web site.

73 KD8CBJ

936. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Remote possibilities

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-07 18:21:20 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 935 Message: 936

Yo Mark,

On Fri, 2006-07-07 at 10:34 -0400, k8mhz@... wrote:
> Has anyone had any success using the CI-V remote feature on an Icom
> IC-735?

I wish I could say yes - but I need to say no.
In my case, I presumed I had the wrong driving software and maybe the
wrong electrical interface detail.
But I gave up before being successful.
>
> I have tried different cables and had no luck. There are some jumpers
> inside that need to be set and am not sure the info I have is
> accurate.
>
> The 735 is a bit unique from the newer models.

Yes - true - perhaps it is because it was an early application and later
ones are essentially better.
I still have a 735 in a box, but if you want to partner on getting this
done perhaps I could drag it out?
>
> Thanks,
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>
>
>
> _

73
de Skip k8rra k

937. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Remote possibilities

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-07 20:36:55 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 935 Message: 937

Mark:

My logging program, from N3FJP, is supposed to interface with my Icom 735. I tried it (I have the cable, com port to rig) without success. I have had some joy with a computer interface program that works pretty well. But the logging program is really cool as it should log the mode, frequency, or tune the rig to the frequency of the spot. Really great stuff. I asked the software guy about this and he told me that the 735 is just enough different, there are not enough of us to make it pay, and the process is a little too tedious for my logging programmer to figure.

So, it has promise but I have not gotten it to work as I would like. I more or less gave up. That, plus the complication that my notebook computer has only one com port and I could really use two or three.

If you work it our let me know of your success!

Bill, AB8SC

940. 2006 IARU HF Championship Contest - NU1AW/8

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-08 02:18:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 940 Message: 940

This coming weekend is the IARU HF Championship Contest. The contest period starts at 8:00 a.m. EDT (1200 Z) Saturday morning and runs for 24 hours straight to 8:00 a.m. EDT (1200 Z) Sunday morning.

What makes this contest special is that the host station(s) for NU1AW/8 are located in Michigan and Ohio - which is a BIG plus for these ARRL Sections, and a boost to Amateur Radio Contesting in the region. The stations are setup and ready to go. This effort is a joint venture between Mad River Radio Club and North Coast Contesting Club, with consist of 2 host stations operating from Ohio, and 2 host stations operating from MI. All host stations will be linked together via the Internet for actual logging content to be seen by all the host operators throughout the contest period.

The host stations for NU1AW/8 are:

K8CC Ypsilanti, MI
K8AZ Cumberland, OH
KW8N Ridgeville, OH
N8CC Nashville, MI

They will all be using the call NU1AW/8, and operate on all bands, 160 thru 10 Metres, except for the WARC bands. These host stations are looking forward to working as many Ohio and Michigan stations as possible this weekend. The host stations can be worked on both modes SSB, and CW for a total of 12 contacts.

Whether your doing a full time or part time effort, please get on, have some fun, and good luck to all operators this weekend.

73 de n8xx Hg

Note: Rules for the IARU championship are at
http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2006/iaru.html

941. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Remote possibilities

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-08 03:39:20 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 935 Message: 941

Now you are taxing my memory Mark...:-)

On Fri, 2006-07-07 at 19:53 -0400, k8mhz@... wrote:
> Well,
>
> It looks like the three of us have been down the same road!
>
> The 735 is an awesome radio, I will have mine for a long time and I
> really would like to get the most of it.

I agree the 735 has a great rcvr - It's why I hold on to it after
getting my 756.
>
> Bill, Skip,
>
> Have either of you played with the jumper settings of J22? Do you
> have any reliable resources for the settings?

No and No - the owners manual is notoriously quite on the subject. Just
enough info to get started...
>
> I have read that you can see if the 735 is transmitting out the remote
> port with an ohmmeter. Have either of you tried that?

Not ohms -- as I recall the circuit it is driven and I looked at
volts... I don't remember results actually.
>
> I am using a Rat Shack USB adaptor and the LEDs show that info is
> being sent to the rig. I have put a bunch of time into this and am
> about ready to bail but if we all put our collective heads together we
> might be able to figure something out.

The RS-232 interface spec is not OK as I recall - it is a 12+/- volt (24
nominal...) protocol / the 735 seems to be TTL or 5 volt.
You can knock down 20, but you can not build up 5 without an interface
circuit - something that did not work for me.
I even had a Icom rep tell me an interface circuit was not needed...
Again my recollection is that none of the other Icoms need interface
circuitry - just the 735...

I was looking for the digital protocol but never got past the interface.
>
> Let's start by comparing cables. What, exactly, are you using for
> cables. Next let's look at the settings of J22.

I'll dig around over the next few days.
>

> Thanks,
>
> Mark
>
> ----- Original Message -----
>snip<
>
>
>
>
>

73
de Skip k8rra k

942. Re: Remote possibilities

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-08 04:56:02 UTC
From: kc8dei
Topic: 935 Message: 942

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--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "George (Skip) VerDuin"
<k8rra@...> wrote:
>
> Now you are taxing my memory Mark...:-)
>
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> >
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> >
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> circuit - something that did not work for me.
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IIRC from the last time I played around with CI-V on my (newer) Icom,
the interface is 5V open-collector. For an interface, I used a MAX202
RS-232 <==> TTL level convertor with (IIRC) a 300 Ohm pull-up resistor.

You might want to check out this site for CI-V details:

http://www.plicht.de/ekki/civ/civtoc.html

Mark Moss, KC8DEI

945. Muskegon Ares training, Monday, Topic SAR awareness

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-09 01:54:45 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 945 Message: 945

SAR Awareness
presented by Will County,llinois Emergency manager

If you are not an active member of MCARES and plan to attend this training please send RSVP to kc8pcj@... or k8cop@.... We want to make sure we have enough room for everyone wanting to attend this special program.

949. Re: Remote possibilities

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-10 00:01:17 UTC
From: kc8dei
Topic: 935 Message: 949

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> I think my 735 is defective...
>
> I measured the volts at the remote jack and got 2.4 volts no matter if I spun the VFO or not. I have read that I should have 5 volts and see a drop when the VFO is spunt.
>
> Either of you guys try this test?
>
> Mark

You didn't say whether you had an interface circuit connected or not. I doubt you'll see 5V when the bus is idle, unless you have an interface circuit of some sort connected. Although the output should decrease towards zero when rapidly spinning the VFO knob.

Here is what I get with a 706MkII, measured right at the connector with no interface circuit:

Bus idle: 4.7V
Bus busy (spinning the VFO knob): 4.2V

If I put any sort of a load on the data lines, the idle voltage drops. Simply touching both the tip and shield at the same time with my finger drops the idle voltage to 3.2V, and the busy voltage to 3.1V.

Mark Moss

950. thanks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-10 00:05:37 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 950 Message: 950

thank you to all who helped in grand haven today 73 KC8UNY

951. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 10 meter noise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-10 00:29:59 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 947 Message: 951

no noise at mylocation

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@k8mhz.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2006 4:50 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] 10 meter noise

Can anyone else hear the sound in the attached MP3 file?

Listen to 28.589.5 CW. It can also be heard USB around 28.590.5 but the CW filters make it easier to hear.

954. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 10 meter noise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-10 03:49:30 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 947 Message: 954

Maybe it's the cable company troubleshooting frequency. They have a mixed frequency to tell them it's theirs if there is a leak.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@...m
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2006 10:28 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 10 meter noise

Thanks Jim!

I turned off all the breakers here and no change but I could not pick it up in my van using a communications reciever. That same reciever picked it up in the house. I just checked and it is still there on my 735.

Weird.

----- Original Message -----
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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2006 8:29 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 10 meter noise

no noise at mylocation

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2006 4:50 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] 10 meter noise

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No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.394 / Virus Database: 268.9.10/383 - Release Date: 7/7/2006

956. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 10 meter noise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-10 14:29:53 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 947 Message: 956

The cable TV sniffer frequency is just a hair above the 2m band/vhf the signal generator used, has to be calibrated on regular basis for output level and frequency, It's mandated by the FCC, and they do adhere to it closely. They have a test point on there property that each driver has to pull up to every morning to calibrate the monitor in their trucks. When I was still they used to watch us closely to see if we calibrated in the morning.

Tom w8amz

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Talk is cheap. Use Yahoo! Messenger to make PC-to-Phone calls. Great rates starting at 1?/min.

Do you Yahoo!?
Next-gen email? Have it all with the all-new Yahoo! Mail Beta.

957. marine mobile

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-10 15:56:14 UTC
From: kc8pcj@verizon.net
Topic: 957 Message: 957
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Bill I think our vessels are antenna deficient. see attached pic

958. on hand

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-10 20:12:18 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 958 Message: 958

Saw "car"batteries on trickle chargers running field day ops.In doors safety??Charging gas from (maintenance free)battery??On hand I have new lawn tractor battery main.free can I use it in the lab/shack??

Will this guy ever stop asking questions? 73KD8CBJ

959. Re: Off topic

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-10 21:25:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 944 Message: 959

Methinks thee needeth to check things out before passing on urban legends.

When I did a search with Google for quixstar, I got at least three anti-amway/quixtar sites on the first page. Similar results when using Yahoo.

Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> My apologies for the off topic post but due to the particular events taking place in Michigan I just thought I had to share this with the group. I ran across this by accident while do a bit of research on search engine manipultion. For those of you that do not know, Quixtar is the Internet branch of the Alticor Corporation, headed by Dick DeVos.
>
> No discussion is needed on this site. If you want to e-mail me about this my addy is k8mhz@... The Wiki entry does illustrate that manipulation of media seems to be status quo for that conglomerate's modus operandi.
>
>
>
> (from Wikipedia)
>
> In 2005, multi-level marketing giant Quixtar began a "Quixtar Web Initiative" to manipulate Google results. The project was considered by many to be a clear and flagrant violation of Google's Quality Guidelines.
>
> According to a web article called Quixtar Admits Google Bombing, a high-level ("diamond") member said that the company had "hired geekoids who were spending their time Google bombing positive info about Quixtar so that the negative sites would be buried way down at the bottom of the Google list when a prospect types in Quixtar [in a search engine]. Nobody will even be able to find the negative sites anymore."
>
> The goal presented was to smother anti-Quixtar sites, such as a consumer protection group, an eBook about Amway and Quixtar, and grassroots movements from ex-Quixtar members that claim Amway and Quixtar are Pyramid schemes, cults, and use deceptive business practices.
>

> Quixtar's attempt to lower the ranking of such negative web sites backfired, and, for a few months, Quixtar's Google results suffered for its attempted Google bombing.
>
> As of May 2006, a search on Google for "Quixtar " reveals that Quixtar.com is again the number one result.
>
> The organized effort to manipulate search engine results was first brought to light by bloggers which detailed the evidence in an article "So Busted".
>
> Ironically, the site that reported Quixtar's attempt to Google bomb once occupied the first search position under "Quixtar". Often, in fact, a majority of the top ten results for the term "Quixtar" are sites critical of the Quixtar business opportunity and its lines of sponsorship. This is mixed in with real positive results, however, and helps to show both sides of the arguments.
>
> Quixtar's initiative included at least 54 Quixtar Blogs and numerous other company-related sites, character assassination blogs, adoration blogs, and various other pages. Immediately after the exposure many of the blogs shut down or reduced their content.
>
> Some of Quixtar's independent lines of sponsorship have also been among the largest abusers of Google bombing. These independent lines of sponsorship are led by high-level Independent Business Owners, or IBOs, called Diamonds, Crowns, and Crown Ambassadors.
>

960. Re: on hand

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-10 21:34:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 958 Message: 960

Typically, unless the battery is in an enclosed space, with no ventilation, the amount of hydrogen generated will dissipate in the atmospher with no ill effects. If you put it in a closed closet, with no ventilation, and then switch on a light after it has been charging for several weeks, you might get an explosion.

BTW, if the storage batteries were being charged from AC Mains the operation was NOT considered battery powered per Field Day rules.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "kd8cbj" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
>
> Saw "car"batteries on trickle chargers running field day ops. In
> doors safety?? Charging gas from (maintenance free)battery?? On
> hand I have new lawn tractor battery main.free can I use it in
> the lab/shack??
>
> Will this guy ever stop asking questions? 73KD8CBJ

963. Info thanks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-11 10:58:00 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 963 Message: 963

Again thank you all for the info.Aug.25 will be one year of having my ticket,so far I have compiled 6 1/2 Big note books and asorted bound editions.Yes,I have knowledge issues,I need to know/understand everything.

73 KD8CBJ

967. Thanks for all your help ....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-12 01:24:32 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 967 Message: 967

Hello Everyone .. I want to thank the hams that helped out in Grand Haven this past Saturday, I heard from both Jim Tanis and John Fisher that the event went really good.
I will be looking for volunteers for the Coast Guard events coming up the end of this month .. First there is the YMCA Coast Guard Runs .. 5K, 10K, and fun run on July 29th which will be followed the same morning with the Family Parade which keeps getting bigger every year. Both events take place in the morning one after the other and we are done by 12:00. Then the following weekend we have the Grand Parade which last year we helped with both parade lineup and parade safety and the date on that is August 5th. Please keep these dates in mind and if you can help out please drop me a email or let John Fisher or myself know you will help out ?..
Thanks again for all your help with these events ?
..73 Don Meyer - KB8ODB -- kb8odb@...

I would appreciate it if moderators from the other reflectors in the area would post a copy of this information on there reflectors .. Thank you Don

968. VHF digital net: Fridays at 7 PM!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-12 14:41:31 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 968 Message: 968

Well, I've decided to resume the VHF digital net. It will be held on Fridays at 7 PM eastern/6 PM central on a center frequency of 144.1515 MHz. This means that if you tune your rig to 144.150 MHz USB, the net will be centered on an audio frequency of 1500 Hz.

You will need a 2m sideband capable rig and a horizontally polarized antenna, as well as some kind of soundcard interface. If your rig has VOX you could just couple the mic to your headphones with a rubber band, but it would be better to get a mic plug compatible with your rig and solder an audio cable to its audio pins. If your rig is VOX-less, you'll need to make a keying circuit:

http://www.electroblog.com:8090/radio/ptt.html

Or, bypass all that and get your hands on a Rigblaster, Rascal or similar device.

The mode I'll be using for the net is MFSK16, since it is quite robust and supported my most software. It is also worth noting that this mode supports sending images. Because of the hybrid image/data nature of that function, US hams aren't allowed to use it on HF, but there is no such restriction on VHF so we're free to experiment with that. If you don't already have suitable software installed, here are my recommendations:

Windows:
MultiPSK (free): http://f6cte.free.fr
MixW (nicer, but costs $50): http://www.mixw.net

Linux:
gMFSK (free, open source!): http://www.w1hkj.com

The net control station (i.e. me) is in western Robinson township, grid EN62wx. I'll be running 50 watts into a 13 element beam up roughly 25 feet. I will begin facing east (towards Grand Rapids, and perhaps Saginaw and London), then turn clockwise as the net progresses.

Hope to see a lot of you there!
-Joe, KD8ATU

971. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: on hand

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-12 20:10:39 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 958 Message: 971

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972. Bargains(?)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-12 21:30:36 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 972 Message: 972

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974. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Bargains(?)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-12 22:58:49 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 972 Message: 974

Here is the link to Communication Electronics Supply's website. They have an online store which at this time is down for maintenance.
The home page also allows you to subscribe to their mailing list.

http://www.cesham.com/index.html

While I have no objections to inviting them to become part of the list. I have a problem with them advertising merchandise on the list, except on a rare occasion. Remember we complained when other advertisment showed up on the other lists we are on.
I have no problem with them throwing the website address out on the list every so often to remind us they are there.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

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From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 18:05
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Bargains(?)

As moderator I think we should invite Communications Electronics Supply to be a part of the reflector and advertise on it.

I think the area has needed a local store for a long time and any help we can give them, or any local ham venture for that matter, would benefit the local amateur community.

Any one against the idea??

Alan, nice prices on the rigs, a couple hundred bucks less than suggested retail it looks like.

Thanks and 73,

Mark K8MHZ

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975. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: on hand

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-12 23:35:42 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 958 Message: 975

Not trying to fit in the "rules" yet just getting starting knowledge of
power options while waiting for my 2 ARRL books to arrive,and again thank you.

73 KD8CBJ

976. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Bargains(?)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-12 23:43:47 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 972 Message: 976

Invite,Invite

KD8CBJ

978. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Bargains(?)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-13 01:02:50 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 972 Message: 978

I second KD8CBJ!!!!!!!!!

I NEED a new HT. Jason KC8OVS_,_._,___

Do you Yahoo!?
Everyone is raving about the all-new Yahoo! Mail Beta.

979. unbiased "bargains" idea

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-13 12:38:50 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 979 Message: 979

Our neighbors to the north,BRAARC,has a ham store link on their Yahoo Groups site.Thats about as neutral as it gets.Since Radio Scrape is only phone cards and duct tape,it would be realy nice to be able to find components locally,ic,diodes,coax.Call me old fashioned but I like inspect what I'm buying and pay cash.Hay part of the fun of a hamfest is you can see it smell it taste it.

73 KD8CBJ

980. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: on hand

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-13 20:50:03 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 958 Message: 980

I was going to say the comments about slicing ham were in poor taste... but then we are such quality hams... with good taste...
Jon AB8RD

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981. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Bargains(?)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-13 20:59:32 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 972 Message: 981

A while back someone wondered aloud to me what the folks at ComDac thought about the competition. Barb and Duane have actually been encouraging the guys at CES and helping them get off the ground - just in case any were concerned about dividing your loyalties. Seemed like decent guys to me. I stopped in to take a look around a couple weeks ago.
73,
Jon AB8RD

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Sneak preview the all-new Yahoo.com. It's not radically different. Just radically better.

983. You're Just Not a Ham Unless You Build It Yourself

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-14 13:03:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 983 Message: 983

Who says that ham radio operators aren't comedians. Read this article and you'll be splitting your sides.

http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2006/07/11/1/?nc=1

984. Re: [WestMichiganHams] You're Just Not a Ham Unless You Build It Yourself

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-15 14:35:08 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 983 Message: 984

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http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2006/07/11/1/?nc=1

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985. What I have been up too from Don Meyer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-16 17:20:47 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 985 Message: 985

Hello Family and friends ? Please don?t take this as a spam mailing I did not want to miss anyone and I also wanted to inform people that have depended on me in the past of what is taking a lot of time in my life and thank you for being patent with me. My nephew Eric Dashner is facing a challenge with leukemia and we have been working on putting a benefit together to help his family with the mounting medical bills and the cost of day to day living. I have put up a website at yahoo groups to keep Erics family and friends up dated with how he is doing and his family will be posting there. There is information there on the benefit also please if you get a chance stop by and if you would like to, post a message for Eric. Thanks for your time and patents in that I am trying to meet the change of keeping up with everything ?.. Don Meyer

This is the website address ... http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ericksplace/

Information on the Benefit for Erick
When: Friday, July 28th
Where: Great Lakes Downs Muskegon ,MI
Time: 5:00pm - 12:00pm

Benefit Tickets will be available starting July 20th
For a donation of $5.00

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

986. Fwd: Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-18 14:06:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 986 Message: 986

FYI To reply to this message, do NOT hit the reply button, but forward your reply to wa8efk@...

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Monthly Michigan Section News Summary
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2006 14:26:25 -0400
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>

Greetings to everyone in this mid-summer season.

Congratulations to the Adrian Amateur Radio Club for being selected as the Michigan Gateway Station for 2006-2007. The AARC and its club station W8TQE will serve in the capacity of being the first contact point for NTS radiogram traffic for the State of Michigan during a major disaster. This position is offered each year to qualified groups or individuals who volunteer to serve in this public service capacity.

The Michigan Summer Campout reports another success this year, with good attendance, excellent workshops, our first Campout Foxhunt and campfire fun-extraordinaire. We all extend our sincere thanks to the team that puts this together every year, Debbie KA8YKK, Roger WB8WJV and John N8ZE. They each go well beyond expectations to make this annual event a spectacular success. Special Guest included Denny VE3EUI From Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, ARRL Vice Director Gary KI4LA and Ohio Section Manager Joe K8QOE. KY SM John NB4K sent his greetings and regrets that he was unable to visit with us this year. Make your plans early, the next Campout is set for July 12-15, 2007.

From the The Auto State Young Ladies' TASYLS Newsletter, a recognition for several outstanding achievements:

Happy 97th birthday to Inez Pearson on July 5, 2006. Inez got her ham license June 6, 1978, when she was 69 years old and she quickly advanced to the Extra Class. It was through her brother that she got into ham radio. He had been a ham for a long time and talked to her about getting her license. With her brother's and nephew's help she learned morse code. Inez has been a TASYL member for 25 years. Several years ago Art Wainwright interviewed her for Lansing magazine. She is a member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association and a lifetime member of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club. It was through the CMARC club that she was presented the Ziegenbein award. She has been a VE (Volunteer Examiner) for CMARC for several years.

One of the ways that Inez has helped people on the radio happened several years ago. Relatives of a woman from Colorado were attempting to locate her because of illness in the family. Inez was able to track the lady down through her radio and the woman was able to fly back home

in time to be with her dying mother.

We are honored to offer this recognition to Inez, not only on the occasion of her 97th birthday, but also for her serving as an outstanding example for us all.

A reminder, MiTN, the Michigan Traffic Net needs a few volunteers for open NCS time slots. This net meets daily at 1900 local time on 3952 to handle NTS traffic. All comers are welcome, regardless of experience. Net regulars will always take the time to assist a newcomer to the process of traffic handling.

Our New Michigan Section web page has been introduced through the efforts of Dan KB6NU, our Affiliated Club Coordinator. This replaces the page formerly hosted at the League's server. The new site address is http://www.arrl-mi.org/ . There is a link to this new page on the former page. By using an independent host we are able to offer the ability to include pictures without some of the constraints we faced in the past. You will see these phased in over the next couple of weeks. All of the material from the old site had been relocated to the new one. All links have been moved to the new page and you will see more features added on a frequent basis. Articles of note from Michigan club newsletters are already a feature of the new page. This is part of our goal to share ideas and "what works" with one another.

Net reports? Is your local net reporting its activity? Your net need not be a "traffic" net to report, but can be any type of net. We are interested in hearing from all local nets, what you are doing, how often you meet, and how many folks participate. We will be pleased to list your activities at http://www.mi-nts.org/netinfo.php , all you need to do is report what is happening to John WB8RCR wb8rcr@... to be included. Let's show the rest of the world how many active nets Michigan has.

Station Activity Reports for June, 2006: K8KV 325, K8LJG 171, KC8MLD 128, WB8RCR 121, K8ZJU 110, WD8USA 106, K8AMR 96, K8AE 84, KD8AMR 62, WB8TKL 46, WI8K 42, W8RNQ 36, KD8BGQ 26, KV8Z 22, WA8OOH 4, AB8CB 4, KD8BMV 4, NX8S 3, KC8ZGB 2.

Public Service Honor Roll Reports for June, 2006: KD8BGQ 230, K8AE 210, K8KHZ 204, WB8RCR 135, K8ZJU 125, K8AMR 120, K8KV 110, KV8Z 103, K8VFZ 63.

June Official Emergency Station reports came in from K8COP, KC8ULE and N8HA. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your OES reports with WA8EFK.

73, Dale

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
wa8efk@...

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-18 17:07:53 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 972 Message: 987

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Perhaps they are in fact selling "gray market" goods and getting warranty service could be a problem.

So check them out before parting with any money.

73

Alan NV8A

988. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Bargains(?)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-18 19:23:20 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 972 Message: 988

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Communications Electronic Supply is associated with COMDAC. They are not selling grey market, warranty service is valid as with any other retailer.
It was explained to me most of the big manufacturers are not issuing new franchices, and if they were, a new retailer would be required to purchase an enoumous stock off the bat. (Can you say working capital?)

I'm glad to see someone in the Grand Rapids market. Its been like 20 years, except for Radio Shack, any ham gear has been available from a GR area retailer.
Begin personal rant: I was at one ham meeting where the leaders were recommending don't bother with CES, just order from COMDAC. I couldn't dissagree more. That kind of attitude will make CES drop the ham market and it could be another 20 years, if ever, anything comes to Grand Rapids again. If you have to wait a couple extra days, if it cost an extra ten bucks to support a local dealer as opposed to ordering from some out of state mass marketer, to me, and IMO the area ham community, it's worth it.

Jack NY8D
Lowell, MI

990. Re: [WestMichiganHams] QSL card art exhibit

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-19 05:42:52 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 649 Message: 990

Hi, Just read your email, RE: QSL Cards. I am curious, you said you design your own QSL cards, and have a half a dozen versions. What computer program are you using to design the QSL cards with, and how do you like it? Would you use different software if you could? which program would that be? Why? How do you print out the finished version, QSL cards? Are they on thick, stiff glossy stock? Please expound.
73,
Gary Lauff KD8AZM

K8MHZ <k8mhz@...> wrote:
The following article was from 2003 but it mentions something I never heard of. An exhibit at an art gallery featuring QSL cards. There is also mention of a book we should be seeking out, "Hello World: A Life in Ham Radio".

I have only been collecting cards for a few months now. I have about 90 cards from 24 countries and 24 states. In the process of collecting them I have made some friends on the air from many different countries. Just more than a signal report, we talked about each other's lives and families, what it is like where we live and have even went on to exchange e-mails. The highlight of my collection came yesterday. A short time ago I made friends with the QSL manager for 4A7L. She was also the QSL manager for The Kingdom of Jordan's King Hussein 1, JY1, now SK. She has un-used QSL cards from him and sets of un-used postage stamps from 1952. She has sent me two sets of stamps (one for my father) and one of the QSL cards. The card is made from very heavy stock, like a matte board, with gold on the edges. The call JY1 is made of embossed gold foil. On the card is a picture of King Hussein, not printed on the card but cut from a photo and glued there. His signature,
from a rubber stamp, is on the card. Someone spent a great deal of time designing that card. It will reside in a picture frame along with the stamps and the note explaining them.

I started designing cards as soon as I had to send one out. I now have about 1/2 dozen designs for my own call and have done a few others as well. I never thought about the cards as exhibit worthy art until I read the article, below.

Something I picked out of the article that I kind of liked....the author coined hams as being part of an "elite sub-culture". I like that.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

Art

Radio Ga-Ga
At Spur, One Man's Career in Ham Radio Reveals a Lifetime of Curious Connections
Hello World: A Life in Ham Radio
the Spur Propaganda Gallery through Dec. 22

By J. Bowers
To the uninitiated, sitting in a dank basement with humming receiver components and

antennae might seem even geekier than playing Everquest for 40 hours straight. But before there were online gaming communities, cellular phones, international relay chats, and instant messaging, ham radio was the best way for a civilian to reach out and touch the world. With a basic, often homemade setup consisting of a transceiver, a power source, an antenna, a speaker, and a microphone, amateur radiophiles everywhere transformed themselves into international communication hubs, using their know-how to establish contact with fellow hams in distant lands. Once connected, a ham operating out of Baltimore might enjoy a "QSO," or contact, with Erik Biorck at Radio S21ZG in Bangladesh, or Darcy Bens at Radio VEGCK/A7 in Doha, Qatar. After exchanging station addresses and friendly conversation, both hams mail "QSLs" to each other--tangible verification that their "QSOs" occurred, complete
with equipment specifications, time of contact, and other information, all printed and/or handwritten on a 3 1/2-by-5 1/2-inch card. Geeky? Sure. Interesting? More than you'd think. Hello World, on display at Hampden's Spur Propaganda Gallery, plays host to hundreds of QSL cards. Sealed in plastic sandwich bags and neatly tacked to strips of wood along the gallery walls, the more than 300 QSL cards represent the personal collection of one Hackensack, N.J., ham--namely, Jerry Powell, call number WO2JW, or "Whiskey Two Oscar Juliet Whiskey," in the ham-favored International Telecommunication Union phonetic alphabet. An avid follower of the news, Powell often used his radio to contact ham operators in international hot spots, amassing a QSL collection that includes communiqu?s from post-bomb Japan, Vietnam, Iran, Korea, and other locales where civilian contact was discouraged or restricted. By passing government-sanctioned licensing exams, amateur radio enthusiasts become
part of an elite subculture, able to wirelessly transmit information around the world--an ability that carries weight even today, when a hurricane or other disaster can knock out phone and power lines in seconds. Even though Powell, who held a license from 1928 until his "key went silent" in 2001, was just an average American hobbyist, his 67-year ham-radio career caught the attention of author/ham Danny Gregory and graphic designer/ham Paul Sahre. Gregory and Sahre used Powell's formidable QSL collection as the backbone for their book Hello World: A Life in Ham Radio (Princeton Architectural Press, 2003). Peppered with diagrams that look like they could have been plucked from a 1950s science textbook, Hello World is at once an educational text and a picture book of Powell's radio lifestyle. It makes sense, then, that Spur's Hello World exhibit is best viewed as a companion piece to the eponymous book. Without the context of ham-radio culture, the colorful QSL cards lining the walls would never transcend their license plate/picture postcard/calling card hybrid appearance. But with a little help from Gregory and Sahre's impeccably researched, pleasantly lighthearted book, the full historical resonance of the ham-radio phenomenon turns Hello World into one of the year's most successful sociocultural exhibits. Most of the ham operators in Powell's collection designed and printed their own QSL cards, using amateur typography, icon, layout, and paper-quality knowledge to identify and advertise their home stations. As a result, the cards' styles and subjects vary as wildly as their creators' nationalities. Some hams, like L.R. Goetz, operating as W9MHM out of Indianapolis, used QSL cards to advertise their businesses--a sly way to evade laws forbidding on-air commercial enterprise. Others, including Joseph H. Miller of PJ9AB, in the Netherlands Antilles, use their QSLs as a forum for Christian witnessing. Miller's card converts the name
of his homemade station, Trans World Radio, into an acronym for "Telling the World of Redemption Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The bulk of Powell's collection consists of QSLs from hams who used the postcard-sized format as a way to display pictures of their families (often posed in front of the home ham station), or to offer insights about their locations. In 1959, Glenn E. Murphy, aka K4TLN out of Athens, Ala., sent Powell

a photo collage QSL. In addition to depicting Murphy himself, hamming away in front of a homemade map that denounces everyone north of the Mason-Dixon line as "damn Yankees," K4TLN's QSL card shows his son Mack brandishing toy six-guns, his daughter Karen, and his wife, identified only as XYL--shorthand for "ex-young lady," a slang term used to refer to any male ham's wife. Of course, some XYLs ran their own stations, including Maude Phillips, of Alberta, Canada, whose 1944 QSL shows a sexy cartoon version of herself, sending out "CQ"
calls on her transceiver while her boxer-shorted husband, Glen, mends his pants. The caption reads: "While Maude QSOs, the old man sews!!" Phillips added a second handwritten caption beneath her equipment specs, claiming that the cartoon "ab[ou]t covers the situation here!" The concept behind Gregory and Sahre's book may seem unassuming at first, but the QSLs on display at Spur provide a fascinating gateway into ham-radio subculture. The cumulative effect of seeing Powell's collection all at once should intrigue any history or pop-culture buff. Even those who don't know a ham radio from a ham sandwich.

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991. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Dream Shack

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-19 11:56:33 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 989 Message: 991
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Looks like a nightmare rather than a dream. I'd hate to troubleshoot a problem.
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2006 10:53 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Dream Shack

993. Re: Dream Shack

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-19 19:53:20 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 989 Message: 993

I, then, have arrived. I am living my dream.

Laryn K8TVZ

994. NOAA TRANSMITTER--HESPERIA

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-19 20:10:19 UTC
From: James Duram
Topic: 994 Message: 994

The NOAA Transmitter system on 162.475 MHz was repaired today, and is in full operation.

Jim Duram, K8COP

995. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Dream Shack

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-19 13:07:01 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 989 Message: 995
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Oh my gawd NO.
RF burn comes immediately to mind / anyone sitting here must not try to procreate after the session for the child's sake.
Where is the air conditioner to carry away the heat?
OSHA will have field day.
Does the image of the squid in "20,000 Leagues" pop into mind?

Kewl picture Mark...

On Tue, 2006-07-18 at 22:53 -0400, k8mhz@... wrote:
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73
de Skip k8rra k

998. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Creative Phonetics

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-20 03:48:17 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 997 Message: 998

Hey Mark ,
I went to school with a guy whose name is Euguna . Matter of fact he lives 3 blocks away from me . We use to pick on his name growing up . His name is Indian Dis-ant and I think it meant something about rocks and water .
I see him often ,I will ask .
As far as the other spelling there is an Japanese actor named Yuguana Nue Lie , or something like that . Was an actor back in the early 80's according to my wife .
she's a movie hobbiest or whatever .
Mark

---------- Original message ----------
From: <k8mhz@...>

I heard the following on 20 meters with a not to hard to understand accent:

Victor Echo 6 Victoria Norway Ugwana

Or was it Euguana?

Nope, when the stateside station said the call it turned out to be VE6VNY.

Yuguana????

What the heck's a Yuguana? A cross between a Yugo and an Iguana?

My apologies to the station to the north but it took me more than half a dozen tries to figure out what the last letter in the call sign was.

73,

Knobby 8 Mnemonic Honor Zeitgeist

1000. Re: Creative Phonetics

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-20 18:28:24 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 997 Message: 1000

> ---------- Original message ----------
> From: <k8mhz@...>
>
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accent:
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While on the subject of phonetics, I think sometimes they are over-used, especially on FM, where it is usually easy to hear letters. Occasionally I'm confronted with a group of 4 or 5 words with a number in the middle of them, and I ask my self-- "What was that? All I wanted was his call!" In my opinion, just say the letters unless asked for a repeat...

Laryn K8TVZ

1001. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Creative Phonetics

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-20 23:53:49 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 997 Message: 1001

That's why my call isn't KC8PMM anymore.

TNN? PMN? CNN? What was that?

----- Original Message -----
From: Laryn Lohman
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2006 2:28 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Creative Phonetics

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1002. Re: Creative Phonetics

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-21 04:18:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 997 Message: 1002

That's why I changed from Whiskey 8 Crazy Hank Talking (W8CHT), to N8XX, and you better remember that, or I'll "X" you out and double cross you. :)

1003. corucopia

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-21 16:17:44 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1003 Message: 1003

Feild day buff keeps on giving.For quite a while I have been trying to homebrew my way into Packet radio.Doing my best to forget every thing I learned at I.T.T.15 years ago,my interfaces were not working.A 2min.eyeball at a "real"Packet station in use at Feild day and it all clicked.Last Wen.night during the Packet training net(without it would have been impossible)I got to join in with FM voice,and PACKET.Agwpe packet engine,and WinPac program is what I am using.Now I just have to learn how to use it.Thank you ALL for your patience and help.

73 KD8CBJ

1004. Great Lakes area 2m MFSK16 net tonight @ 7e/6c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-21 21:49:18 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1004 Message: 1004

I didn't get any checkins last week, hopefully there'll be some more interest this time around. Tonight (and every Friday night) at 7 PM eastern/6 PM central, I'll be holding an MFSK16 net centered on 144.1515 MHz (144.150 dial/1500hz audio). I'll start with the beam facing ESE and proceed clockwise, ending ENE (90 degrees east is a dead spot on my rotor). Anyone with a 2m SSB rig and an interest in the digital modes is invited and encouraged to drop by!

-Joe, KD8ATU
Robinson township (near Grand Haven), MI
42 59'40" N/86 7'27" W, grid EN62wx
50w/13el/25'

1005. FREE MOTOROLA CABINETS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-23 17:03:57 UTC
From: James Duram
Topic: 1005 Message: 1005

I have several Motorola Micor Cabinets. The size are 30 H X 22W X 10D.
They have a 19" rack inside. Front and rear locking covers using the
standard Motorola 2135 key.

For pick-up in the Whitehall area.

E-mail off list: k8cop@...

Jim, K8COP

1006. Help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-23 22:55:15 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 1006 Message: 1006

Hello all this sat july 29 is the coast guard 5 and 10k race and the kids parade after the races if you can help you can contact me at kc8uny@arrl.net or don kb8odb at kb8odb@... we will be meeting at the Gh public safety lot at 7:30 am the parking lot is on the corner of 6th and columbus St thanks 73 kc8uny john

1007. Hey Bill

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-24 04:26:32 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1007 Message: 1007

Worked IL and IA 40M from marine mobile. was 59 to IA and talked for about 20 min. Ant mounted on rail seems to be working ok. Was nice to meet up with you and Linda out in the lake.

73s

1008. Coast Guard Parade

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-24 14:12:40 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1008 Message: 1008

All
Don Meyer KB8ODB is looking for help for the Coast Guard Parade in Grand Haven on Aug 5th. He needs lots of help and has none now. Please e mail him at kb8odb@... and help him out. Thanks Tom

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator & Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

1009. Founders' Picnic

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-25 13:09:14 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 996 Message: 1009

All:

Please visit your calender Right Now and add August 19 for the Founders' Picnic at the MAARC clubhouse. We will feature a pig roast, lots of old photographs and video, a special presentation, a Special Event station putting W8ZHO on the air, a raffle and 50/50 drawing, lots of fun games, ants, meet a charter member of the club, and have a great time.

We'll eat around noon but the fun starts before then and runs later, too.

Our MAARC is over seventy years old, has been affiliated with the ARRL for sixty-five years, has been incorporated for fifty years, and has Elmered tons of hams, operated tons of hours, has welcomed lots of neighborhood hams, and has been active and involved in amateur radio in our community for quite a few years.

YOU are invited to attend, enjoy, and celebrate this accomplishment.

1010. Teenage Picnic is Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-25 14:31:14 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1003 Message: 1010

All:

Saturday is the annual Teenage Picnic. Folks from as far away as across the street or Iowa or Wisconsin or the UP are coming. Some will camp, others day trip, others bring musical instruments, brats, fun, more food, and tons of fun.

Everyone may participate in the fun and games. The picnic lunch is pot luck and starts at 1:00 pm on Saturday. The whole group enjoys the blessings of the pot luck and fellowship. Please find some time for food, fellowship, and ham friends. You are welcome! Come!

You may come and enjoy this fun event!

1011. Re: Hey Bill

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-25 15:19:26 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1007 Message: 1011

Jim:

Great! That radio and antenna are doing the trick. If I had not been so tired I would have gone along with your suggestion to try forty for a local QSO. We'll make it happen.

It was great to tie up together and shoot the breeze. It will be lots better to get underway on your boat or Linda's and have a bit more time to socialize. Thank you and Nancy.

73

Bill, AB8SC

1012. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Teenage Picnic is Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-25 22:32:43 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1003 Message: 1012

Where?

1014. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Teenage Picnic is Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-26 03:02:21 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1003 Message: 1014

Yep, MAARC clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive

1015. NOARC CLUB MEETING (FOX HUNT) Thursday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-26 06:52:13 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 1015 Message: 1015

Hey, This is the Fox for the 2006 NOARC Fox Hunt, I am looking foreword to this Thursday's club meeting. I was hoping that someone from NOARC would send me the rules for the hunt or post them here. I don't know all the particulars about the hunt so I'm looking for the info. Hope to see a bunch of you there. Thanks Jason KC8OVS

Groups are talking. We´re listening. Check out the handy changes to Yahoo! Groups.

1016. not able

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-26 16:39:36 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1016 Message: 1016

Can't do Packet net tonight.There is a Echolink net at the same time
that I am going to try.I will be recording Packet net though.

73 KD8CBJ

1017. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NOARC CLUB MEETING (FOX HUNT) Thursday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-26 19:58:17 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1015 Message: 1017

Jason john S will have copys at white pines or look on the w8cso page
----- Original Message -----
From: jason mackay
To: hams
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 2:52 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] NOARC CLUB MEETING (FOX HUNT) Thursday

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1018. NOARC Fox HUnt is tonite at 7 PM Starting at WHite Pine Middle SChool

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-27 11:06:13 UTC
From: n8yqd2001
Topic: 1018 Message: 1018

Hi:

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at the WHite Pine Middle School which is on Griffin ST
in Grand Haven. Fox Hunt instructions
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COme join the fun!

John Sundstrm

1020. Reminder: Great Lakes 2 meter digital net Friday @ 7e/6c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-27 19:15:43 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1020 Message: 1020

Well, I haven't had any checkins the first 2 weeks, so hopefully at least SOMEONE will show up this time!

Time: Fridays, 7 PM eastern/6 PM central
Freq: 144.150 MHz USB, 1500Hz audio (144.1515 MHz actual)
Mode: MFSK-16

Net control is located just south of Grand Haven, MI, grid EN62wx. I start with the beam facing east-southeast and proceed clockwise.

Remember that MFSK-16 supports sending images a 'la SSTV, if you've got a pic you want to share with the net, we'd all love to see it!

-Joe, KD8ATU

1021. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NOARC Fox HUnt is tonite at 7 PM Starting at WHite Pine Middle SChool

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-27 20:36:09 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1018 Message: 1021

If there are folks participating who don't live in Grand Haven, it might be a good idea to hold off on specific hints that could be used identify the fox's position for a few rounds to give them a chance. For example, a specific landmark that is not well known. I don't want Mark to post another article about my foxhunt methods on hamsexy.com if I win.

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 9:22 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] NOARC Fox HUnt is tonite at 7 PM Starting at WHite Pine Middle SChool

Is this going to be a hint thing or are we going to use RDF?

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1022. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NOARC Fox HUnt is tonite at 7 PM Starting at WHite Pine Middle SChool

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-27 20:49:43 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1018 Message: 1022

what do you mean IF you win isn't it when you win Kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 4:36 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] NOARC Fox HUnt is tonite at 7 PM Starting at WHite Pine Middle SChool

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1023. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NOARC Fox HUnt is tonite at 7 PM Starting at WHite Pine Middle SChool

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-27 20:51:24 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1018 Message: 1023

If we dont get rained out check the radar
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 4:36 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] NOARC Fox HUnt is tonite at 7 PM Starting at WHite Pine Middle SChool

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1024. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NOARC Fox HUnt is tonite at 7 PM Starting at WHite Pine Middle SChool

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-27 20:45:36 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1018 Message: 1024

RDF at first if no one finds the fox in an hour than we will add some clues 73 hope to see you there kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 9:22 AM
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1027. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NOARC Fox HUnt is tonite at 7 PM Starting at WHite Pine Middle SChool

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-28 01:57:21 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1018 Message: 1027

anderw was the last one to find the fox this year
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 5:24 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] NOARC Fox HUnt is tonite at 7 PM Starting at WHite Pine Middle SChool

I won't be able to make it as I just got home from work and still have to do a food thing.

If Andrew is going to be there none of us stand a chance anyway :)

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1028. Re: ....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-28 04:41:12 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 1026 Message: 1028

You could replace the <M> word with Netgear if you want to... I TRIED to communicate with him over there. Frustrating.

Laryn K8TVZ

1031. Re: [WestMichiganHams] ....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-28 16:30:00 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1026 Message: 1031
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

THAT guy has the right idea. Keep your laptop charged AND get some exercise.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 7:11 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] ....

1032. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NOARC Fox HUnt is tonite at 7 PM Starting at WHite Pine Middle SChool

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-28 16:28:41 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1018 Message: 1032

See why I didn't get cocky?

----- Original Message -----
From: jtlr.fischer@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2006 9:57 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] NOARC Fox HUnt is tonite at 7 PM Starting at WHite Pine Middle SChool

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1034. Re: Call center info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-28 20:12:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1029 Message: 1034

What, pray tell, hath this to do with Amateur Radio in West Michigan?

---------- Original Message follows ----------
3. Subject: Call center info
Posted by: "k8mhz@..." k8mhz@... k8mhz
Fri Jul 28, 2006 6:35 am (PST)

Ever wonder how companies get involved in Indian call centers?

http://www.callcentersindia.com/

You can express your views to the fine people that promote this travesty
here:

http://www.callcentersindia.com/call_center_india_contact.php

1035. Re: ....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-28 20:35:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1026 Message: 1035

This reminds me of one Field Day operation back in the late 60's or early 70's. We made our "renewable resources" contacts by hooking two bicycle generators (used normally for headlights) together in series, putting a very large capacitor across the output, and then powering a QRP transceiver with the Rube Goldberg power source. I recall that we only needed to make one contact that year, but it took a while because the amount of energy we could store in the capacitor was very limited, and we couldn't run the QRP rig for more than a few minutes at a time.

In later years we realized the folly of the setup, and put a "dead" wet cell across the output of the generators. After 30 minutes or so of cranking the generators we had enough power to make enough contacts, and we didn't even need a voltage regulator.

Even later, one fellow converted a lawn mower engine to run on ethanol, hooked it to a generator. We bought a quart of 180 proof drinking ethanol (gasp! what a waste) to power the thing, and had more than enough power for the 5 or 10 contacts that were required in subsequent years.

Hank Greeb

1037. echolink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-29 14:54:52 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1037 Message: 1037

Any local echolink options?

KD8CBJ

1039. Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-29 16:38:36 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1037 Message: 1039

I had a feeling the "Mark o pedia"would know.Again thanks Mark.

73 KD8CBJ

1040. Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-29 16:50:56 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1037 Message: 1040

the grand haven 145.490 has echolink
----- Original Message -----
From: KD8CBJ@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 12:38 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

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73 KD8CBJ

1041. Coast guard parade

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-29 17:04:10 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 1041 Message: 1041

hello the noarc group needs help sat aug 5 with the Coast Guard parade both lineup and health and wellfare if you would like to help please reply to this post or contact don kb8odb@... there is a free breakfast at 7:00 at for all who help put on by the coast guard festival people . Thanks Kc8uny John

1043. Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-29 20:01:28 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1037 Message: 1043

look under n8ary-L i will also make sure it is online
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 1:18 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

the grand haven 145.490 has echolink

That was not on the list either.

----- Original Message -----
From: jtlr.fischer@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 12:50 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

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From: KD8CBJ@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 12:38 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

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1044. Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-29 21:44:11 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 1037 Message: 1044

N8KQQ is echolink (442.950)

kd8cbj <KD8CBJ@...> wrote: Any local echolink options?

KD8CBJ

1045. thank you and asking for more help

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-30 23:40:10 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 1045 Message: 1045

Thank You to all that helped with the runs on sat everything went very well right down to the medical and the way that it was handled job well done everyone. Now we need to ask for your help again this sat aug 5 is the Coast guard Grand parade we need help with parade lineup and safety during the parade please re.this post or contact don kb8odb @... or kc8uny@.... thanks John kc8uny

1046. Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-31 01:03:51 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1037 Message: 1046

I have to fix the N8ARY/W8CSO link. It's down for some reason.

Andrew
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 11:47 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Any local echolink options?

For some reason the Hart N8UKH repeater didn't show up....

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Links Near Muskegon MI US
As of: UTC
Showing Results 1 To 30 Of 30
Call Description Node Latitude
Longitude Grid
Square Dist
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(Mhz) Tone
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88°00.00' W EN63aa 89.9 444.615 4 10 0dB
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84°28.70' W EN72sr 96.2 442.900 77.0 25 80 0dB
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KD9GY-R Lake Zurich, Illinois 78073 42°12.65' N
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omni Online On @1545 7/29/2006 15:45
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omni Online On @1550 7/8/2006 15:52

----- Original Message -----
From: kd8cbj
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 10:54 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Any local echolink options?

KD8CBJ

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1048. Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-31 13:57:24 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1037 Message: 1048

And boogie.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 10:48 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Is it down with the program? Maybe we just have to get down to use it.

----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2006 9:03 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

I have to fix the N8ARY/W8CSO link. It's down for some reason.

Andrew
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@k8mhz.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 11:47 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Any local echolink options?

For some reason the Hart N8UKH repeater didn't show up....

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----- Original Message -----
From: kd8cbj
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2006 10:54 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Any local echolink options?

KD8CBJ

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1049. Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-31 14:00:07 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1037 Message: 1049

An echolink search for both or either N8ARY/W8CSO not found

KD8CBJ

1051. Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-31 15:08:44 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1037 Message: 1051

OK Lancelot Link (old Tv show).Did An echolink find--not found.Only 2nd day of echo playing.

KD8CBJ

1052. Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-31 16:14:59 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1037 Message: 1052

If you saw me w/o a shirt, you'd think so.

I'll work on it this week. I think the last storm messed up the computer.

The node is 73469. I'll keep the group posted.

Andrew
N8ARY (AKA the missing link).

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2006 10:28 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Are you trying to say that Andrew is the missing link?

----- Original Message -----
From: KD8CBJ@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2006 10:00 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

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KD8CBJ

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1054. Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-31 16:28:36 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1037 Message: 1054

Bonzo and Reagan started it

1055. Re: [WestMichiganHams] echolink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-07-31 16:43:51 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1037 Message: 1055

Either I am doing somthing wrong or?Not found under N8ARY or W8CSO or node 73469

1058. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hams monitored distress calls?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-01 01:22:04 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1057 Message: 1058

Probably 14.300. She probably was not familiar with her radio or the regs.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2006 8:08 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Hams monitored distress calls?

From Mlive:

"Wannamaker said there have been no reports of a boat missing or being late at any area marina. She said the distress call was made on a marine radio channel typically used and monitored by ham radio operators, not the usual channel 16 distress frequency, so the Coast Guard did not receive the call directly."

So....can anyone tell me just what channel Ms. Wannamaker is talking about?

This whole thing smells....fishy.

Does anyone else have any info on this???

1060. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hams monitored distress calls?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-01 02:28:30 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 1057 Message: 1060

Sometimes hams get lumped together with CBers by the uninformed.
Tom

Andrew Young <ayoung@...> wrote:
Probably 14.300. She probably was not familiar with her radio or the regs.

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Sent: Monday, July 31, 2006 8:08 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Hams monitored distress calls?

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1061. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hams monitored distress calls?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-01 02:37:50 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1057 Message: 1061

Maybe a boater who had a amateur rig and thought it was a marine radio.
I know that 2 years ago a friend of mine came down from Charlevoix in his 32' foot boat for the Coast Guard Fest. He had made the trip along with several others from the Traverse City area. My thoughts is maybe the allege boater maybe from somewhere other than the local area.
73's
KD8BIG

-------------- Original message --------------
From: <k8mhz@...>
That would mean the boater was ham...or had an illegal rig on board. If the boater was a ham, he would have had a call sign. It would be interesting to know where the so called hams that monitored the call were. 20 is pretty tough in the morning right now.

Things just don't add up.

----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2006 02:22
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hams monitored distress calls?

Probably 14.300. She probably was not familiar with her radio or the regs.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2006 8:08 PM
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1062. August 2006 Ham in a Day Kent County - Please pass along to everyone who may be interested

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-01 13:14:31 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1062 Message: 1062
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Ham in a day!

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No Techno-Babble needed, this class is for anyone who wants their amateur radio license

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The President can make you a General, but Communications makes you a Commander.

1063. packet use info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-01 13:43:20 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1063 Message: 1063

1.I am studying "intro to packet radio"by Larry Kenny WB9LOZ.Any suggestions for other packet how to's?
2.When I connected I got this as a list of available commands---WinPack-Awg uses a virtual TNC-what appears to the user as the TNC responding to TNC2-style commands is,in fact,part of the software.The available Virtual commands are:----list.So how do I participate in the Packet net at MKG KA-NODE and MKG-1 BBS?
3.Is the best teacher just trying the different commands and see what they do?I just don't want to interrupt legitimate traffic with my testing/playing.

73 KD8CBJ

1064. Re: [WestMichiganHams] packet use info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-01 14:23:17 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1063 Message: 1064

If testing and playing with packet radio aren't legitimate traffic, then
there isn't any legitimate traffic to interrupt.

I'd suggest you try the following:

a. Leave a message for someone. If you can hit Don's station from your
location (and you probably can), leave one for me on it. In WinPack,
with AGW running (enter commands in quotes as given, without quotes):

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5. Disconnect. "b"

b. Send internet e-mail to yourself via Winlink. You should be able to
hit Ed's station, which is what's called a "Telpac" (TELnet over PACket)
node, it connects to a telnet server over the internet, and lets you
interact with it via packet.

1. Connect. "c KC8LBZ-2" (the -2 is an SSID. This is how one
distinguishes different stations using the same call)
2. Send an SMTP (internet) message: "sp smtp:kd8cbj@..."
3. Enter the message like you did before, again ending with "/EX" on
an otherwise blank line.
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You might also want to try APRS. You'll need an app such as UI-View32
for that. APRS is run primarily on 144.390, you'll also hear traffic on
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1065. Re: [WestMichiganHams] packet use info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-01 21:14:15 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 1063 Message: 1065

Joe,
Very nice response. Thankyou.

Paul,
The reason we began using 07 in the first place was to develop our knowledge and expertise.
Glad to see you using it.
Tom

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-01 22:45:28 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1063 Message: 1066

Perfect Joe,just what I need,1 2 3 babysteps.The syntax is what I was missing.Telpac/Telnet was going to be next,I do have UI-View32 and registration# that is next,next.

73 KD8CBJ

1068. Great Lakes area 2m MFSK16 net this Friday 7e/6c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-02 10:35:31 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1068 Message: 1068

I haven't had any checkins the last 3 weeks, so I'm really hoping that someone will be out there this time. The net starts at 7 PM eastern/6 PM central, on 144.150 +1500Hz (144.1515 actual). Beam heading schedule is generally like this:

7:00 - East-southeast (Grand Rapids, Detroit, London)
7:03 - Southeast (Kalamazoo, Fort Wayne, Cincinnati)
7:06 - South (Holland, Benton Harbor, Indianapolis)
7:10 - Southwest (Chicago, Peoria, St. Louis)
7:13 - West (Milwaukee, Madison, Dubuque)
7:16 - Northwest (Green Bay, Rhinelander)
7:20 - North (Traverse City, Marquette)
7:23 - Northeast (Mount Pleasant, Alpena, Sudbury)
7:25 - East-northeast (Big Rapids, Saginaw, Wiarton)

My antenna isn't all that big or all that high up, so the biggest factors going into the range of the net are your setup and the level of enhancement present. I can reliably work phone at 200 miles regardless of conditions, and digital modes (especially robust modes with FEC like MFSK16) can be copied at much weaker signal levels than phone, so a range of 300 miles might be possible.

-Joe, KD8ATU
Grand Haven, Michigan - EN62wx

1070. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Feelings about Ham in a Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-02 13:27:30 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1069 Message: 1070

Ham in a Day?

My personal view on the subject is that it takes a lot longer to develop a ham than a single day. I really did not get to the point of being comfortable with radio until I had more time and more privileges under my belt. Maybe I'm still not there?! Hi

It does take more effort on the part of the ham and the amateur radio community to develop a newly minted ham. Mic fright, etiquette, radio uses, net procedures, all those newfangled letter and number combinations instead of a simple name, frequencies, privileges, and the list goes on and on.

My initial elmer, Tom, N8YJT, took a lot of time to introduce the neophyte to radio. He did a very good job with the material, students, and six weeks of classroom. He did not stop there and the radio club assisted with the duties of Elmer training. Lots of folks took lots of time on many sessions to get me both comfortable and productive with radio. I consider all those who helped in all those different aspects of radio to have been my Elmer, and I have lots of fine folks to thank and be grateful for their patient direction.

So the short answer is that a ham ticket does not make an amateur radio operator. Some of those folks will pass and then forget the entire hobby right after getting some paperwork from the FCC. The goal should be to get the folks past the test and into a license and THEN get them an Elmer to help them learn, grow, and mature. I'd wager only a small percentage will ever go on to hit the "push to talk" and ever contact anyone without some additional direction outside of the initial training, even if such training were ten or more weeks.

Our hobby is so vast and involved. The really neat thing is that everyone is willing to help and make the new guy, or even the experienced Extra guy, feel comfortable with all those modes of doing the basic thing of communicating.

Don't forget the new guy. With a little effort she will develop into a really great asset.

My $0.02 (how Do you get a cent sign?) (see, another question for Elmer)

Bill

1071. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Feelings about Ham in a Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-02 13:37:47 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1069 Message: 1071

Another cool thing is that nobody cares if it took you a day, two weeks, two months, or twenty years to get your license. Everyone wants to help and they celebrate your success no matter what.

I fondly remember the two meter repeater literally lighting up when I announced success in a test session. Everyone was pleased and provided encouragement and well, maybe even amazement. No matter. Here was a bunch of folks who really cared and showed an interest. Maybe you get that in astronomy or stamp collecting but it is not universal. When I hear a guy get a QSL card from some DX I'm just as happy as if that card were in my hands. We rejoice and that sets us apart.

1073. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Feelings about Ham in a Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-02 15:30:09 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 1073 Message: 1073

I am all for the ham in a day class. I do see your points Mark and do agree with many of them, but I think getting more people in the hobby is a great thing. When I got my license I saw a testing session at the end of the week. So, I started reading the question pools on Tuesday and took the test Friday. Not quite ham in a day, but pretty close. Yeah, I did not retain most of that information, but now that I am licensed I have learned what I need to know. I don't need to know the frequency ranges of 6 meters etc when I only ever use 2 meters. All of the local hams have always been great helping newcomers out from what I have heard, and from my own experiences. That is part of what makes this hobby great! There are many of us out there that can read manuals all day and not comprehend anything. Give us some hands on time and we will learn it really quick. I am looking forward to getting some new faces into the hobby and getting some more check-ins and spotters in the field.

73

Tim Deater

KC8MSE

Newaygo County Skywarn Coordinator

http://www.tdats.net <http://www.tdats.net/>

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of k8mhz@...
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2006 7:57 AM
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How much will the students remember a week or a month after the class?

Is there enough time in a cram class to discuss etiquette, repeater locations, activities, etc? If not, who is supposed to teach this stuff?

Take a look at the new test, a little different from the old, but not much. I ask, if a person knew the answer to every question in the pool and little else, they could get a license....if you handed them a radio, could they work it? If they did manage to get on the air, would they know how to talk or would they, perhaps, resort to the ways they learned to talk on other radio services?

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Am I being to critical in thinking that the ratio of the types above stands too good of a chance to skew to the first two possibilities?

How about some chatter about this? What are the positive and negative aspects? The positive, of course, is that it enables people with very busy schedules to take a class. I just touched on a few possible negatives.

Thanks and 73,

Mark K8MHZ

1074. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Feelings about Ham in a Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-02 15:31:43 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 1069 Message: 1074

Kewl question Mark...

On Wed, 2006-08-02 at 12:57 +0100, k8mhz@... wrote:
> I am very interested in what other hams feel about the Ham in a Day
> class.

We are part of a shrinking population. If the class can do two things successfully I'm good with the concept.

First - if lowering the effort will attract more hams it is a good thing. One day is pretty short to do more than teach "where is the resource to avoid going beyond the bounds of satisfactory radio operation". The questions heighten awareness for the most critical issues. After locking out the repeater for two days is too late for civil discussion, but to demand electronics degree is too much.

Second - if adequate esprit-de-corps can be instilled in one day it is a good thing. No "lids". Joining the ranks of hams brings with it a certain respect for others and some enthusiasm for the hobby. We talk about CB in disparaging terms and if one day can weed out the miscreants let's do it.
>
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Well expect some "turn over" - every grad will not be active after a year...for various reasons. Hold on to the idea of tar and feathering...
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You know, our hobby has become less grass-root build Heathkits and more interconnection of high level components. By putting modulator circuits on the exam and leaving the different approaches to measureing DC thru microwave off the exam we demonstrate a certain "not staying in step". If we need anything, we need more follow-on to the class in form of networking (one-on-one?). The social animals with tickets may be our greatest asset in ham radio...

Like you.

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73
de Skip k8rra k

1075. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Feelings about Ham in a Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-02 20:43:00 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 1069 Message: 1075

This topic reminds me of why I became a ham in the first place...and why I felt comfortable doing so. Rewind the tape of time to a few years ago, over four, to be exact. I was getting involved in sailing and I wasn't comfortable talking to anyone on marine VHF. This is not so good, I thought, especially if I have to ask for help in an emergency. Around that time period, Bill and I met Clarke Cooper, K8BP, through his brother Larry. I noticed Clarke's ham license plate and batted around the idea of asking Clarke how to become a ham radio operator. I didn't know diddly squat about ham radio, but thinking that it was a way to learn to be comfortable using a microphone and talking to others on the air, I decided to ask him. Clarke, who was president of the MAARC at that time, is passionate with a capital "P" about ham radio and he suggested that we try the ham radio classes that Tom Porritt was teaching. Before we took the test and as we took the classes, we got to go into the field during a very snowy day and help Clarke and other hams set up a remote site, where we learned about VHF repeater operation and what packet might do. We froze our butts off, but the ham radio hook was in and we weren't spitting it out.

We further enjoyed the 6-week long technician class and from my point of view, I can say that it was a class that helped far more than a one day blitz might have done. While I could have handled a one-day blitz, I am happy that I didn't have to do that. I don't like being rushed through material that I want to learn. I like to have time to think about it and feel that I have understood it and not just memorized it. Granted, amateur radio at a higher level IS a complex subject and I am still learning new things all the time as an Extra class licensee. That said, the extended class gave me an opportunity to think and get more excited about ham radio. The joy that Bill and I felt when we found out through the Internet, on our vacation, that our licenses had been issued made us like kids with new toys! We had time to make friends whom we later talked with on the local repeaters. And luck of all luck, we didn't get blasted on the local repeaters for our tentative operating skills. I can now talk with the best of 'em and I attribute that to folks who were willing to take time with us and introduce to an interesting hobby that they love.

Strange to say, though, I still don't talk much on marine VHF. The fish don't bite much when we're sailing, so we don't have much to say to the charters...but we have talked with Georgia on 20 meters through that Outbacker mobile antenna perched on the transom. And I'm one QSL card away from my DXCC confirmation. ;-)

Linda, AB8QH

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-02 20:56:55 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1069 Message: 1076

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-02 21:37:31 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 1069 Message: 1077

Ham in a day, Ham in a week, Ham in a month. Bottom line is that none of it scratches the surface. An active club with lots of educational opportunities and Elmering is the answer.
Tom Porritt

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1078. Re: Feelings about Ham in a Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-02 23:14:09 UTC
From: Ken Lenz
Topic: 1069 Message: 1078

Being licensed 30 years ago I guess I have some right to approach a response from an older and somewhat crusty viewpoint. Back then learning was by study with an Elmer, reading books and going to the very sanitary government FCC office in Chicago to take a test. No question pools online, no wholesale VE testing. (except for a Novice license). Study of 5 WPM then 13 WPM code but developing a mental block of 20 WPM.

I think that if a person can get a ticket in a day it is a wonderful thing and we as a community should continue to round out the person's eduction with Ham experiences and the crusty 'ol fashion Elmer process.

Did you study for weeks on end before learning the Internet in order to embrase or use the technology. Likely not but you learned from experiences. How to connect to the web, perform a web search and even post to a group.

Look at the demographics of our community... getting older aren't we. Time to bring in the 'Nintendo kids' to help advance some of the technology. The Internet, APRS, Echolink and D-Star were not widely known, used or in existance when I started. If all we had to offer today was study, study, study to listen to us talk about the old days few of the newer Internet generation would take us seriously.

BTW - I traded my straight key and FT101B for a TNC and APRS with an IGate.

My 2¢

Ken - KB9NK

1080. coast guard help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-04 01:12:33 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 1080 Message: 1080

your help is needed in grand haven this sat with the coast guard grand parade there is a free breakfast at 7:00 at russ's restarant for all volunters we are doing parade lineup and safety and wellfair if you can help contact KB8ODB at kb8odb @... or KC8UNY At kc8uny@... 73 John

1081. help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-04 01:14:54 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 1081 Message: 1081

Hello We are still in need of volunteers for the Coast Guard Parade this coming weekend. There is a free breakfast at Russ's we will be meeting for at 7:00am then we will take assignments for parade line up and be in position by 8:30 for that. At 10:30 we will get assignments for parade safety at the Grand Haven Public Service parking lot the parade starts at noon and will be over by 4:00. Please send me a email if you can help out or give me a call at 616-846-7307. At this time we are very very short of help so if you can please come out and help . If you don't get a hold of me please still come out and help if you can .
73 Don Meyer KB8ODB kb8odb@...

1082. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Feelings about Ham in a Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-04 02:09:36 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1069 Message: 1082

ham in a day or a year you really don't start learning until you are on the air and learning from so many others that have learned from so many others that have learned from so many others. I studied for months and passed my General, but did not learn what I studied until I put it to use and recieved so much help from other hams both on the air and off.

1083. Thanks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-06 12:26:42 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 1083 Message: 1083

To everyone that helped with the coast guard parade thank you for your help. even being shorthanded we were able to get everything handled.from the medicals to the lost childern and parents of found childern you all did a great job and hope to see you next year . 73 and thanks from KC8UNY and KB8ODB and the parade staff

1084. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Just my nickel's worth....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-06 15:10:07 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1079 Message: 1084

Never a wasa,but wasa wanna be,
Back in the days of 23ch.C.B. and 10 ch.add a crystal scanners I was bitten.My first exposer to ham radio was a friend of a friend who had a converted police radio,and a homebrew touch tone pad.Auto patch cool.I thought only millionaires had "car phones".He also showed me the inside or W8ZHO.The novice requirements did'nt spook me,I even got a practice key from Radio Shack.The girls,cars,and others redirected my interest.By the way,I was 16 yrs.old at the time.25 years latter in W8ZHO that looked unchange,and under the "hopeful" watching eye of a V.E. I tested out and got my ticket.Aug.25 will be 1 year.I have sampled quite a few ham radio options in the last 12 months.Because it is such an endless list of things you can do,on my grave stone I want---Wait,I wasn't done playing radio---

KD8CBJ

1085. Excellent communicators on the street, excellent net control, makes for a excellent event

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-06 18:45:10 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 1085 Message: 1085

Hello Everyone ?. I want to thank all the hams that came out and helped for this years Coast Guard events. I heard a lot of guys say they had a good time, and I want to say all the events went on like top notch operations. You can truly see that events like this are a good thing to prepare us incase we have a major emergency in our area. There was a runner that collapsed on one of the YMCA runs and through the hams out on the route had help on the way the minute it was reported on the net. A 4 year old was lost in the crowed at the Grand Parade and was reunited with parents with in minutes, just think how scared you would be at 4 and lost in that crowd and we were able to help out and also confirm return to there parents. These were just a couple of incidents that were handled. One of the parade committee said they could not believe hams did this for free, they have not been able to get good communications paying for it. I didn?t tell them it is selfish on our part as for doing events like this we get to operate on all the bands that we have and places to put our repeaters. Added to our event this year there was a ham stationed down at the water front and one on the hill by the fountain to coordinate the evening events which I heard worked were the cities radios failed. We were short on volunteers I would have liked to have had more of the down town covered for parade safety and there was no one in the Red Cross tent but we handled everything in the areas we were in and I heard from my family there were only two gaps in the parade and both could not be avoided

Excellent communicators on the street, excellent net control, and good relations with emergency services because we have been working with them makes for a excellent event ?. Thank you everyone that came out to help?

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

1086. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Thanks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-06 21:06:03 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1083 Message: 1086

And don't forget how cool John and John looked on the SAG-1 vehicle.

Thanks for the water.

----- Original Message -----
From: John T Fischer
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 8:26 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Thanks

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1087. Founders' Day Picnic

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-07 20:14:12 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1069 Message: 1087

All:

The MAARC (the Muskegon radio club) is having a Founders' Day Picnic and YOU are invited.

We will feature a pig roast, Special Event, special presentation, lots of photographs and video, and tons and tons of fun for our families.

The event starts at 11:00 am and lunch will be noon. It is a pot luck thing so bring along a salad or desert to go along with the pig roast. Cost will be $8 for adults, kids 5 to 12 will be $4, and under five kids are free.

Bring the family, your friends, hams of all ages, and the kids. We will have games, radio, fun, and all manner of picnic related events. Can you pin the antenna on the transceiver? Volleyball? Games? Fun!

Mark your calendar for August 19, a Saturday. We'll run until the cows come home.

1088. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Founders' Day Picnic

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-07 21:46:20 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 1069 Message: 1088

Bill, forgot to mention the fresh local Michigan grown corn on the cob.

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1089. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hams monitored distress calls?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-08 15:26:40 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1057 Message: 1089

Sorry for the late response. I talked last week with someone who monitored the traffic to and from the Coast Guard on this and the reporting person received the information on a Marine Channel. I can't remember if he said it was 63 or 68.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2006 20:08
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Hams monitored distress calls?

From Mlive:

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So....can anyone tell me just what channel Ms. Wannamaker is talking about?

This whole thing smells....fishy.

Does anyone else have any info on this???

1091. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hams monitored distress calls?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-08 18:43:25 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 1057 Message: 1091

Like the Chronic-illl could ever get the facts correct anyhow. Nobody there orther than Tracy Lorenze there seems to have a darn clue.

k8mhz@... wrote:
Interesting,

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Could it possibly be the Chronicle is in error?

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From: Dennis Harriss
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2006 16:26
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hams monitored distress calls?

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1092. Monday ARES meeting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-08 22:16:05 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1092 Message: 1092

We will be having a sort of field station expo for the ARES meeting Monday night. Bring your field station and be ready to set up. We will meet at the Red Cross and weather permitting move to another location to set up. This is a chance to show other your ideas for a field station and also to learn from others. You do not have to be a member of Muskegon County ARES to participate.

73s
KC8PCJ

1093. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hams monitored distress calls?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-09 00:47:54 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1057 Message: 1093

No, the Chronicle reported that part correctly. The vessel in distress did not contact the Coast Guard directly. The information was passed on by someone who had been on the other Marine Channel. I am not sure where the Ham part of it came in. The person I was talking to did not hear anything about Hams.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@k8mhz.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2006 13:58
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hams monitored distress calls?

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1095. Re: Founders' Day Picnic

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-09 13:22:09 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1069 Message: 1095

Do you know that the picnic will be at the clubhouse? 2888 Scenic Drive a quarter mile south of the Red Rooster Tavern, a stone's throw from Lake Michigan, and between Muskegon and White Lakes.

1096. Packet training net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-09 14:03:39 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1096 Message: 1096

I can connect to WB8I bbs,what do I do after that to participate in the net?KD8ATU gave me some instructions on leaving a massage via WB8I.I think I did right?

KD8CBJ

1097. PACKET

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-09 14:17:46 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1097 Message: 1097

Do I have to sign in/register to the BBS?

KD8CBJ

1098. Miedema Auction

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-09 21:18:03 UTC
From: wingerham
Topic: 1098 Message: 1098

I was just looking at the one day internet acution that Miedema Auctioneers run every Thursday. On page two of the Misc. items they have two General Radios MC-5 Transmit/Receive. The starting bid is $10. I don't have a clue what these are and they don't say if they are working or not. Just thought I would let the old radio collector's know. They also have a 35 DC Power Supply and 3 or 4 Tecktronix Oscilliscopes listed, along with a ton of computers and other electronic goodies.

They are located in GR on US131 and 76th and if you win, you have to go pick your item up.

Here is the link to their site:
http://www.1800lastbid.com/Redirect/Terms.cfm?ID=606

Ross
N8GMY

1101. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Miedema Auction

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-10 00:46:25 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1098 Message: 1101

Find the listings?

Look for the three yellow buttons at the top of the page and hit the "smaller kiinda items" one. Then agree with the fine print and you're there.

1102. packet info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-10 14:35:15 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1102 Message: 1102

Are there web sites for MKG MKG KA-node for information,or is the help command when connected the only info?Last nights packet net----Yes I had caps lock on until Joe KD8ATU said that might be a problem than I turned it off.

73 KD8CBJ

1103. Great Lakes area Friday night 2m MFSK16 net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-10 20:16:50 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1103 Message: 1103

Once again, the net will be held this (and every) Friday at 7 PM eastern/6 PM central on 144.150 +1500Hz, using MFSK16 mode. Net control is located in EN62wx, and starts facing east, proceeding clockwise.

I've been doing it every week for a month now, and have yet to have even one checkin. If you are within 200 miles of Lake Michigan, do whatever it takes to be there tomorrow night.

-Joe, KD8ATU

1104. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Great Lakes area Friday night 2m MFSK16 net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-10 22:02:03 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1103 Message: 1104

I wish I could give it a try, but I will be out of town.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Joe Veldhuis" <kd8atu@...>
To: <PSK_VHF_UHF_HAMRADIO@yahoogroups.com>;
<WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2006 4:16 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Great Lakes area Friday night 2m MFSK16 net

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1105. Meidema Auction

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-11 15:44:21 UTC
From: wingerham
Topic: 1105 Message: 1105

I have to apologize for being fairly limited in my message the other day about the Meidema Auction. I didn't receive the feedback until it was pretty well over.

Here is how you get to it.
1. www.1800lastbid.com
2. Click on the Online Recovery Auction for the next Thursday(it is always held on Thursday).
3. It will then give you a choice to go to the larger reposssesed items or the smaller items.
4. The next page is there terms. Basically, they want you to know you have to pay their fee over your bid price and that your bid is legal.
Hit agree and you are in.

I noticed that two of the three oscilloscopes went for $85 and $78. They have two more listed for next week Thursday. If you are not familiar with this site, it usually has a ton of computer, electronics and tools that would interest us hams. Last week they must have had 20 new generators on the site.

I also should have mentioned that I am in no way affiliated or do I have any interest in this site.

Wingerham
N8GMY

1107. lost e-mail

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-12 14:22:50 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1107 Message: 1107

K8MLD,I lost your e-mail adress.KD8CBJ

1110. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Elusive interference

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-12 16:15:08 UTC
From: Don LaBrenz
Topic: 1109 Message: 1110

Mark,
Take a listen at the suspected trouble spot by listening to 145.25 on your 2 meter rig. That is the carrier frequency for Channel 18 on the cable system.

It sounds like what your are hearing is video. That hum is what it sounds like on an audio (narrow bandwidth) radio

73 de Don, WB8I

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1111. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Elusive interference

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-12 16:59:41 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 1109 Message: 1111

Yes, and the problem may not be in the CATV cables you can see on the street. My neighbor across the street (until a few days ago) once mentioned that she could sometimes hear me when she was watching WGN (ch. 18 on Charter). But she admitted that she had performed a DIY extension of their TV wiring inside the house; who knows how good the connections were or what quality materials she used!?

73

Alan NV8A

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1112. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Elusive interference

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-12 17:20:20 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 1109 Message: 1112

Hi Mark ... Sounds like you have a signal beating against the 94 signal and changeing it at your location kind of like in a SH radio but your problem is happening in the air..a lot of times if you have a cheap am radio you can track the problem down but if that won't work you will need the help of a Spectrum analyzer as it could be interfering with the IF in your ham radio and that is why you are not getting a signal reading. If I had a analyzer I would let you use it but that is one thing I do not have. Good Luck with finding the problem ..... 73 Don

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1113. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Elusive interference

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-12 17:19:36 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 1109 Message: 1113

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1117. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Great Clock Progam

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-12 22:53:14 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1115 Message: 1117

Mark,

What is the name of this cool clock program??

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2006 14:40
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Great Clock Progam

Here is a really cool clock program. You can have multiple time zones and formats in any fashion you wish. Has a sync feature. No spyware or any of that junk. Great for having the three zones we use all in one glance, local 12 hr, local 24 hour and UTC. Each clock has it's own little window. I think you can have as many as you wish.

Mark K8MHZ

1118. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Great Clock Progam

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-12 23:55:16 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1115 Message: 1118

Mark ,
Where is the link for the clock program?
The one I use is at this link .

http://www.pcpropittsburgh.com/freeclock/freeclock.htm

Enjoy all,
"KD8BIG"

---------- Original message ----------
From: <k8mhz@...>
Here is a really cool clock program. You can have multiple time zones and formats in any fashion you wish. Has a sync feature. No spyware or any of that junk. Great for having the three zones we use all in one glance, local 12 hr, local 24 hour and UTC. Each clock has it's own little window. I think you can have as many as you wish.

Mark K8MHZ

1120. Re: [WestMichiganHams] lost e-mail

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-13 02:32:43 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1107 Message: 1120

Just trying.Thanks

1122. Re: [WestMichiganHams] lost e-mail

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-13 12:17:42 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1107 Message: 1122

That's where I looked first before I posted.

1124. Re: [WestMichiganHams] CW key for the Silversides

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-13 20:17:52 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1123 Message: 1124

During WWII, the Korean War, and even into the Vietnam era the U. S. Signal Corps designated many of their telegraph (Morse code) keys with a "J-" and a number. The real workhorse key during those years was the J-37. There are many more glamorous wartime keys around, but the keys that carried the bulk of the action were the J-37 keys. The J-37 key is unusual because, with the addition of different bases and connections, it became part of other more special purpose keys. All the keys shown below are based on the J-37. If it was used on the Silversides I could not tell you .
KD8BIG

--------------- Original message ---------------
From: <k8mhz@...>
Does anyone know what CW key was originally on the Silversides?

Would it be either a J-37 or J-38?

Thanks,

Mark K8MHZ

1125. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Elusive interference

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-13 21:39:19 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1109 Message: 1125

I am surprised the cable company hasn't been out to fix it. I had my CATV amp in the basement turned up too high and they came a-knocking. The tech showed me with his meter where the strongest signal came from.

I was having mild 2 meter problems, but not as much as Mark.

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2006 2:14 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Elusive interference

Good lead!!

I found a CATV amp here that I have trouble with pegging my meter on 145.25. Turning if off did not change my problem. Also I can stand right next to it with my HT and get the '94 full scale.

A trip down the street found with the HT confirmed that interference from 145.25 was coming from the exact same locations I was getting the most de-sensing from. The noise seems to be coming from a length of cable coming from an amp at the corner of Edenbrook and Dorset and continuing to Hendrick and then fading away.

I tried using a 440 Yagi to pin point the source but heard nothing. The next step is to take a larger 2 meter Yagi to try to figure out if there is a problem with the cable or one of the two taps I see. The noise is the loudest in front of one of my neighbor's houses and may be coming from inside. A good directional reading is needed to figure that out.

Thanks much Don!

You too Alan,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Don LaBrenz
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2006 17:15
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Elusive interference

Mark,
Take a listen at the suspected trouble spot by listening to 145.25 on your 2 meter rig. That is the carrier frequency for Channel 18 on the cable system.

It sounds like what your are hearing is video. That hum is what it sounds like on an audio (narrow bandwidth) radio

73 de Don, WB8I

k8mhz@... wrote:

Calling all hams to put on their thinking caps....

For quite some time now I have been having problems receiving 2 meter signals at my QTH. For instance, the 94 will go from 60 over to down below the noise in an intermittent fashion. This is confirmed by different radios and different antennas.

Yesterday I made a discovery. The source seems to be about 3/4 of a block from my house. When I take my mobile or my HT there this is what happens:

When and ONLY when I get a signal on 2 meters I hear a hum that is a bit faster then 60 cycles. There is a point on Dorset street where the hum totally wipes out my 2 meter signal by de-sensing my radio. I can watch as the 60 over signal from the 94 gets punched into the dirt by the hum, which is audible but does not register on the meter. There is a point only a few feet wide on Dorset where I can stand or park and have my 2 meter rig's receiver totally wiped out. Not intermittently either, it's nothing but a haspy staticy hum.

Here is the weird part, as soon as the 2 meter signal drops, the nasty hum (audibly loud) totally disappears! Even while standing near what seems to be the source of the problem.

This makes it very tough to pin point. I suspect a utility problem as the hot spot is right under a group of utility lines. It has all of them, MV, LV, CATV and TX. The lines look pretty good, no nasty connectors are visible.

If I could determine how to be able record the noise without having a 2 meter radio signal present I would have a much better chance of figuring out the person or company to blame.

The problem has got so bad that I routinely miss about a third of the Sunday Net as the interference takes out a word or two at a time.

Today I am going to go look for some harmonics. I am thinking it is possible that what I am hearing is a mix of compatible but different signals.

Any help with my little adventure would be greatly appreciated.

Mark K8MHZ

Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.394 / Virus Database: 268.10.5/403 - Release Date: 7/28/2006

1126. Re: [WestMichiganHams] CW key for the Silversides

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-13 23:10:06 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1123 Message: 1126

Mark,

I have a key from the USS Tautog (SS199) another WWII Submarine and it is neither one. The only markings on it are
"CMI-26003A." The Tautog was commissioned in July 1940 and decommissioned in September 1959. Between 1947 and 1959 she was stationary training sub at Milwaukee, WI. I presume the key I have was her original key.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2006 16:03
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] CW key for the Silversides

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Thanks,

Mark K8MHZ

1128. Re: [WestMichiganHams] CW key for the Silversides

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-14 03:11:29 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1123 Message: 1128

Thanks to Al KV8X I am more confident in saying that neither J-37 or J-38 would be an ORIGINAL NAVAL key as the Navy never used the J series to designate their keys. They only used C?, C??, or SE until approximately 1942 when they went to AN (Army-Navy).

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: Dennis Harriss
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2006 19:10
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] CW key for the Silversides

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1129. Ddigital signal notes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-15 14:45:02 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 1129 Message: 1129

Greeting to the digital users of 145.070.
If that is not "you", then this is not probably interesting at all.

If there is any good news in this it is that k8rra is now stepping on a lot fewer other signals.
I recently discovered my collision avoidance techniques were not working and I was transmitting on top of other packet signals.
Of course that is a bad thing to do - sorry.
More accurately in detail - I was not properly detecting the presence of other signals and delaying transmission until others cleared the air.

Now I am - I have done some detail signal analysis and found 100% success with signals I can hear.
At the same time I can report that collisions are very prevalent.

For the purpose of avoiding collisions, the most important parameters I am using are:
FULLDUP=OFF, DWAIT=0, SLOTTIME=7, PERSIST=63
There are many others, not worth detailing here.

The purpose of this note is to open the door to improving the traffic thruput on 145.070 by getting our configurations to work better in concert.

If there is interest in this subject, please reply to me on the reflector and then lets consider a sub-group for this purpose only?
Two outcomes are obvious:

1. No one will care about this subject and life will continue as it has been.
2. Enough hams will participate to optimize that traffic will improve and lids will move off the frequency.

I'm OK with either outcome, and there may be other outcomes too.

73
de Skip k8rra k

1130. WB8I msys bbs set up help.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-15 15:58:38 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1130 Message: 1130

registration
N command, your name,first and or last?Or not "real name"like giving
phone number over the air-bad.
NQ command QTH,yes no maybe?
NZ command ZIP,yes no maybe?
NH command ??????

WinPack personal/bbs info.
first,second name?as above.
bbs info??? as above.

MKG KA-NODE info/tips
Hammer info/tips

1131. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WB8I msys bbs set up help.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-15 18:05:27 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 1130 Message: 1131

Ham radio thrives an real names and QTH's Paul.
And the occasional nick (I'm Skip).

If you get "hacked" the whole community supports finding the hacker.
Mark (MHZ) is going thru that now at another level...

The good news is that the help documents on the site you visit are
usually OK to feel your way around.
At the site you note - WB8I - the sysop is prototyping jnos to supersede
or augment msys so hurry up and learn the msys context on a local
system.
There are multiple networking tools - KA-NODE / NET/ROM / etc., each
with a slightly different "personality".
You probably can't hurt anything - so go play...

On Tue, 2006-08-15 at 15:58 +0000, kd8cbj wrote:
>SNIP<
>
>

73
de Skip k8rra k

1132. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WB8I msys bbs set up help.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-15 20:51:53 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1130 Message: 1132

The term "alias"was throughing me,so would WB8I be a good choice for a "home"bbs or no because it will be changing?

73 KD8CBJ

1133. Founders' Day Picnic

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-15 23:46:59 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1098 Message: 1133

All:

Remember the Founders' Day Picnic on Saturday in the late morning until evening at the MAARC clubhouse. We'll enjoy a pig roast, special event, a special presentation or two, home movies, kids games, tons of fun, perhaps even some ants (or aunts), and a great time celebrating the history of the finest radio club in our part of the country.

It's a $8 pig roast, a pot luck picnic (bring a salad or dessert), and tons of fun.

See you all there!

1134. Great Software For Parts I.D. and More

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-16 12:54:42 UTC
From: KOZAL LAWRENCE J JR
Topic: 1134 Message: 1134

Just put "Electronics Genius" on a second computer - you may have seen the review this spring in the ham magazines. I do a lot of repair work and I don't think you can beat this one. Tubes to surface mount. Check it out, and notice the special ham pricing.

http://www.electronicsgenius.com/index.html

Don't let your laptop burn,

Larry K8PUJ
(not connected with the software or its author in any way)

1135. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WB8I msys bbs set up help.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-16 14:07:01 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1130 Message: 1135

Ok,registering WB8I as home bbs as a starting point.Ka-NODE/NET/ROM/etc.I have no clue,but I'am trying to learn.Thanks "skip".

73 KD8CBJ

1136. more packet help

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-16 14:21:00 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1136 Message: 1136

I have done a mail or two through KC8MSE-1 with WA8EOW,is KC8MSE-1 another BBS,Node,Digi??Is there a flow chart that shows the working relationships?

KD8CBJ thanks

1137. Crimp Tools 4 N Connectors?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-16 23:58:28 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1057 Message: 1137

All:

I'm kicking around the idea of using LMR 400 for feedline. The PolyPhasers seem to all be N connectors. I'll need to crimp on these N connectors.

Does anyone have the tools for the job that I can borrow?

Thanks!

Bill, AB8SC

1138. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Crimp Tools 4 N Connectors?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-17 00:22:57 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 1057 Message: 1138

IOn 08/16/06 07:58 pm Bill Fries wrote:

> All:
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> PolyPhasers seem to all be N connectors. I'll need to crimp on these N
> connectors.
>
> Does anyone have the tools for the job that I can borrow?

If your Polyphasers all have N connectors, it's because that's what you chose to buy. You can buy them with either N or UHF connectors, and you can buy non-crimp N connectors too; doesn't LMR400 take the same connectors as RG8?

73

Alan NV8A

1140. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WB8I msys bbs set up help.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-17 22:21:08 UTC
From: Don LaBrenz
Topic: 1130 Message: 1140

Sorry about the delay getting back to answer your questions.
On the Msys BBS :
N = your first name, were all friends here and It can be looked up in a
callbook.
NQ = your location. City, State
NZ = your Zip or postal code
NH = the BBS where you plan on having most of your packet mail routed
to.(usually a full blown BBS.

You will find a numbe of facilities at this Station
WB8I-2 can be connected to using TCP/IP the IP address is 44.102.134.31
(not accessible from the internet)
WB8I-2 or 49441 in a Netrom Node network node.,
WB8I-7 in a Knode

As someone (Skip I believe), feel free to connect to any of the stations
here. There is nothing to break and its a great way to learn the systems.
You may also see from time to time a WB8I-4, -5, or -6. These are the
Jnos BBS and AX25/TCP/IP gateway.

All of these stations have pretty extensive help files, but if you have
a question about something,do exactly what you are doing ask the questions.

73 de Don, WB8I

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> first,second name?as above.
> bbs info??? as above.
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> MKG KA-NODE info/tips
> Hammer info/tips
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1141. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WB8I msys bbs set up help.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-18 02:33:14 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1130 Message: 1141

Don,thank you for running what is now my "home"bbs.I got this thing about doing things correctly,so let me know if I am not.Is there anything I can do to pitch in?

73 KD8CBJ

1144. Re: Lightning Guide

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-18 12:11:33 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1143 Message: 1144

Al:

er, ah, kinda thanks?

I just waded through much of the stuff on the Poly Phaser site and now you send me a hundred more pages of stuff. TMI?

Actually, the subject is enthralling and the possibilities real. So taking the time to do the job right will help keep all safe.

I got tons of help at Dayton this past May. The Poly Phaser guy really boiled down the material. I'm thinking we need some of this stuff at the clubhouse's shack, too.

TU

Bill

1145. Great Lakes area Friday Night 2m MFSK16 net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-18 21:14:00 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1145 Message: 1145

Here's the weekly reminder that the Great Lakes area Friday Night 2 meter MFSK16 net will be held tonight at 7 PM eastern/6 PM central on 144.150 MHz USB. I will be on frequency well before then, so feel free to throw in your call early. I did get one checkin last week, KB9Q from Big Bend, WI, making it the most successful net ever. Let's see if we can continue this trend!

-Joe, KD8ATU
Grand Haven, Michigan - EN62wx

1146. Re: Great Lakes area Friday Night 2m MFSK16 net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-18 23:51:23 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1145 Message: 1146

Well, this week's net was indeed more successful than last week's. Two checkins: Sherm KB9Q from Big Bend, WI and Jerry KC0HLN from Waterloo, IA. I could hear Jerry but he didn't seem to be able to decode my signal. Guess we'll have to hope conditions are better next time we try. 320 miles is a bit of a stretch for 50 watts. I really need to get an amp one of these days.

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1147. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Lightning Guide

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-19 01:46:07 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1143 Message: 1147

Bill no polyphasers in GR at this time. Maybe in the future.

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2006 8:11 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Lightning Guide

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1148. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Great Lakes area Friday Night 2m MFSK16 net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-19 01:59:09 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1145 Message: 1148

50WATTS 320MILES SIMPLEX NOT BAD AT ALL KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK JOE 73
kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: "Joe Veldhuis" <kd8atu@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>;
<illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com>; <PSK_VHF_UHF_HAMRADIO@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2006 7:51 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Great Lakes area Friday Night 2m MFSK16 net

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> checkins: Sherm KB9Q from Big Bend, WI and Jerry KC0HLN from Waterloo,
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1149. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Great Lakes area Friday Night 2m MFSK16 net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-19 13:59:10 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1145 Message: 1149

Sorry Joe,I don't have any Side Band equip.(yet)so I haven't been able to come out and play on some of your nets.

73 KD8CBJ

1150. Thanks for Founders' Day Picnic

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-19 23:22:10 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1057 Message: 1150

All:

We had a wonderful Founders' Day Picnic event at the MAARC clubhouse. Many, many thanks for everyone's participation and assistance. The food was wonderful and the friendship shared was much better than the food.

Can you get over Al, KV8X's special presentation of memorabilia from W8UCG??!!

We will enjoy the video of the old home movies now on VHS format, too. The goal there is to get some captions and identify a few of the older hams on the tape.

Many thanks to all who came and enjoyed the event. There is already talk of another picnic next summer. Are you in?

Bill, AB8SC

1151. Ohio QSO Party, Saturday, August 26, Noon to Midnight

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-20 02:07:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1151 Message: 1151

The Ohio QSO party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club (MRRC) will be held next weekend, starting Saturday, August 26, at noon EDT, and ending at Midnight EDT. The contest is open to any Amateur Radio Operator. The object is for folks outside the state to contact as many Ohio operators as possible on as many bands as possible.

Full rules are at http://www.oqp.us

I'll be operating with the special event station W8B crew, in BROWN County, Ohio, east of Cincinnati. We'll be operating both phone and CW with two separate stations. A pictorial QSL will be available for SASE. Best possibility between BROWN county and Western Michigan is 40 metres during the daylight hours, and 80/75 metres during the evening. We plan to operate about 5 KHz below the suggested calling frequencies or 3535 7040 KHz CW, 3840 7220 KHz Phone. Frequencies are subject to band conditions, activity, etc.

The MRRC is composed of contest minded hams in Michigan, Ohio, and surrounding states.

CU during the OQP!

73 de n8xx Hg

1153. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Computers...Love 'em, or hate 'em?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-20 16:17:09 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 1152 Message: 1153

You Mark are a wonderful writer.
I pray your piece has satiated your frustration.

On Sun, 2006-08-20 at 15:26 +0100, k8mhz@... wrote:
> To many, I am a 'computer guru'. >>SNIP<< ALL computers crash. It
> is not a matter of if, but of when.

How true...
And there are those of us who have struck out looking for greener
pastures.
I have found it in unix (AKA Linux) where two things seem very true:

1. System failures are reduced to a few percentage points of the
Microsoft alternative
2. Applications live in a world of "microsoft compatible" feature
sets.

On both counts and only for my needs are these two things ranked winner.

If you should care to dabble in alternative environments I would
consider it an honor to be one of your resources.

> What would happen if all or most of the world's computers crashed at
> the same time? Sure, the odds are astronomical, but so are the
> chances of winning the lottery.
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> One minute, life is good. Then 'click'. We find that we have
> upgraded ourselves into oblivion.

Yet - "to upgrade or not to upgrade" is really not a valid question.
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itself not simply using it for the problems we desire to solve.
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> "Arrrgh!!!"
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Well done Mark
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73
de Skip k8rra k

1154. Linux Question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-20 18:29:16 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1154 Message: 1154

I just installed Linux XP on one of my machines. Can anyone tell me how to install a program that wasn't included? I have looked it up on the net, but most folks seem to assume the person asking the question is already familiar with Linux. Maybe I am overcomplicating it.

Andrew

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de Skip k8rra k

1155. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Linux Question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-20 19:06:48 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 1154 Message: 1155

OK Andrew, where did you find Linux XP?
It's a novel naming idea? Is it a renamed Lindows?

On Sun, 2006-08-20 at 14:29 -0400, Andrew Young wrote:
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> I just installed Linux XP on one of my machines. Can anyone tell me
> how to install a program that wasn't included?

Typical Linux systems use RPM, or yum, or other (yes there are more) to
manage software install and upgrade.
If you have found the new software bundled compatible with XP method,
then you are good to go with similar method to system install.
Rather than go thru the options, do you know which management tools are
available?

> I have looked it up on the net, but most folks seem to assume the
> person asking the question is already familiar with Linux.

Yup, the vocabulary is different... If you are OK with making what you
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enough detail on this reflector to allow you to load it...

> Maybe I am overcomplicating it.

I doubt it - more like you need a dictionary?
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73
de Skip k8rra k

1156. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Linux Question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-20 21:35:13 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1154 Message: 1156

Probably. It's just an environment that mimics windows- in appearance only.

----- Original Message -----
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2006 3:06 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Linux Question

OK Andrew, where did you find Linux XP?
It's a novel naming idea? Is it a renamed Lindows?

On Sun, 2006-08-20 at 14:29 -0400, Andrew Young wrote:

☐

I just installed Linux XP on one of my machines. Can anyone tell me how to install a program that wasn't included?

Typical Linux systems use RPM, or yum, or other (yes there are more) to manage software install and upgrade.
If you have found the new software bundled compatible with XP method, then you are good to go with similar method to system install.
Rather than go thru the options, do you know which management tools are available?

I have looked it up on the net, but most folks seem to assume the person asking the question is already familiar with Linux.

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1159. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Linux Question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-21 14:32:09 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 1154 Message: 1159

You peeked my curiosity Andrew...

It's Russian.
Don't misunderstand - I'm OK with Russian products I just don't speak the language.
The WWW is indeed bringing the entire world to your desktop, but you might want to pick something closer to home.
Linux has many distros.
For the advanced user the distro is a trivial issue, but for the newbie the distro needs to be picked for the services you initially want.
The reason for that is exactly what you experienced - loading non-bundled software can have some pitfalls needing tweeking.
Sometimes tweeking is not for the faint-at-heart.
On the flip-side of the coin, installing a distro has become very simple (unlike last year) and some some boot from DVD never loading on the disk at all.

On Sun, 2006-08-20 at 17:35 -0400, Andrew Young wrote:
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Here is a review:

In conclusion, I found Linux XP to be an adequate system for someone with modest requirements, for example perhaps that teenager who wants to im and listen to music but keeps downloading virii, spyware, and trojans or your granny who only wants to write a few letters, email and look at some pics of the grandkids. I see it as an admirable attempt to sway Windows users towards Linux, and I think Linux XP may have accomplished that. It's appearance would not throw any Windows user into a tailspin of confusion. It was an easy install, easy configuration and easy use. I rather liked it for what it was. Although it has all the feel of a commercial product. The only major drawback seems to the the time limit requiring an activation code (I wonder what would happen after 99 boots). For the right market, Linux XP has a definite use. For experienced users, it's a nice novelty to load up, look at, and then boot back to your normal system. I can't see myself switching. But perhaps you know someone who will.

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http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/4207 My read suggests this is not the place to start with custom wants.
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Andrew, what you want to do CAN be done most certainly.
It just may not be the easiest path to get there...

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1160. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Linux Question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-21 23:09:12 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1154 Message: 1160

Skip,

I downloaded a couple of other distributions, including one called "Hamshack Hack," which is Knoppix. I can make a few copies in case anyone wants one. It runs right from the CD ROM.

I guess what I am trying to do is learn Linux, not so much install and forget about it. That's why I want to try to install a few programs. I currently have the Linux XP 2006 Distro installed. It is based on Red Hat.

We can go simplex (direct e-mail) if you want. The frequency is ayoung@...

Spasibo, Comrade VerDuin.

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 10:32 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Linux Question

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1161. Ham Radio Store in Western Michigan?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-22 21:27:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1161 Message: 1161

There was an ad for a new ham radio store when I attended the
Hudsonville Hamfest, but I lost it in the usual ham shack clutter.

Please tell me where to go to get some 450 ohm twin lead which I'll be
needing for the upcoming Ohio QSO Party. I could get it at R&L in
Hamilton, Ohio, but would prefer to support a local vendor.

73 de n8xx Hg

1162. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Ham Radio Store in Western Michigan?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-23 12:03:01 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 1161 Message: 1162

Communications Electronics Supply
530 76th St. S.W., Ste 200
Byron Center, MI 49315
(616) 455-0300
http://www.cesham.com

They did not seem to have a whole lot of stuff when I was there a month
or two back. Whether they have 450 Ohm twin lead I have no idea.

73

Alan NV8A

On 08/22/06 05:27 pm Hank Greeb wrote:

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> Hamilton, Ohio, but would prefer to support a local vendor.

1163. MiQP Results Feature W8ZHO!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-23 12:52:41 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1152 Message: 1163

Hey, we made the "cut" and are mentioned in the results of the Michigan QSO Party!

Visit: http://www.miqp.org/MiQP_2006.htm

I'm very sorry, but I don't remember which hams helped to make this happen. Awfully sorry!

1164. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MiQP Results Feature W8ZHO!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-23 13:43:00 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 1152 Message: 1164

Bill,

There was atleast three for sure. AB8SC, KC8MDL & W8AMZ and maybe others but I don't have any further info.

W8AMZ

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1165. Priceless memories for $5.00

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-23 15:00:12 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1165 Message: 1165

Heading home from Founders Day with my 6year old,my "Yard Sale" proximity alert went off.Doing the slow drive by scan,somthing caught my eye.It was an 8 channel add a crystal Regency Monitoradio/executive scanner.With son in tow I paid the $5.00 and got to do the"dad had one of these when I was younger".Now all's I need is a 23ch.Jonhson base and a GRR-5 and I can be back at 16.Minus the acne please.

73 KD8CBJ

1168. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Priceless memories for $5.00

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-23 17:00:42 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1165 Message: 1168

Thanks Mark,I failed to mention it does work I have gotten RX on two channels.All 8 of those little light bulbs cascade away like it was 1976.And yes I have switched off 6 of the channels to make the last two go realy fast.

73 KD8CBJ

1169. Re: Ham Radio Store in Western Michigan?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-23 18:03:59 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 1161 Message: 1169

--- They need to learn about how to treat their customers. They are
not customer friendly. I will not shop there again>
Paul

In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Alan NV8A <nv8a@...> wrote:
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> Alan NV8A
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> > Hamilton, Ohio, but would prefer to support a local vendor.
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1170. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Ham Radio Store in Western Michigan?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-23 20:19:56 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 1161 Message: 1170

Although in a business like that there should never be a bad day from the customer's point of view... just wondering if you did catch them on a bad day. They were very friendly and helpful when I stopped by to visit. Not contradicting you, Paul - just hoping your experience isn't the norm. Just goes to show how important those first impressions are - especially in a business like this.
73,
Jon AB8RD

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1171. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Ham Radio Store in Western Michigan?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-24 04:49:32 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1161 Message: 1171

I have been there 2 times and have had a good experence. The store is a little small but each time I have went they seam to have more inventory. I hope they move to a bigger location and are able to stock more items.

----- Original Message -----
From: Jon Plyler
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2006 4:19 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Ham Radio Store in Western Michigan?

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1172. Re: MiQP Results Feature W8ZHO!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-24 12:36:36 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1152 Message: 1172

Tom:

I was going to guess those call signs. I distinctly remember having a wonderful time working that contest. We had fun!

Congratulations to you and Chuck. Very nice that we were "featured" in the results. I've done a few contests but never placed or showed. Wonderful!

Bill

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1173. POSTMARK KATRINA ON WEATHER CHANNEL]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-24 23:02:31 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1173 Message: 1173

All
This looks like a good show to watch about Ham's. Tom

'Postmark KATRINA' will air on the Weather Channel, Sunday and Monday August 27 and 28 at 7:00 P.M. Central Time. 'Postmark Katrina' Produced by Les Rayburn, N1LF, is a Weather Channel one hour special that tells the story of a service by Ham Radio to restore critical mail service to the battered Gulf Coast area in the wake of Katrina.

Rayburn and his crew were fully embedded with Federal Law Enforcement Officers from the U.S. Postal Service Enforcement Agency within hours of Katrina making landfall. Critical High Frequency Communications for the National Communications System SHARES, was provided.

This program is recommended viewing for Ham Radio Operators.

Thanks to
Jim N2ZZ
ARRL Section Manager
South Carolina Section

1174. WEAVER'S WORDS -- BACK-TO-SCHOOL EDITION

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-25 03:14:17 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1174 Message: 1174

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 9:15 PM
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- BACK-TO-SCHOOL EDITION

> (As always, send replies or questions for this issue to k8je@....
> The ARRL reflector that sends these newsletters to you is outgoing,
> only. Messages sent to me back through it are lost in the hinterland.
> I don't want to miss any of your messages.)
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> - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
> - OHIO QSO PARTY
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> - 2007 GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION
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> - NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE
> - MY BACK
> - FINAL NOTE
>
> BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
>
> By now I imagine that you have seen the synopsis of the minutes from
> the January Board of Directors meeting. Board Secretary Dave Sumner,
> K1ZZ, published this online. If you have questions concerning the
> results of this meeting, please let me know. I'll be happy to discuss
> these with you.
>
> OHIO QSO PARTY
>
> You may also already know that the Ohio QSO Party is this Saturday,
> August 26. The time is listed as from 1600z-0400z. OQP rules can be
> found at www.oqp.us. I hope to work many of you.
>
> DIVISION MEMBER ELECTED TO QCWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
>
> GLD member Tony Hirsch, W8RSH of Worthington, OH has been elected to
> the Board of Directors of the Quarter Century Wireless Association.
>
> 2007 GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION
>
> GLD Division Convention Chairman Gary Johnston, KI4LA, has announced
> the next biannual convention will be in Cleveland, OH on September 22,
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> 2007. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, will be the main speaker at
> the banquet and will be seen at other events of the day as well as at
> the Cleveland Hamfest on September 23. This will be Pres. Harrison's
> first visit to the Great Lakes Division and Ohio.
>
> A word about convention site selection: As the Director for all three
> states in the Great Lakes Division, I am very interested in having the
> biannual Division conventions move around to give all of our members a
> good opportunity to participate in them. The 2007 offering will be the
> third since these conventions resumed. So far, offers to host the
> conventions have come only from Ohio clubs. With Ohio being my adopted
> home state, I have no personal problem with having every convention in
> Ohio. On the other hand, as your Director I would be very pleased to
> have Kentucky and Michigan clubs step forward to host future
> conventions. If your group would like to be considered as the sponsor
> for the 2009 convention, please contact Gary Johnston, KI4LA at
> ki4la@... to learn the requirements.
>
> PHILLIPS RE-ELECTED OHIO SM
>
> In case you've not heard this, yet, Joe Phillips, K8QOE, of Fairfield,
> OH was re-elected Ohio Section Manager by a good margin. Joe was
> opposed this year by Mark Erman, N8ME of London, OH. The two
> candidates fought a vigorous, ethical campaign that brought out a
> record vote. Good job, guys. Thanks for your interest in making ARRL
> work.
>
> FCC ISSUES FINAL RULE ON BPL
>
> The FCC has issued its final rules on BPL. In doing this, it denied
> the petitions ARRL and others had filed for further review and
> reconsideration. The League is reviewing possible actions it may take
> to continue the battle against rules that inappropriately favor the BPL
> industry. A summary of the FCC action can be found at
> http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/E6
-13967.pdf.
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> AMATEUR RADIO IN THE AFTERMATH OF KATRINA
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> and Monday August 27 and 28 at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time. "Postmark
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> critical mail service to the battered Gulf Coast area in the wake of
> Katrina.
>
> NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

>
> As I reported to you some time back, the Board of Directors established
> an ad hoc National Emergency Response Planning Committee (NERPC). Vice
> President Kay Craigie, N3KN, chairs this Committee. The charge given
> the Committee was to review the events related to Amateur Radio support
> following Hurricane Katrina and to determine just what actions should
> be taken to improve the service given by amateurs. Means for improving
> an immediate-response effort by hams is a key aspect being considered
> by the group.
>
> It is too early to report on this Herculean task, but substantial
> progress is being made. A report of the results to date of the
> Committee work will be made later this year.
>
> The Committee consists of key workers in the ARRL Field Organization
> (experienced SMs, etc.), select personnel from HQ and Vice President
> Craigie.
>
> MY BACK
>
> I don't want to belabor the point, but the surgery on my lower (lumbar)
> back was done a week ago. Everything seems to be fine. I have no pain
> in my legs, which is the problem I had been having. At this time, I'm
> told to keep my back (and the rest of me) out of cars, so I am not
> traveling even on short trips. I expect to be able to resume my normal
> schedule late this year. Thanks to the many of you who expressed your
> good wishes to me.
>
> FINAL NOTE
>
> My not-so-old, but obsolete-when-it-hit-the-shelf laptop finally went
> south down the information highway. After having put a new hard drive
> into it and paid to have data retrieved from the original hard drive a
> short time ago, the motherboard and some other things gave out. I
> prevailed on our very computer-literate son to help select a new laptop
> and ended up with a very nice one at modest price. The only problem I
> now face is that our son decided I need a 17-inch screen. So much for
> the nice leather computer bag I had been using. It is too small. The
> search for a replacement bag for a screen this large isn't very simple
> at least from what I've seen in my online searches so far. Such trials
> and tribulations! Hi!
>
> 73, CUL,
>
> Jim
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> Great Lakes Division, ARRL
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040

> Tel. 513-459-0142; E-mail k8je@...
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

1175. Re: [WestMichiganHams] POSTMARK KATRINA ON WEATHER CHANNEL]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-25 13:36:22 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1173 Message: 1175

Thanks Tom for the heads up.

According the The Weather Channel's Website, The program runs at 8PM ET. Note the e-mail said 7PM CENTRAL TIME. Its part of the Storm Stories series. It's not clear from their listing if the program is 30 minutes repeated immediately or if it's two parts run in succession.

Jack NY8D

----- Message from kb8vee@... ---------
Date: Thu, 24 Aug 2006 19:02:31 -0400
From: Tom VanderMel <kb8vee@...>
Reply-To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] POSTMARK KATRINA ON WEATHER CHANNEL]
To: West Michigan Hams <westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com>

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----- End message from kb8vee@... -----

1176. Great Lakes area Friday night 2 meter MFSK16 net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-25 16:23:17 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1176 Message: 1176

Like usual, the Great Lakes area Friday night 2 meter MFSK16 net will be held tonight at 7 PM eastern/6 PM central on 144.150 USB. I'm pretty sure that everyone on these lists who cares is well aware of it, so I will probably not post weekly reminders anymore. In other words, it's up to you to spread the word!

-Joe, KD8ATU
Grand Haven, Michigan - EN62wx

1177. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Great Lakes area Friday night 2 meter MFSK16 net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-25 23:37:49 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1176 Message: 1177

Well, this week's net went fairly well. 2 checkins, Jerry KC0HLN from Waterloo, IA at about 320 miles (strong signal!) and Mike KC9DOA from Fond du Lac, WI at about 120 miles. Nothing was heard from Brian N2MLP, we'd need a lot more enhancement than we had this evening to make the 600 mile trip between here and east PA.

Thanks to all who dropped in, hope to see even more of you next week!
-Joe, KD8ATU
Grand Haven, Michigan - EN62wx

1179. Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-27 19:14:32 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1178 Message: 1179

Just a minor correction: it was created by JARL. Icom was just the first
to market with gear for it.

-Joe, KD8ATU

k8mhz@... wrote:
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> Stay tuned for more info.

1180. Fw: [emwin-users] FYI - APRS server problems

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-28 10:41:20 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1180 Message: 1180

Information for those of you using APRS.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: Steve Fleckenstein
To: OC_NY_ARES_RACES_SKYWARN@yahoogroups.com ; AR-TOWARS@yahoogroups.com ;
emwin-users@yahoogroups.com ; eny_ec_ro@yahoogroups.com ; ENY-ECOM ;
NY_SKYWARN@yahoogroups.com ; RACES@yahoogroups.com ; tri-stateara@yahoogroups.com ;
USA_Skywarn@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2006 06:07
Subject: [emwin-users] FYI - APRS server problems

fyi

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: User Notice
Date: Mon, 28 Aug 2006 02:15:00 -0000
From: <SERVICE@...>

ALL USER NOTICE, August 28, 2008

For those who are inquiring, according to the Administration of APRS,
The APRS position reporting linkage between two APRS servers is down,
and Ernesto is aimed directly at toward the area where the servers are
located,
so no time for computer debugging. Force the browser to connect to
the second
server by changing www.findu.com to www2.findu.com,
e.g http://www2.findu.com/cgi-bin/winlink.cgi?k4hg"

As another option, the Winlink 2000 position reporting system may be
used from
http://www.winlink.org/positions/PosReports.aspx .

Steve, k4cjx, aaa9ac,
>From the Winlink Development Team

1182. Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-28 13:47:55 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1178 Message: 1182

So our radios will operate similar to Nextel phones with that cool screechy sound quality, really loud beeps on transmit, and packet losses?

Awesome!

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2006 1:57 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star

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1184. UI-VIEW32

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-08-29 13:27:12 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1184 Message: 1184

Need server site to enter in UI-VIEW32(down load APRS server list)

KD8CBJ

1185. Tennessee QSO Party 10 September 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-01 20:52:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1185 Message: 1185

If folks aren't at Findlay Hamfest, and if they're not too worn
out from working at the Grand Rapids Hamfest, they might wish to
try the Tennessee QSO party on the 10th.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [MiQP-Mail] TQP is 9/10!
Date: Fri, 1 Sep 2006 15:43:01 -0400
From: Steve Murphy <murphys@...>
To: MiQP Reflector <MiQP-Mail@...>

Just a reminder, the Tennessee Contest Group is sponsoring the Tennesse
QSO Party on September 10th. I'll be QRV for the contest from semi-rare
(medium-rare?) Campbell County.

Hope to hear you all (I probably should say "Ya'll") in the contest!

Rules: www.k4ro.net/tcg/tqp/tqp06_rules.html
<http://www.k4ro.net/tcg/tqp/tqp06_rules.html>

73 GL de Steve N8NM

1187. Re: UI-VIEW32

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-02 10:40:14 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1184 Message: 1187

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "kd8cbj" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
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> Need server site to enter in UI-VIEW32(down load APRS server list)
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strike this post,got it
KD8CBJ

1188. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Why I love Hamsexy.com...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-02 14:50:07 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1186 Message: 1188
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

All:

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1190. BroadBand Connection

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-04 03:01:03 UTC
From: muskegonjimquay
Topic: 1190 Message: 1190

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1191. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Why I love Hamsexy.com...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-04 02:59:03 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 1186 Message: 1191
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi, I also attended Dayton Hamvention 2006, and I also documented that same red vehicle, with all the antennas. I shot a digital 8 segment, from several different vantage points, as I was standing in line, waiting for the shuttle bus. I would be glad to share the footage with you if you have any desire. Gary / KD8AZM Kentwood, MI.

k8mhz@... wrote: Yes Bill, that is the car!

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From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, September 02, 2006 15:50
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Why I love Hamsexy.com...

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1197. Re: [WestMichiganHams] BroadBand Connection

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-04 16:20:28 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1190 Message: 1197

If you get an amp, make sure it is a bidirectional one. I may help if your signal is low.

----- Original Message -----
From: muskegonjimquay
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2006 11:01 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] BroadBand Connection

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1198. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Emailing: 3525246

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-04 15:24:15 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1194 Message: 1198

Mark,

I hope you noticed the date of the article is over a year old. As of this time there has been NO progress made to implement this system in my area (Cedar Creek Township). The original time table called for my area to have service by the January 2006. I wouldn't hold my breath waiting for it to show up in your area.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2006 10:13
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Emailing: 3525246

Some info on the upcoming WiFi system for Muskegon County:

http://www.wi-fiplanet.com/columns/article.php/3525246

Note: To protect against computer viruses, e-mail programs may prevent sending or receiving certain types of file attachments. Check your e-mail security settings to determine how attachments are handled.

1199. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Why I love Hamsexy.com...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-04 16:37:16 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1186 Message: 1199
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I doubt the engine keeps running very well even with all the radios off. Did you get a good look at that heap?

Judjing by the workmanship, I doubt the oil gets changed more than once a year.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2006 10:23 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Why I love Hamsexy.com...

That is one of the most photographed cars in history, I'll bet! It has been on Hamsexy a couple times now. The piece de la resistance was the photos of the inside.

I don't know how legal having all that stuff on the dash is. Rumors are that he now has 44 antennas on the car. And lest we forget the yellow flasher and the remote controlled spotlight on the roof.

I was wondering the other day if, by coincedence, traffic was to come on all the radios at the same time so the alternator would have to keep up with draw from all the speakers. Do you think the engine would keep running?

Pictures can be uploaded to the Photos section of the group. I don't think anyone has used this feature yet so let me know if you have any problems with it.

73

Mark K8MHZ

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1203. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WiFi Polarization

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-04 18:39:51 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1201 Message: 1203

Every access point/router/unit with an external antenna I have ever seen
has used vertical polarization, though it seems that the PCMCIA cards
must be using horizontal antennae. Vertical is probably the preferred
polarization.

-Joe, KD8ATU

Al Pepping wrote:
> Anyone know if there is a "standard" protocol for what type of
> polarization is used for WiFi antenna systems?
>
> KV8X

1204. Re: BroadBand Connection

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-04 19:30:29 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 1190 Message: 1204

Those which Radio Shack sells will also work. I had to do the same last August after suffering numerous losses shortly after signing up for broadband from Comcast in June of last year. I have had zero issues since installing the amp. Within the last two weeks I also purchased and installed an APC broadband cable line surge supressor, which I installed at the main line coming into the house instead of at just the modem point and have also not had any issues.

Scott
KD8CMK

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> Mark "KD8BIG"
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1214. Another way to check propagation

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-06 14:22:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1214 Message: 1214

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [Dial] Did you know about this?
Date: Wed, 06 Sep 2006 09:39:10 -0400
From: K8CM <K8CM@...>
To: dial@...

*
From: Dial Radio Club email list
*

A recent posting on e-ham (http://www.eham.net/articles/14660)
describes 60-some receivers, around the world, and accessible via the Internet.

Interesting concept.

73 <> Carl

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Dial mailing list
Dial@...
http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/dial

1217. Internet Connection

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-06 16:33:34 UTC
From: wingerham
Topic: 1217 Message: 1217

There is a third alternative to Comcast and Verizon. A company out of GR has two wireless ports in the Muskegon area. I have been using them for years and it works great. They use a secure Ghz connection. They installed a Yagi that looks at one of their two towers. One is on Lorin Industries building on Roberts near Laketon and the other is just south of Craig's Cruisers on Pontaluna Rd. These towers have an effective radius of 4 miles. However, most hams have a tower to mount the Yagi on, so you could go further.

They have several plans to choose from. There is an intitial connection fee. It is for the special router and antenna system. I understand they are hooked directly into several T10 lines. I know we have a very fast connection and it isn't loaded up like Comcast can get.

Here is there web address: http://www.wmiswireless.com/

Other than being a customer, I have no affilation with them

Ross
N8GMY

1218. Re: [WestMichiganHams] BroadBand Connection

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-06 16:45:41 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 1190 Message: 1218

Hi Mark,

Your problem should be soon taken care of. I contacted a friend of mine, a senior technician at Comcast. He is now looking into getting your problem corrected, If there is anybody at Comcast that can do it he can.
As for amplifiers, that?s issue. At no time should it be necessary to put in an amplifier. They legally obligated to provide enough signal to maintain a minimum of 0db at each device such as TV, modem for total of four devices. We always tried to provide 8-12db at the ground block. Should the customer need to run more devices then they have to provide for that by law also. Now, unfortunately a large number of the technicians there do not have the understanding for RF like we do. But there are a few that do.

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73?
Tom W8AMZ

StraitMD4@... wrote: Hi Al, My computer is connected directly to the cable. Got rid of splitters in the line and the signal still comes and goes.
KD8BIG

---------- Original message ----------
From: "Al Pepping"
Hi Mark..... Not surprising. The overwhelming problem in these cases is lack of adequate signal at the point it comes into your home. CATV signals appear to come in OK, but broadband high speed data, signal levels need to be at a higher level above the noise floor. Comcast appears to be deficient in attaining this level in many cases. Good luck in getting them to admit the flaw is on their end. One question : is your computer connection direct into the 10/100 card from the cable or are you using wireless at 2.4 gHz. thru a router???? KV8X

-------Original Message-------

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Date: 09/05/06 15:13:14
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] BroadBand Connection

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wise .
73's
Mark "KD8BIG"

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1220. "DXing" on WiFi/802.11b

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-06 17:15:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1220 Message: 1220

It's been proven that 2.4 GHz 802.11b can be heard "barefoot" (300 milliwatts or less) over a 125 mile path, as long as it's line of sight and no atmospheric absorption from humidity, etc. See http://tinyurl.com/eawpa Of course, they were using 3 metre (9 feet) or larger dishes, which is impractical for most installations in Michigan.

These folks gave presentations at the SW Ohio Digital Symposium in 2005 and 2006 - they're very sharp cookies.

They say the folks who use cantennae don't really understand antenna theory nor practice. Most any parabolic reflector is orders of magnitude better than cantennae.

73 de n8xx Hg

========= Original Message follows ==========

Re: WiFi Polarization
Posted by: "k8mhz@..." k8mhz@... k8mhz
Tue Sep 5, 2006 1:38 pm (PST)
Al,

I found some plans for the SBA. The predicted gain is 14dBi.

It does not look very hard to construct. The material is copper and may be pricey but there is a metal shop here in town that stocks it and will sell cuts.

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2006 14:56
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] WiFi Polarization

Yes,

Plans and info for the SBA would be interesting.

I don't really know what the range of the Cantenna is. 15 miles is very doubtful.

With the new MiMAX coming to other townships first I would like to try a little DXing then.

----- Original Message -----
From: Al Pepping

To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2006 04:11
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] WiFi Polarization

The cantenna is what I had in mind....with a little variation. Back in the 60's a physicist working with the USAF developed a unique antenna called the SBA, or short backfire antenna. It works on the same principle as the cantenna, but picture a cookie tin used as the waveguide as opposed to a coffee can. It has a larger diameter and less depth than a coffee can. From what I've read so far, the SBA is a big hit with the WiFi group in Europe. I'll pass along a couple of links from the IEEE group with photos and such if you are interested.
What distances have you covered with the cantenna design so far?? My radio range is roughly 15 miles at 2.4 gHz, and I have multi mode RX capability on that band . Just need to build an antenna, hoist it up 80 feet and see what we can hear. This could prove very interesting !!!
KV8X

-------Original Message-----
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From: k8mhz@...
Date: 09/04/06 21:23:37
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] WiFi Polarization

May I suggest a Cantenna? Mine works well as a waveguided directional.

Parts are 1 coffee can, 1 chassis mount PL259 connector, a piece of #12 solid wire 1.21 inches long, four screws, a 1/4x20 nut and some electrical tape. Fits nicely on my camera tripod.

----- Original Message -----
From: Al Pepping
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2006 20:12
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] WiFi Polarization

Vertical it is by popular consensus.... Now to build the antenna.......KV8X

-------Original Message-------

From: Joe Veldhuis
Date: 09/04/06 14:43:20
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] WiFi Polarization

Every access point/router/unit with an external antenna I have ever seen has used vertical polarization, though it seems that the PCMCIA cards must be using horizontal antennae. Vertical is probably the preferred polarization.

-Joe, KD8ATU

Al Pepping wrote:
> Anyone know if there is a "standard" protocol for what type of
> polarization is used for WiFi antenna systems?
>
> KV8X

1221. Re: [WestMichiganHams] BroadBand Connection

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-07 01:31:16 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1190 Message: 1221

Hi all,
I would like to thank you all for the advice and help you have given me . I'm hoping to have uninterrupted service soon .
73's
Mark "KD8BIG"

---------- Original message ----------
From: Tom Nickisch <w8amz@...>
Hi Mark,

Your problem should be soon taken care of. I contacted a friend of mine, a senior technician at Comcast. He is now looking into getting your problem corrected, If there is anybody at Comcast that can do it he can.
As for amplifiers, that?s issue. At no time should it be necessary to put in an amplifier. They legally obligated to provide enough signal to maintain a minimum of 0db at each device such as TV, modem for total of four devices. We always tried to provide 8-12db at the ground block. Should the customer need to run more devices then they have to provide for that by law also. Now, unfortunately a large number of the technicians there do not have the understanding for RF like we do. But there are a few that do.

Scott Christmas will be checking into this, he may not be the one coming out, but he will follow up and see that it gets resolved. He is stuck working in the head-in for the next few weeks.

I have been instructed to give you or anyone else that may be having this problem his direct Nextel number. You or anybody else who needs his number can give me a call @ 231-767-1095 and will be happy to pass it on.
They actually do want the problem fixed, they realize the competition is coming.

73?
Tom W8AMZ

StraitMD4@... wrote:
Hi all ,

The Tech showed up . Went through every thing I did . Not wanting to believe that I checked everything and that I had a suggestion to a remedy. She packed up and left.
I'm Still having problems . She had no idea what to do .
She did call Dennis Berens. He is on vacation this week . She said they will have another tech come out tomorrow.
This is the kind of service I've been dealing with from Comcast.
Anyway, I would like to thank you all for your help and suggestions.
I guess I'll see what they do tomorrow. Maybe time to go to Verizon.
One would think I deserve a discount for bad service.
73's
Mark
"KD8BIG"

---------- Original message ----------
From:
If you get a good tech out there the problem will be fixed.

My situation was noise coming from the lines messing with my 2 meter rigs. Ted Hawk came out first and could not find the problem. Rather than give up he contacted another tech, Dennis Berens N8VWH. I assisted Dennis using my trusty fox hunt gear and we found the source. After it was corrected Ted called my cell phone and left me his number to call him if I had any more problems.

Better advise....hold off broadband until we get our WiFi service in Muskegon.

----- Original Message -----
From: Al Pepping
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2006 13:55
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] BroadBand Connection

Hi Mark....welcome to the crowd. I live on a "fringe" leg of Comcast, and had them out to check their end and everything was OK. The best solution is to go down and buy yourself a preamplifier, but you have to make sure it is "Bidirectional".. meaning it will allow commands you send from your computer to get back to the net. I bought mine, an RCA model DT100M at best Buy and paid around 30 dollars for it. Not only will it have enough gain to support multiple computers, it will get rid of the "fuzzy channel" syndrome as well. I have not had problem one with connecting after I installed this preamp. Best advise....dont bother with Comcast...it's a waist of time.
This is a sure fix. I guarantee it..... KV8X

-------Original Message-------

From: muskegonjimquay
Date: 09/03/06 23:01:19
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] BroadBand Connection

Over the last few weeks I have had problems with the signal to my
cable modem . I lose the signal to my modem but still have my
digital cable .
I have all new cabal "18 awg " and have eliminated splitters . I
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1222. Re: Great Lakes area Friday night 2 meter MFSK16 net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-07 02:07:46 UTC
From: kc8dei
Topic: 1176 Message: 1222

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote:
>
> Well, this week's net went fairly well. 2 checkins, Jerry KC0HLN from
> Waterloo, IA at about 320 miles (strong signal!) and Mike KC9DOA from
> Fond du Lac, WI at about 120 miles. Nothing was heard from Brian N2MLP,
> we'd need a lot more enhancement than we had this evening to make the
> 600 mile trip between here and east PA.
>
> Thanks to all who dropped in, hope to see even more of you next week!
> -Joe, KD8ATU
> Grand Haven, Michigan - EN62wx
>

Joe,

Are you going to try and hold a net Friday (Sep. 8th)? If so, I'll
try and check-in. I assume 144.150MHz +1500Hz means a 144.150MHz dial
frequency with the audio centered at 1500Hz.

Mark Moss, KC8DEI

1223. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Great Lakes area Friday night 2 meter MFSK16 net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-07 02:30:14 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1176 Message: 1223

Yep, I've been doing it every Friday for over 2 months now, and now that I'm actually getting checkins I don't plan to stop! You are correct, the net is on a dial frequency of 144.150 MHz and audio at 1500 Hz (actual frequency 144.1515 MHz). Hope to hear you on there.

-Joe, KD8ATU

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> try and check-in. I assume 144.150MHz +1500Hz means a 144.150MHz dial
> frequency with the audio centered at 1500Hz.

1225. Re: Internet Connection

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-07 13:07:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1217 Message: 1225

There's a fourth alternative.

If your area is "stuck" on dialup, and/or if you're cheep, and live in what is considered a "rural" area of Western Michigan, UTMI (http://www.utmi.net) offers 384K DSL on top of their inexpensive telephone service (typically cheaper than the local telephone companies). I'm paying $9.95 per month for (384K bps) DSL on top of $29.95 per month for local phone service including call waiting. There's the usual FCC fees and taxes, of course.

They're not perfect, but since we don't have cable at this address,and the cable company won't run 1/2 mile of cable for only 2 or 3 subscribers, this is a much better solution than tying up a phone line at a higher cost.

It's available in most parts of western Michigan - I don't know the details of their coverage area.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "wingerham" <N8GMY@...> wrote:
>
> There is a third alternative to Comcast and Verizon. <snip>

1227. Re: [WestMichiganHams] "DXing" on WiFi/802.11b

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-07 16:02:58 UTC
From: Al Pepping
Topic: 1220 Message: 1227
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This message has been processed by Symantec's AntiVirus Technology.

Unknown00000000.data was not scanned for viruses because too many nested levels of files were found.

For more information on antivirus tips and technology, visit
http://ses.symantec.com/

1228. Feidaxin FD-150A/450A

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 01:17:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1228 Message: 1228

Has anyone heard anything about the Feidaxin FD-150A/450A Programmable Handheld Radio? These are currently being sold on e-Bay from store in Hong Kong, Australia, and perhaps elsewhere. They're made in China, sell for about $60 including shipping from e-Bay stores. Since I haven't seen them in any QST write-up, I wonder if they are type accepted for US Ham use. There's one review by a ham in France on e-ham.

Perhaps China is making a run to be a low cost supplier of VHF and UHF radios?

The link for the description on e-Bay is http://tinyurl.com/hbtcm

73 de n8xx Hg

1230. Re: "DXing" on WiFi/802.11b

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 02:58:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1220 Message: 1230

I seem to attract more flames than anything else. I guess I'll give up and slink away from this "know it all" conference, which seems to be antagonistic to ideas which aren't congruent with the self-styled "leaders."

I would counsel the folks who are receptive enough to ideas to research their subjects of interest using internet searches via google.com, yahoo.com, kartoo.com, ask.com, or other search engines. A bit of research can result in considerably less dead ends and less frustration.

(But, then the above may bring more flames, so, I won't say more.)

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> "They say the folks who use cantennae don't really understand antenna theory nor practice."
>
> I say the sharp cookies in SW Ohio don't even understand how to spell common English words! There, one sweeping generalization deserves another.
>
> (The plural form of a radio antenna is antennas. Antennae is plural for what a bug uses to sense the surrounding environment.)
>
> This user of a Cantenna understands that the total cost of the project was about 3 dollars as the only purchased part needed was an SO 239. The project can be made in less than an hour. The Cantenna is a waveguide and does not have the gain of a parabolic. The construction of a true parabolic requires the correct shape reflector with the driven element in a precise location and is difficult to construct from discarded materials. Once constructed it requires some bracketing on the outside of the reflector for a mount. All the Cantenna requires is a 1/4-20 nut taped to the outside of the can and it can be nicely situated on a camera tripod.
>
> The Cantenna is very cheap and easy to construct and shows an estimated 3 dB gain over a dipole and has directivity and a decent front to back ratio. The best bang for the buck as far as directional 2.4 Ghz antennas go. Sure, much higher gain is possible but can it be done in a few minutes for a few bucks? The Cantenna is so easy to build it could probably be done expeditiously.
>
> I know that the distance record for 2.4 gig is considerable. They

were using CW if I remember. That distance is not achievable with broadband data transfer, I suspect.
>
> So, who really knows antenna theory and practice? Very few, and I doubt they congregate in Ohio. Many are not even hams.
>
> Any individual can bolster their knowledge about antennas by building them and using them. A very good place to start for 2.4 gig is the Cantenna.
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ

1232. Satellite Tracking Software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 04:32:23 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1232 Message: 1232

Hi All,
I'm venturing off into the world of Satellite . I have been working satellites through-out the summer when I have had the energy and ambition . What fun it is . I'm still learning and trying to make continuous contacts.
I currently use the NOVA program offered by NLSA. I also have the AMSAT program .
I was wondering if there was a better program to use . It seems that there should be better graphics than what I have . It would be nice to have the global view with current weather .

I have had good cable connection today . I never lost signal strength today . Maybe Comcast got the job done . Again thank you all for the help .
W8AMZ , Please let Scott Christmas know this for me and tell him thanks for the help .
73's
Mark "KD8BIG"

1233. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Satellite Tracking Software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 11:08:02 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1232 Message: 1233

Orbitron,free, a few maps.It is "cardware"Sebastian just want a post card showing local stuff.Orbitron had the closest tracking of SuitSat earlyer this year.Go to the post card list,pg11,see your truly listed.

73 KD8CBJ

It
was cheaper to mail a menella envelope with 2 post card,and map of Mi. to Poland,than to mail it to Grand Rapids.

1234. On the hill,not yet over

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 11:52:39 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1234 Message: 1234

My QTH is on a hill.One of those 20min.popcorn storms the other day flooded my garage.Michigan,gota love it.Hill or not the important stuff (generator,freezer---)were already on 4x4 vertical orientation adjusters.

73 KD8CBJ

1235. Re: "DXing" on WiFi/802.11b

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 15:13:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1220 Message: 1235

The theory and practice of building a parabolic antenna is documentd quite well.

Get hold of a recent or perhaps not so recent Antenna Book or VHF manual from the ARRL. My last one of each is dated in the 80's, so I can't speak for the newer one, but one or both of those books described how to make a parabolic reflector, the tolerances and grid spacing (if you use a mesh type reflector) which were recommended for various wavelengths, and recommended construction techniques. Since memory fades, this may have been for 432 MHz moonbounce work, with large ground based parabolas, but the theory presented should be valid.

I'm sure a search of back issues of QST, the index for which is available on the web to ARRL members, would turn up articles on the subject also. RSGB produces several antenna publications, though my library contained only one of them concerning inexpensive HF wire antennae. Nothing popped out whe I did a cusory glance at their on line store.

Andy Meng, N8MX, one of the fellows who helped set the WiFi record, says they found Direct TV and/or Dish parabolas in their search. Perhaps a note to him might give you hints of how to find them.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Hank,
>
> Sorry to hear you thought my post was intended as a flame, it was not although some self defense may have been evident.
>
> My initial response was based upon my research on the Internet as you suggested. The Cantenna was a result of that research. I built it and use it regularly. My comments about the parabolic were also based upon the type of research you suggested.
>
> I have considered using discarded Direct TV dishes to build a parbolic but have not come across one yet. I don't have the ability to construct a true parabolic reflector as I have no way of forming the parabola. If you do please share it with us.
>
> Instead of 'giving up' how about building a parabolic so we can compare it to a short backfire or a waveguide and have a reasonable assessment of cost and effort vs. gain? The short backfire looks

like it can be constructed without having to deal with complex curves, the same as the waveguide but requires raw materials instead of discards. The predicted gain however is considerable at 14 dB.
>
> I have already built a Cantenna. Al KV8X and I are both interested in the short backfire design and you should see a prototype soon, why not join us and produce a parabolic to help round out the effort?
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ

1236. HIGH SWR WITH G5RV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 15:35:56 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1236 Message: 1236

Good day everyone.
I put up a brand new G5RV a few weeks ago. It is horizontal and about 45 - 50feet in the air. I hooked up brand new coax and connectors and I get a SWR that is to high for the antenna tuner to work with. I have tried RG8 and RG213 as well as changed up the length of coax. I also made a air balun. Still a high SWR. I have redid the connectors twice and no luck. MFJ said it is my coax or my connectors and it could not possible be a defective antenna.
Here are the readings I am getting on my MFJ269 when it is connected to the coax that is connected to the G5RV
3.85-4.00 average of 9.5:1
7.225-7.3 average of 1.5:1 This is the only decent reading!
14.225-14.350 average of 4:1
18.11-18.168 average of 7:1
21.3-21.450 average of 7:1
24.930-990 average of 5:1
28.3-29.7 average of 7:1

Anybody have suggestions? Better yet, anyone available to come out and take a look to see if I am messing something up?

Thank you
Doc, KD8BGQ

1237. Reminder: Great Lakes area MFSK16 net tonight

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 15:44:40 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1237 Message: 1237

7 pm eastern/6 pm central on 144.150 USB. Didn't have any checkins last week, probably since everyone was tied up with various Labor Day festivities. Hopefully that won't be the case tonight!

-Joe, KD8ATU
Grand Haven, MI - EN62wx

1240. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Feidaxin FD-150A/450A

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 16:30:40 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1228 Message: 1240

Hank,

Amateur Radio doesn't need type-acceptance. You can build your own radio or modify anything to transmit in our bands as long as you follow the rules for maximum bandwidth, power, and such.

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: West Michigan Hams
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2006 9:17 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Feidaxin FD-150A/450A

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Perhaps China is making a run to be a low cost supplier of VHF and UHF radios?

The link for the description on e-Bay is http://tinyurl.com/hbtcm

73 de n8xx Hg

1241. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Feidaxin FD-150A/450A

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 16:32:28 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1228 Message: 1241

If it works on Amateur bands and works well, then I'd give one a try.

They aren't legal on the other bands, I am sure.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2006 10:30 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Feidaxin FD-150A/450A

Hank,

These radios show up on eBay all the time. The 2 meter rigs can transmit outside the amateur band on police frequencies. The 440 rigs can transmit on FRS/GMRS bands, both without mods.

I seriously doubt they are FCC approved or approved by any US agency. I would also question the quality of the signal and it's ability to stay in it's bandwidth.

60 bucks is cheap though....

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: West Michigan Hams
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2006 02:17
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Feidaxin FD-150A/450A

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1242. Re: HIGH SWR WITH G5RV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 16:49:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1236 Message: 1242

Hi, Doc:

Sounds like you have a "very interesting problem. I've had similar problems with other things which "should work but don't." Often it's something which is obvious to a disinterested observer, and I beat my head against the wall for not figuring out the situation on my own.

The MFJ folks are probably correct, because the antenna is just wire, so unless there's a short or open connection in it, it "should" work. Telling you that certainly doesn't resolve your problem though.

You might wish to look at the original G5RV article by the inventor of this antenna. It is described at

http://www.astrosurf.com/lombry/qsl-g5rv-2.htm

This article gives many suggestions and tips on how it should be constructed, watchouts, etc.

I'd check for continuity between the feed ends of the coax and the radiator part of the antenna, and that there's not a short someplace in the setup.

At W8B, our setup in Brown County Ohio during the Ohio QSO party, we used a G5RV as an inverted V, with the apex about 40' above ground, the ends about 10' above ground. The internal matchbox in an Icom 706 was capable of tuning on 40 and 20 metres. We had a very short piece of coax between the ladder line and the rig, which may have been the difficulty with matching on 75 metres. We didn't have extra coax with which to experiment, so we made a totally different antenna.

Perhaps someone on the reflector has an antenna bridge you could borrow to "look" at your antenna to determine the resistance and reactance on the various bands. This is the definitive way to understand an antenna. With it you could determine the resonance point near the bands of interest.

To get on the air on your favorite band you might try lengthening the antenna by putting a couple coils in series with the twin lead. I had a wierd impedance on the CW setup at W8B, and I made two coils out of some extra 18 gage bell wire which I found on site. I cut the wire into two pieces of identical length and wound the pieces around a couple of plastic soda pop bottles. The length I used "magically" extended the feeders to a point where I could match

on 80 meters, though I was prepared to experiment with taps on the coil.

BTW, I've used dipoles fed with twin lead for some years, and find that they work very well. Did you consider using a balanced transmatch, putting it between the coax and the twin lead, or extending the twin lead into your shack? G5RV says this is often the preferred method of feeding the antenna when it's physically possible.

If no one lives closer to you than Rockford, I'll volunteer to come out to your place (about 34 miles from me) next week. I'm far from an antenna expert, but might be able to spot something that you missed. The earlier would be next Monday (after the Grand Rapids Hamfest), or possibly Wednesday, certainly Thursday.

Come to the Hamfest on Saturday and we can talk about it in person. I'll be around the ARRL booth whenever I'm not assigned to other duties.

73 de n8xx Hg

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> Anybody have suggestions? Better yet, anyone available to come
> out and take a look to see if I am messing something up?
>
> Thank you
> Doc, KD8BGQ

1243. Grand Rapids Hamfest 2ØØ6 Saturday September 9th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 17:55:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1243 Message: 1243

GRAHamfest 2ØØ6 Saturday September 9th!!!!

The GRARA sponsored annual GRAHamfest will be held this year on Saturday, September 9, 2006, once again at the Kent County Fairgrounds in Lowell. Doors open to the general public at 8 AM. Swap table setup starts at 6 AM on Saturday and from 6-10 PM on Friday evening beforehand.

Volunteers are needed anytime on Friday after 3 P.M. to help with facility setup. Also there will be a potluck dinner at 7 PM on Friday evening, bring a dish to pass.

For more details visit the GRAHamfest 2ØØ6 web page at http://www.w8dc.org/swap.htm

1244. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HIGH SWR WITH G5RV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 21:04:33 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1236 Message: 1244

Doc:

I'm surprised at your SWR on the G5RV. It may not be related but I think the antenna folks suggest that you feed a G5RV with over seventy feet of coax. And I seem to remember wrapping eight turns of coax in a six or eight inch diameter circle just before feeding the antenna. This creates a balun or decoupling and helps keep RF from returning from the antenna to the shack. But I'd doubt that either of these things would effect the SWR.

This antenna was designed to be more or less resonate on twenty meters. And it does not seem to be so fussy about nearby metal objects. The club's G5RV ladder line component is parallel with and a few feet away from sixty or more feet of tower.

You're confronted with an interesting problem. I'm sorry to not be of any assistance.

I'll tell you a short story of using an ohm meter to measure resistance between center and braid on a Carolina windom. The two seemed to be shorted together and I was concerned. But at RF the thing works great. I don't know if such a measurement on a G5RV will show an open circuit between center and braid. I'd try it and ask someone else to do a similar measurement. Might suggest something?

Bill, AB8SC

1245. Ride to Findlay Hamfest Needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-08 23:03:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1245 Message: 1245

I'm looking for a ride to the Findlay hamfest on Sunday. I'll be "beat" helping with the Grand Rapids Hamfest on Saturday, so I don't wish to drive the 200 or so miles to Findlay, but would like to visit with some of my acquaintances who will be there.

A fellow ham who was helping set up the Grand Rapids Hamfest this afternoon said he has heard several folks talking on the linked repeater system about going to Findlay. He can't remember the call letters of the folks he heard.

I'd really appreciate a reply e-mail if you're going and have room for another passenger, or know of someone who is going. I'd be more than willing to share driving expenses.

73 de n8xx Hg

1248. Re: HIGH SWR WITH G5RV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 00:03:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1236 Message: 1248

How much, and what quality of coax did you need to add? If the SWR is actually 9/1 at a shorter length, you may be burning up much of the RF in the coax, unless the coax is of very high quality or short length.

Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:edance.

>
> Hank,
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> Problem solved. The coax length was incorrect causing a current distribution problem. Added some coax and the antenna worked on all bands.
>
> He is now HF radioactive. I only live a few miles from Doc so it was no problem going out there. He was a student in my Tech class and it was both a pleasure and an honor to help him with an antenna problem. It seems like just yesterday that he and Mark KD8BIG were in my class and it is coming up on two years now. My how time flies!
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ

1250. Re: HIGH SWR WITH G5RV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 03:48:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1236 Message: 1250

RG-8 "should" be good for 80 thru 10 metres. Losses at 4
MHz "should" be less than 0.3 dB per 100 feet, and at 30 MHz should
be less than 1 dB per 100 feet. To be absitively sure, I'd measure
the power loss of the coax at SWR=1 with a dummy load. Put a
wattmeter and dummy load at the transmitter end, with a very short
coax between the rig and the power meter. Measure the power, then,
with no changes in the rig, put the long coax between the
transmitter and the wattmeter and calculate the loss. That will
give you the loss at perfect match. Using tables from the antenna
book or the handbook, calculate the loss with the originally
measured 9/1 SWR with the original length of coax.

The proof is whether the antenna gets out on the various bands, but
measurements are nice for peace of mind.

Hg

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> From: Hank Greeb
> To: WestMichiganHams@...m
> Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2006 01:03
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: HIGH SWR WITH G5RV
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1251. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Satellite Tracking Software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 04:36:25 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1232 Message: 1251

I use Satscape. I have also used orbitron by at this point I prefer Satscape. I have looked at NOVA but have never gotten to use it. We will have to get togeather and learn from each other. Ihave not had much time this summer to work the birds but hope to have a cople of antenna up with preamps before winter. Wha are you runnng for a sat rig?
----- Original Message -----
From: StraitMD4@...
To: Hams
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2006 12:32 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Satellite Tracking Software

Hi All,
I'm venturing off into the world of Satellite . I have been working satellites through-out the summer when I have had the energy and ambition . What fun it is . I'm still learning and trying to make continuous contacts.
I currently use the NOVA program offered by NLSA. I also have the AMSAT program .
I was wondering if there was a better program to use . It seems that there should be better graphics than what I have . It would be nice to have the global view with current weather .

I have had good cable connection today . I never lost signal strength today . Maybe Comcast got the job done . Again thank you all for the help .
W8AMZ , Please let Scott Christmas know this for me and tell him thanks for the help .
73's
Mark "KD8BIG"

1252. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HIGH SWR WITH G5RV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 04:39:48 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1236 Message: 1252

Mark. I need to get my analyzer from you Saturday I need it Sunday.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2006 11:53 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] HIGH SWR WITH G5RV

Doc,

I will try to call you today. Sounds like fun to figure this one out!

I will try your # again.

73

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: ravennaelectronics
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2006 16:35
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] HIGH SWR WITH G5RV

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No virus found in this incoming message.
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1253. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Satellite Tracking Software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 05:47:36 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1232 Message: 1253

I'm currently using my Ft-7800R , VX-7r HT , and when I get it figured out my FT-8900R .
I'm also looking at an IC-910H .
I'm looking to build my own antennas . I have looked at building a 2meter / 70 cm yagi . I could by one from Gulf Alpha Communications Antennas for $139.00 . They look pretty simple and could build it for a lot less. I have some access to a lathe and Bridgeport .
I just started this summer . A friend of mine has been teaching me . He lives in California . We spend a lot of time on Echo-Link and Yahoo Voice.
I'm enjoying what little I have done . I am a rookie though . I hope to have this down by next summer .
I'm all for getting together and sharing info .
Mark "KD8BIG"

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1254. Re: HIGH SWR WITH G5RV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 11:54:35 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1236 Message: 1254

Thank you Mark, Hank, and Bill for the help. Mark paired up a 75 foot section of 213 with a 50 foot section RG8. I am going to get a 100foot single length of 213 (so I can bury it in the ground) and that should be long enough to run into the shack. Once I get a dummy load I will do what you suggest Hank. I definetly do not want to burn out the coax.

Once again, thank you all for the help. Look for me on the HF bands later this afternoon and evening (weather permiting).

Best Regards,
Doc, KD8BGQ

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> > From: Hank Greeb

> > To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> > Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2006 01:03
> > Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: HIGH SWR WITH G5RV
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1258. HF Nets are Fun

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 14:19:26 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1236 Message: 1258

Mark and All:

Remember that there is a really Great net on HF on Sunday Mornings. I recommend the Hairnet at 8:00 am local time. We have a moderated roundtable discussion on all manner of topics each Sunday morning. Drop in and visit with us around 3.945 mHz. The frequency varies slightly with QRM. The net is ably hosted by K8ROH and welcomes all hams for a fun hour or so Sunday mornings.

Also remember the Bathrobe Net on twenty meters.

Check out the latest issue of Flashovers for information like this with lots more detail. You'll find a bunch of folks enjoying nets to stay in touch with friends around the States.

73

Bill, AB8SC

1260. Re: HIGH SWR WITH G5RV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 15:23:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1236 Message: 1260

If you have 50 Ohm coax, like RG8 or RG213, and it's matched, at 100 watts you'll have 70 volts anywhere along the line. If you have a Voltage Standing wave ratio of 9, as you measured with the shorter piece of coax the maximum voltage will be about three times that, or 210 volts (if my memory of how VSWR is calculated). That certainly won't burn up the RG8 or RG213 coax. You MIGHT get into trouble with VSWR=9 if you're using the full legal limit of power.

As others have said, you won't dissipate much power with your coax as long as it is new coax. If the dielectric has gone bad, then you could be generating heat and not much would be getting into the antenna.

That reminds me of another point. A way to check the loss of the coax if you don't have a dummy load is to feed it with the far end open (no load)O. Good coax will have a high SWR at the input when it's not terminated. If it has a low SWR, it is an dummy load dissipating most of the power along the length of the line.

To fully undestand the effect of the lengthened coax you should borrow the antenna bridge which Mark (I believe) mentioned in another message. Changing the length of coax doesn't affect the VSWR, just the capacitive or inductive part of the impedance which is "seen" at the input.

73 de n8xx Hg

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1261. (no subject)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 15:22:51 UTC
From: jimk8cop@afo.net
Topic: 1261 Message: 1261

The only problem is that this radio was made for the commercial two-way band outside of the US. The radio is NOT type accepted to be used in the US, as it transmits outside of the 2 meter band. Some countries use the entire spectrum from 140-174 mhz.
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I believe that any Amateur radio that made by a commerical vendor has to have some type of certification form the FCC. Homemade does not.....for Ham use

Jim, K8COP

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1262. Re: HF for EmComm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 15:46:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1259 Message: 1262

Ask the cadre of folks on the 75 Metre SSB and CW nets who routinely use 75 and 80 meters, and know when conditions are "right" to move to 160 or 40 meters. And, be cognizant of the differences in propagation during the sunspot cycle.

For antennae, it's very hard to beat a dipole configured as an inverted V, and fed with open wire line, with a tuner at the transmitter end. My setup for years has been 30 feet of TV mast (5 foot sections), though more recently I've heard of 4' sections of fibreglass reinforced polyester masts for very reasonable prices at major hamfests. Either way, one person can get the antenna up to 30 feet at the apex within 10 to 15 minutes. The dipole I've used was a half wave on 80 meters, but when I didn't have room for that, I've successfully used a half wave on 40 meters, or most anything in between.

A wide range tuner is needed, but designs for those are readily available, several are made commercially if you don't want to build your own. I've used an ancient Johnson Matchbox for years. It's a bit bulky, so I'm looking for a smaller replacement.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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1265. Re: [WestMichiganHams]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 16:37:37 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1265 Message: 1265

Jim,

I can't argue with you on that because I don't know enough about it. I will assume you are correct. I do know that using old commercial/police radios for 2 meters is pretty similar, since they would be used outside their type-acceptance.

Thanks for the input. I am lazy, so I'd rather stick with a real ham rig myself. Too much room for error. No temptation, though, because I want to keep my license. I can't see why anyone would want to risk that to transmit somewhere they aren't welcome. But I know they do because I have heard them. I just hope they aren't hams.

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: jimk8cop@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2006 11:22 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams]

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1267. Feedline Loss

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 18:36:56 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1259 Message: 1267

All:

At the last club meeting Clarke, K8BP presented much useful information on feedlines and antennas. He has had much success with a home made "dipole" made from copper tubing, whip antenna ends (like an adjustable hamstick), and pvc. The plans were published in Flashovers earlier this summer or late spring. A great antenna that he'll tell you worked GREAT 0.1 watt to the southern Pacific.

In the presentation he handed out a feedline loss table for various coax. From his form I'll only quote a few examples like the really inexpensive RG58. Assuming you feed a hundred watts of power into the coax and your antenna is out there on the end of a hundred feet of the feedline you'll radiate 85.5 watts on seventy-five meters. Same situation on ten meters and your antenna sees 62.8 watts. Contrast this with 600 ohm open feedline (ladder line) (like that stuff on the "bottom" of the G5EV) on seventy-five meters you get out 99.2 watts and on ten meters 97.7 watts. Hard line does about as well. Spend some money on 9913 and lose fifteen watts on ten and around five watts on seventy-five meters.

The numbers are quite dramatic on two meters and above, but you already knew that.

You could always put up a twelve element yagi and get tons of gain making the linear amplifier REALLY effective! Larry, K8PUJ has your next really great yagi advertised in Flashovers. Check out the stats. And, well, nobody would mistake your antenna for a CB antenna. Nobody!

Bill, AB8SC

1268. Re: HF for EmComm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 21:08:16 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1259 Message: 1268

My HF field station is a Yaesu 897D (with two FNB-78 batteries), ATAS-25 antenna, various length and type of coax, misc. parts, pencil, pen, notebook, Radiograms, and misc. documents.

--- In WestMichiganHams@...m, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> I think far too little effort has been spent on exploiting the use of HF for EmComm applications.
>
> VHF has been almost exclusively our means of communications. VHF does not have the ability to make long range contacts outside the affected area.
>
> One consideration is the difficulty of having portable antennas. We now have several VHF field stations capable of reliable communications from 0 to around 20? miles using high gain verticals on 15-20 foot masts. 50 watt radios are the norm. Jim, KC8PCJ, had his field station equipped for HF using a pair of hamstick antennas configured as a dipole atop one of the portable masts.
>
> This configuration is perfect for field operations but needs to be tested and evaluated.
>
> First we need to look at where an HF station will be of value. My thoughts are they should have a range of 20 miles to anywhere in the US to a similar station.
>
> NVIS has been shown to have good coverage from 20 to 1000 miles. Perfect, but NVIS relies on the critical frequency, not the MUF to operate. Lately the critical freq for the area has been in the 75 meter range at best. Hamsticks are very lossy at this frequency and the lower the frequency the higher the antenna has to be, plus lower frequencies are absorbed more during the day. NVIS works best when the critical frequency is 5 to 7 Mhz.
>
> Another option is getting the hamsticks up high enough to use them as a rotatable dipole. In order to get the most gain and best directivity we should be 1/2 wave above ground. That is 30 feet on 20 meters and 20 has been the highest frequency within recent MUF values that can be considered anywhere near reliable.
>
> Then comes the verticals. They have a low take off angle but require a counterpoise. By using techniques like drooping the radials they can be made with an impedance very close to 50 ohms.
>

> So much for the theory, now for the practice.
>
> Hamsticks were chosen as a method because they can be step up without supports on any portable mast as commonly used in field stations. There are some locations where better antennas can't be used. The hamsticks will work almost anywhere and should be standard equipment in HF field stations. Other antennas such as wire dipoles are a great adjunct and may work better in some locations. They are not easy to erect. The hamstick antenna can be set up in just a few minutes by one person. Also, practice has shown that even at a height of 15 feet or so, PCJ's antenna was directional. That just tells me it will be even better up higher.
>
> Besides Jim's station Tom W8AMZ and I will have a couple more. I would like to hear from others that would like to build HF stations in order to have a realistic idea as to their range and which antennas and bands we will need to work particular areas. DX may or may not be a consideration. Having a self contained portable radio station that can communicate for thousands of miles is not a bad tool to have.
>
> Jim purchased the mount he uses at a hamfest somewhere, I believe. I built two mounts but with a bit of a different design. The attachment allows the mount to be hoisted up and down the mast with a rope and a pulley. This is not only a nice touch for changing bands, but is necessary for adjustments in height required to fine tune an NVIS station. They will also be outfitted with an attachment point for another pulley that can be used to hoist a dipole to. They can be used either as a sliding mount or be tightend to the mast. The latter would be desired for use as a rotatable dipole. The mounts allow for a VHF antenna to be mounted atop the mast without interfering with the HF mounts. Multiple mounts can be used if desired. I am also working on a design to use the hamsticks in a vertical configuration. An advanced design will allow for either configuration to be used on the same mount. My goal is to have a mounting system that will be able to handle a multiple of antenna configurations. A friend of mine has a small sheet metal shop and helped me with the first design. He said he would love to be able to produce them commercially. My take is that in order to make them saleable they have to be better than anything already available. The first ones were made of aluminum and are light and very strong. Tom the sheet metal guy is definitely old school and overbuilds everything. (He spent about an hour welding up a pan for me to put cat litter in to catch oil drips from my cars. More time was spent making perfect double bends, checking angles, etc all the while driving me crazy with his perfectionism. When he was done it was not only perfect in every way, but watertight as well. Three days after I got it home I forgot it was there and ran over it with my car. The thing was built so good all it took was a pair of pliers to straighten it out and put it back to use. His design with

the double bends prevented damage to my tires. I have been using it for years and still run over it from time to time!)
>
> We need more than 3 stations to experiment with. Any HF field station no matter the antenna chosen would be a valuable component to the development of usable portable long range radio stations.
>
> Maybe we can get a net going for portable HF stations? Any takers?
>
> 73,
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>

1269. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: [W8CSO] Fox Hunt at Muskegon Club House, 9/10/2006, 2:00 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 21:49:28 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 1266 Message: 1269

All,
Let me add this about the event.
1. Talk in and instructions on the 94 repeater.
2. Calibrate/Test your equipment on a "test range" between about noon to 1:30PM. Details on the 94 repeater, but the basic concept is to set up a known signal source so you can get a fix on it with your equipment.
3. Picnic: club will furnish tube stakes, buns, condiments. Drinks will be available at the clubhouse. Bring a salad or desert to pass.
4. Drivers meeting at 1:45PM
5. Foxhunt Start at 2PM
6. Picnic about 4PM (monitor the the 94 repeater or the foxhunt frequency of 146.435

Any questions let me know. Will send advance copy of rules to those who make a request.
Tom, N8YJT

k8mhz@... wrote:

----- Original Message ----- From: W8CSO@yahoogroups.com
To: W8CSO@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2006 19:04
Subject: [W8CSO] Fox Hunt at Muskegon Club House, 9/10/2006, 2:00 pm

Reminder from: W8CSO's Calendar Title: Fox Hunt at Muskegon Club House Date: Sunday September 10, 2006 Time: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Repeats: This event does not repeat. Description: Fox hunt followed by picnic

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No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.405 / Virus Database: 268.11.7/438 - Release Date: 9/5/2006

1270. Re: HF for EmComm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 21:58:00 UTC
From: kc8dei
Topic: 1259 Message: 1270

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> I think far too little effort has been spent on exploiting the use of HF for EmComm applications.

<snip>

> Hamsticks were chosen as a method because they can be step up
> without supports on any portable mast as commonly used in field
> stations. There are some locations where better antennas can't be
> used. The hamsticks will work almost anywhere and should be
> standard equipment in HF field stations. Other antennas such as
> wire dipoles are a great adjunct and may work better in some
> locations. They are not easy to erect. The hamstick antenna can be
> set up in just a few minutes by one person. Also, practice has
> shown that even at a height of 15 feet or so, PCJ's antenna was
> directional. That just tells me it will be even better up higher.

I'll second this experiance. I use a "hamstick dipole" portable on 20m quite often. In my experiance, I've been able to work pretty much any station I can hear. Typically, my dipole is at about 18 feet on a self-supporting mast. At this height, I notice a bit of directionality, maybe 1-2 S-Units.

> Besides Jim's station Tom W8AMZ and I will have a couple more. I
> would like to hear from others that would like to build HF stations
> in order to have a realistic idea as to their range and which
> antennas and bands we will need to work particular areas. DX may or
> may not be a consideration. Having a self contained portable radio
> station that can communicate for thousands of miles is not a bad
> tool to have.

I'll volunteer myself and my portable station towards that end. I have "hamstick" elements for 10m, 12m, 15m, 17m and 40m.

> Jim purchased the mount he uses at a hamfest somewhere, I believe.
> I built two mounts but with a bit of a different design. The
> attachment allows the mount to be hoisted up and down the mast with
> a rope and a pulley. This is not only a nice touch for changing
> bands, but is necessary for adjustments in height required to fine
> tune an NVIS station. They will also be outfitted with an
> attachment point for another pulley that can be used to hoist a
>dipole to.

<snip>

Any chance you can post a picture of that mount? The ability to place the dipole on top of the mast after setting up the mast would make it much easier to place the dipole at 1/4 wavelength.

> Maybe we can get a net going for portable HF stations? Any takers?

See my offer above.

Mark Moss, KC8DEI

1271. Re: HF for EmComm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-09 22:13:41 UTC
From: kc8dei
Topic: 1259 Message: 1271

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "kc8dei" <kc8dei@...> wrote:

> I'll volunteer myself and my portable station towards that end. I
> have "hamstick" elements for 10m, 12m, 15m, 17m and 40m.

I usually don't reply to my own posts, but 20m should have been on
that list as well.

Mark Moss, KC8DEI

1273. Doppler Shift

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-10 07:47:09 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1273 Message: 1273

The change in frequency of a received signal
due to the motion of the satellite. This requires adjustment of the
transmit or receive frequency, with the common practice being
to change the higher or lower of the two frequencies in use .
I'm having trouble remembering this. Which way do I go? I was trying to work the SO-50 satellite. I went up and down and heard nothing . I was using the Arrow II antenna system and having no luck . Was it me ?
SO-50 did 2 passes last night and I had no luck receiving .

Mark "KD8BIG" .

1274. Re: Doppler Shift

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-10 14:01:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1273 Message: 1274

Mark:

The doppler shift is a percentage of the frequency in use. If the downlink is on 432 MHz, and the uplink is on 144 MHz, then the doppler shift on the uplink is approximately 1/3 of the doppler shift on the downlink. So, if you're receiving the satellite at 5 KHz off on 432 MHz, for example, the uplink should be offset about 1.6 KHz on the uplink. The shift is to a higher frequency if the satellite is moving toward you, and to a lower frequency if the satellite is moving away from you. This means that the shift depends on where in the pass the satellite is. If it's directly overhead there will be no Doppler shift. If it's near the horizon the shift will be maximum. If you're working the satellite for a long period you'll have to adjust both the receive and transmit frequencies, first to higher frequencies and then to lower frequencies than the actual transmit frequencies..

Hearing a satellite is fun! Working one for the first time for me was similar to my first contact. I worked one on Field Day a bunch of years ago, and was so flustered that I had to read what I had copied to be sure of who the station was - I was copying CW but I was so flustered that the copy was going through my brain to the pencil without registering in short term memory.

73 de n8xx Hg

StraitMD4@... wrote:

7 Doppler Shift
Posted by: "StraitMD4@..." StraitMD4@...
muskegonjimquay
Sun Sep 10, 2006 12:52 am (PST)

The change in frequency of a received signal due to the motion of the satellite. This requires adjustment of the transmit or receive frequency, with the common practice being to change the higher or lower of the two frequencies in use
.
I'm having trouble remembering this. Which way do I go? I was trying to work the SO-50 satellite. I went up and down and heard nothing .
I was using the Arrow II antenna system and having no luck . Was it me ?

SO-50 did 2 passes last night and I had no luck receiving .

Mark "KD8BIG" .

1275. 9-11 moment of silence

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-10 17:42:32 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1275 Message: 1275

9-11 moment of silence details at...

http://www.emergencyemail.org/newsemergency/anmviewer.asp?a=132&z=1

THE EMERGENCY EMAIL & WIRELESS NETWORK
http://www.emergencyemail.org/

NewsEmergency.com

1277. Feedline Loss

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-11 21:21:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1259 Message: 1277

For folks who are ARRL members, a definitive look at VSWR, feedline losses, and related subjects is found at

http://www.arrl.org/members-only/tis/info/pdf/Reflect.pdf

A somewhat less scholarly article concerning many of the same subjects is found at:

http://www.arrl.org/members-only/tis/info/pdf/9111033.pdf

If you're not a member, I'd encourage you to join. See

http://www.arrl.org/join.html

73 de n8xx Hg

1278. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 9/11 station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-11 21:26:46 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1276 Message: 1278

Hi Mark listened from 7am to 11am and again at 3 heard nothing on 20m band John
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2006 10:54 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] 9/11 station

Hey everyone,

Please listen for this station tomorrow and let me know if you hear and or make contact.

Sep 11, 1400Z-1000Z, Morriston, FL. NY4PD/NYPD. Remembering 9/11. 14.260 7.263. Certificate. Brian R. Silva, NY4PD, 14031 SE 28th St, Morriston, FL 32668-2723, FL 32668-2723.

Thanks very much,

Mark K8MHZ

1279. Re: 9/11 station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-11 21:46:46 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1276 Message: 1279

I did a call sign search on DX Summit. The following was the result.
Sorry, but no 9/11 QSO was spotted. Does not mean he was not there,
just not spotted. I'd guess he was not on the air in the early part
of the day, local time.

OK2AOP 14198.0 NY4PD op.Brian big 59+15 1329 02 Jan 2006
N3LL 50137.0 NY4PD el89 to en90 0126 22 May 2006
K3NG 50138.0 NY4PD FN20>EL89 59+ 0135 22 May 2006
KJ2S-@ 7158.0 NY4PD CQ DX JA 1032 06 Jun 2006
W1FC 7157.9 NY4PD CLNG CQ JA 1039 06 Jun 2006
VR2XMT 18082.0 NY4PD TU 1655 10 Jun 2006
WX3B 14185.0 NY4PD Loud Tonight 0104 29 Jun 2006
OK1WCF 14082.8 NY4PD OK, my pleasure, TNX 1942 03 Jul 2006
G0REK 18148.0 NY4PD band condx 59+ 0035 09 Jul 2006
G0REK 7188.0 NY4PD 0000 21 Aug 2006

Bill, AB8SC

1280. Re: 9/11 station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-11 22:49:54 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1276 Message: 1280

I looked for NY4PD/NYPD as well today. I did not find them anywhere. The only 9/11 Special Event station I came across was W2IK/WTC911 on 14.272 at 1040Est. I did not even find any of the Route 66 stations on during the day today. I did work a guy in Amersterdan Netherlands.

73
Doc, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Bill" <bill_fries@...> wrote:
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> I did a call sign search on DX Summit. The following was the result.
> Sorry, but no 9/11 QSO was spotted. Does not mean he was not there,
> just not spotted. I'd guess he was not on the air in the early part
> of the day, local time.
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> G0REK 7188.0 NY4PD 0000 21 Aug 2006
>
> Bill, AB8SC
>

1281. USATODAY.com - Gas-line broadband a pipe dream?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-12 01:36:34 UTC
From: n8ctt@comcast.net
Topic: 1281 Message: 1281
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

[Attachment content not displayed]

1283. MAARC Gives American Flag 2 Fruitland Twp

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-12 14:30:11 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1281 Message: 1283

All:

The MAARC, the Muskegon radio club, is presenting Fruitland Township (we had Field Day at their park the past two summers) with a brand spanking new American flag. There will be a ceremony held in conjunction with the township's board meeting on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 pm. I expect to have some Boy Scouts do the flag ceremony.

You are invited to attend.

Could we encourage a newspaper to visit and write a paragraph or two?

The October board meeting for the MAARC will be held afterwards at their clubhouse.

Bill, AB8SC

1285. Any Fox Tango's in the house?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-13 14:23:35 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1285 Message: 1285

Inherited A FT-101EX,good RX picked up lots of cool stuff(my first real HF monitoring).TX?? no mic.more over no licence.FTV-250/650,rare birds?

KD8CBJ

1286. Re: MAARC Gives American Flag 2 Fruitland Twp

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-13 15:24:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1281 Message: 1286

Bill:

Nice gesture you're doing for the township.

There should be a person at the township office who sends publicity releases. That person is a likely candidate to formulate and send out publicity releases. And, if your club doesn't have a Public Information Officer or publicity chair, any officer or appointee could write up a publicity release for the event and send it to the local daily and weekly newspapers. As the township office which local paper they use for official notices - that would be the first place to start, but publicity in a daily newspaper would be a bonus! You don't have much time before the event if you wish to get it into the weekly papers - but you have several daze for daily rags.

I'm sending this along to our section manager, Dale Williams, WA8EFK, and Section's Public Information Coordinator, Harold E Beauchamp Jr, KC8QMH, who may have better pointers on how to maximize the probability that your club's name will be in lights in the newspapers.

73 de n8xx Hg

bill_fries@... wrote:
West Michigan Hams

West Michigan Hams (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams;_ylc=X3oDMTJldDVyOWU3BF9TAzk3MzU5NzE1BGdycElkAzE2OTc3MzYxBGdycHNwSWQDMTYwMDA2MzEwOARzZWMDaGRyBHNsawNocGgEc3RpbWUDMTE1ODE1NzgyNw--)

MAARC Gives American Flag 2 Fruitland Twp (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/message/1283;_ylc=X3oDMTJyNmw2NGUxBF9TAzk3MzU5NzE1BGdycElkAzE2OTc3MzYxBGdycHNwSWQDMTYwMDA2MzEwOARtc2dJZAMxMjgzBHNlYwNkbXNnBHNsawN2bXNnBHN0aW1lAzExNTgxNTc4Mjc-)

Posted by: "Bill Fries" bill_fries@... bill_fries_jr
(http://profiles.yahoo.com/bill_fries_jr)

Tue Sep 12, 2006 8:00 am (PST)

All:

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You are invited to attend.

Could we encourage a newspaper to visit and write a paragraph or two?

The October board meeting for the MAARC will be held afterwards at their clubhouse.

Bill, AB8SC

1290. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Any Fox Tango's in the house?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-13 18:31:17 UTC
From: George (Skip) VerDuin
Topic: 1285 Message: 1290

I MIGHT have a solution for you Paul.

It involves mixing manufacturers...
After reading Marks site reference, the mic for the 101 sounds LIKE the Kenwood mic I have - MC-50.
Desk - two PTT - 4-conductor female connector...
The decision to try it needs to be all yours - I have no recommendation. Except "Be careful what you connect together.".

I have nothing that this mic will connect to - thus it is a spare unused mic for me.
After you read the details and are certain it is what you need, let me know.
I've been thinking it needs to go to hamfest or e-bay.

Let me know?

On Wed, 2006-09-13 at 14:23 +0000, kd8cbj wrote:
> Inherited A FT-101EX,good RX picked up lots of cool stuff(my first
> real
> HF monitoring).TX?? no mic.more over no licence.FTV-250/650,rare
> birds?
>
> KD8CBJ
>
>

73
de Skip k8rra k

1291. Re: USATODAY.com - Gas-line broadband a pipe dream?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-13 20:42:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1281 Message: 1291

Since USA Today featured the idea, I'd hope they did enough research
on their source to determine if the source was feeding them an
olde "urban legend".

Did anyone ever hear of wave-guides? These things are just "piping
for UHF and microwave RF." While iron gas lines aren't the optimum
conductor for a wave-guide, they theoretically could be used as such.

A home I owned whilst my daughter was in school was built in 1926. It
had iron piping for the natural gas directly to the house. One would
have had to use ham type ingenuity to get past the outside meter and
probably several pressure regulating valves between the source and the
house. There'd be a bunche of technical challenges getting through
the many "T's" and other places where reflections/SWR bumps might
exist, but the idea shouldn't be thrown out prima facie. These
problemmes aren't much different in concept than the problemme of
feeding RF through unbalanced lines with 4800+, 60 Hz AC. At least
the frequencies in use would be in the microwave range. Since 99.44+%
of the hardware would be under ground there'd be little chance of RF
leaking into the ham bands to bolix up our communications.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Denny,
>
> This was something that the folks on eHam kicked around as a
> joke last year.
>
> Remember, gas lines are grounded. Also they don't have two
> conductors to complete a circuit.
>
> This should be interesting!

1293. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Packet Radio Parameter Settings

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-13 22:30:33 UTC
From: K8RRA (Skip)
Topic: 888 Message: 1293

Let's remember this initiative Tom.

In the past months there has been little chatter on the subject, and I know all of us on 145.070 suffer from no optimum.
May I suggest that this subject become an experiment on the Packet Training Net - Wed @ 1900 for a few weks?
Perhaps there is enough interest along with suitable experience to make a project out of it...

On Wed, 2006-06-28 at 20:10 -0700, jtporritt@... wrote:
> All,
> Recently I have been doing some reading about the timing for
> controlling packet radio when a frequency is being used by multiple
> stations. >>SNIP<<
>
>

73
de Skip k8rra k

1294. Re: MAARC Gives American Flag 2 Fruitland Twp

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-14 00:09:12 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1281 Message: 1294

It has been suggested that we mention the address of the Fruitland Township Hall and Park. They exist at 4545 Nestrom Road, Whitehall MI.

Their board generally meets on the third Monday in the month. One or more of their folks have conflicts and have asked that the meeting be moved a day later to Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 pm. The hams have asked to present the Fruitland Township with a replacement flag on this Tuesday. There is not cast in stone assurance that their board meeting has been moved but I'm going to say that the hams will present the flag on this Tuesday evening whether or not their board meets. There are just too many folks to herd up and coordinate.

Should you wish to observe, participate, or just cheer I'd suggest you mark your calendar appropriately and arrange the transportation. This park is the same facility our radio club has been using for the past two Field Days.

Hope to see you there!

Bill, AB8SC

1295. Standard Operating Procedures or Suggest Operating Procedures

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-14 02:49:35 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 1295 Message: 1295

Hello Everyone ?. What happens when we set SOP?s (Standard Operating Procedures) for ARES and then we very from them and something happens that causes litigation ? by setting up SOP?s are we opening our self?s as volunteers to being held liable for not following the SOP?s were if we were just doing our best to help out there would be no document for a lawyer to say we did not follow our own SOP?s. If we do set up SOP?s just how far should we as Volunteers take them ?.. Who responds ? how we respond ?. Who is in charge ? what we respond too ?. ?????

Just some food for thought ?..

Maybe we should call them Suggest Operating Procedures ...???

73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

1296. Re: BroadBand Connection

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-14 07:17:02 UTC
From: muskegonjimquay
Topic: 1190 Message: 1296

It has been a week now and I have had the best service I've had since I started with Comcast . I do not know what Scott Christmas did Tom . I will tell you it worked .
I have been told by several Amateurs that the last week I've sounded better than ever on Echo-Link .
To bad I had to go through so much to get the service I paid for . I am happy with what I have now .

KD8BIG
Mark

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, StraitMD4@... wrote:
>
> Hi all,
> I would like to thank you all for the advice and help you have given me . I'm hoping to have uninterrupted service soon .
> 73's
>
Mark "KD8BIG"
>
> -------------- Original message --------------
> From: Tom Nickisch <w8amz@...>
> Hi Mark,
>
> Your problem should be soon taken care of. I contacted a friend of mine, a senior technician at Comcast. He is now looking into getting your problem corrected, If there is anybody at Comcast that can do it he can.
> As for amplifiers, that?s issue. At no time should it be necessary to put in an amplifier. They legally obligated to provide enough signal to maintain a minimum of 0db at each device such as TV, modem for total of four devices. We always tried to provide 8-12db at the ground block. Should the customer need to run more devices then they have to provide for that by law also. Now, unfortunately a large number of the technicians there do not have the understanding for RF like we do. But there are a few that do.
>
> Scott Christmas will be checking into this, he may not be the one coming out, but he will follow up and see that it gets resolved. He is stuck working in the head-in for the next few weeks.
>
> I have been instructed to give you or anyone else that may be having this problem his direct Nextel number. You or anybody else who needs his number can give me a call @ 231-767-1095 and will be happy to pass it on.

> They actually do want the problem fixed, they realize the
competition is coming.
>
> 73?
> Tom W8AMZ
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>
> StraitMD4@... wrote:
> Hi all ,
>
> The Tech showed up . Went through every thing I did . Not wanting
to believe that I checked everything and that I had a suggestion to
a remedy. She packed up and left.
> I'm Still having problems . She had no idea what to do .
> She did call Dennis Berens. He is on vacation this week . She said
they will have another tech come out tomorrow.
> This is the kind of service I've been dealing with from Comcast.
> Anyway, I would like to thank you all for your help and
suggestions.
> I guess I'll see what they do tomorrow. Maybe time to go to
Verizon.
> One would think I deserve a discount for bad service.
> 73's
> Mark
> "KD8BIG"
>
> -------------- Original message --------------
> From:
> If you get a good tech out there the problem will be fixed.
>
> My situation was noise coming from the lines messing with my 2
meter rigs. Ted Hawk came out first and could not find the problem.
Rather than give up he contacted another tech, Dennis Berens N8VWH.
I assisted Dennis using my trusty fox hunt gear and we found the
source. After it was corrected Ted called my cell phone and left me
his number to call him if I had any more problems.
>
> Better advise....hold off broadband until we get our WiFi service
in Muskegon.
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>
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Al Pepping
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Monday, September 04, 2006 13:55
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] BroadBand Connection
>
>
> Hi Mark....welcome to the crowd. I live on a "fringe" leg of

Comcast, and had them out to check their end and everything was OK. The best solution is to go down and buy yourself a preamplifier, but you have to make sure it is "Bidirectional".. meaning it will allow commands you send from your computer to get back to the net. I bought mine, an RCA model DT100M at best Buy and paid around 30 dollars for it. Not only will it have enough gain to support multiple computers, it will get rid of the "fuzzy channel" syndrome as well. I have not had problem one with connecting after I installed this preamp. Best advise....dont bother with Comcast...it's a waist of time.

> This is a sure fix. I guarantee it..... KV8X
>
>
>
> -------Original Message-------
>
> From: muskegonjimquay
> Date: 09/03/06 23:01:19
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] BroadBand Connection
>
> Over the last few weeks I have had problems with the signal to my
> cable modem . I lose the signal to my modem but still have my
> digital cable .
> I have all new cabal "18 awg " and have eliminated splitters . I
> also tried running a direct line and not having ant televisions
> connected and still have a problem . I bought a new ethernet
cable .
> The other thing is I seem to lose my signal more during the hours
> from 9am-8pm. I do lose the signal through-out the night, just not
> as often . When I lose the signal it will be lost from anywhere 3-
10
> minutes. Then it comes back for a few minutes and goes away.
> Should I build an amp ? giving me a 10-15 db gain in signal
> strength or should I look at some thing else ? I did try another
> modem with no success.
> I called comcast and they say things look good at there end .
> They will send out a tech again . the tech seems to have problems
> diagnoseing the problem .
> I think it may be in the ISP's network port. They think other
> wise .
> 73's
> Mark "KD8BIG"
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> Checked by AVG Free Edition.
> Version: 7.1.405 / Virus Database: 268.11.6/428 - Release Date:
8/25/2006
>

1297. Re: Any Fox Tango's in the house?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-14 11:14:48 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1285 Message: 1297

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--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Paul,
>
> Check out this link: http://www.qsl.net/nw2m/ft101.html
>
> mhz
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: kd8cbj
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 15:23
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Any Fox Tango's in the house?
>
>
> Inherited A FT-101EX,good RX picked up lots of cool stuff(my
first real
> HF monitoring).TX?? no mic.more over no licence.FTV-250/650,rare
birds?
>
> KD8CBJ
> Found It,also membered up to FoxTango,also joined 101/Fox Tango
yahoo groups.

Thank You KD8CBJ
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1298. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Any Fox Tango's in the house?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-14 11:08:18 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1285 Message: 1298

Thank you,there is a great mic.pinout in the 101 Manuel.But no dummy load,SWR at those freqs.,or licence of HF status.But your option is now on my list.

73 KD8CBJ

1299. Re: Any Fox Tango's in the house?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-14 11:27:45 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1285 Message: 1299

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> FT-101s are great rigs!
>
> If you know the impedance of the mike I can suggest some
replacements.
>
> And what do you mean no license? You have a license, you just need
a privilege upgrade! Or get into MARS. (The service, not the planet)
>
> There is a guy that restores and repairs 101's and 101's only. He
swears they are still one of the best rigs ever. I think if you take
the time to put it back into service you will be glad you did!
>
> 73,
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> MHZ
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: kd8cbj
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 15:23
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Any Fox Tango's in the house?
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> HF monitoring).TX?? no mic.more over no licence.FTV-250/650,rare
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> KD8CBJ
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> My bad,I have not Yet achieved that upper echelon of privilege
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1301. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Standard Operating Procedures or Suggest Operating Pro...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-14 16:21:16 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1301 Message: 1301

Unfortunately untrained operation is as much more of a threat than having an SOP. With an SOP we all play on the same page and have to practice and drill BEFORE an event happens. In my organization, show up untrained and sent home or serve in a non-critical area! Standardization of operation needs to be addressed by the State ARES organization as well as minimum training requirements State wide before something goes down and we will be called on to perform with as few mistakes as possible. The one mis step is the one our served agencies WILL remember-not how many times we get it right! That is the nature of the Public Service beast since 9/11 no matter how much we may not like it! DE WD8USA ...-.-

1302. Re: Standard Operating Procedures or Suggest Operating Pro...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-14 17:10:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1301 Message: 1302

AMEN.

However, most public agencies are tolerant of non-critical misteaks.

And, too many volunteers aren't cognizant of the difference between
critique and blame.

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, wd8usa@... wrote:
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1303. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Standard Operating Procedures or Suggest Operating Procedures

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-14 20:42:40 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1295 Message: 1303

SOP's?

I know I am not a member of any ARES reflector at this time, but I have something to say about SOP's.

I work in the Pharmaceutical industry. We are BOUND by the FDA to follow verbatim any document we call an SOP or Procedure. If we deviate from the document we are subject to legal action and we must perform an investigation which ends in a corrective action to prevent the incident in the future.

Now, if we call something a GUIDELINE and describe it as such in the "purpose" section at the beginning, it can be deviated from without consequence.

Can it be called a guideline?

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: Don Meyer
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 10:49 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Standard Operating Procedures or Suggest Operating Procedures

Hello Everyone .. What happens when we set SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) for ARES and then we very from them and something happens that causes litigation . by setting up SOP's are we opening our self's as volunteers to being held liable for not following the SOP's were if we were just doing our best to help out there would be no document for a lawyer to say we did not follow our own SOP's. If we do set up SOP's just how far should we as Volunteers take them ... Who responds . how we respond .. Who is in charge . what we respond too .. ?????
Just some food for thought ...

Maybe we should call them Suggest Operating Procedures ...???

73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

1304. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Standard Operating Procedures or Suggest Operating Procedures

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-14 20:42:39 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1295 Message: 1304

hello it is a catch 22 type of deal damn if you do damn if you don't . if the person volunteering has had a background check you don't turn them away if they haven't then put them with someone that is to watch them that way you increase the people in your group if you turn them away you lose them for good . the person that is turned away leaves with a bad taste for volunteering . Its hard enough to get people know we need all the people we can get our sop is do what the nice officer tells you to do.they are the ones we take our orders from... 73 KC8UNY
----- Original Message -----
From: Don Meyer
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 10:49 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Standard Operating Procedures or Suggest Operating Procedures

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73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

1305. Reminder: Great Lakes area Friday night 2m MFSK net @ 7e/6c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-15 17:48:57 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1305 Message: 1305

It is once again time for what I'm pretty sure is the only MFSK16 net on VHF anywhere in the world. 144.150 USB at 7 PM eastern, 6 PM central time. Hope more than one person shows up this time!

-Joe, KD8ATU
Grand Haven, MI - EN62wx

1306. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Reminder: Great Lakes area Friday night 2m MFSK net @ 7e/6c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-15 20:15:02 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1305 Message: 1306

Joe,

I will try. Part of the problem could be that many rigs don't have SSB above 10 meters. One of mine does.

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: "Joe Veldhuis" <kd8atu@...>
To: <PSK_VHF_UHF_HAMRADIO@yahoogroups.com>; <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>; <illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 1:48 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Reminder: Great Lakes area Friday night 2m MFSK net @ 7e/6c

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> VHF anywhere in the world. 144.150 USB at 7 PM eastern, 6 PM central
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1307. Re: USATODAY.com - Gas-line broadband a pipe dream?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-16 03:21:20 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 1281 Message: 1307

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Hank Greeb" <n8xx@...> wrote:
>
> Since USA Today featured the idea, I'd hope they did enough research
> on their source to determine if the source was feeding them an
> olde "urban legend".
>
> Did anyone ever hear of wave-guides? These things are just "piping
> for UHF and microwave RF." While iron gas lines aren't the optimum
> conductor for a wave-guide, they theoretically could be used as such.

Yes, iron pipe could be used as waveguide. However, for the past 25+ years, most of the pipe used for distribution along roads, and the pipe run to houses and businesses, is plastic. *Not* so good for waveguide.

Laryn K8TVZ

1308. Help Need for 5K run in Spring Lake

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-16 19:43:14 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 1308 Message: 1308

Hello Everyone ?.. The Ferrysburg /Spring Lake Police Dept. has asked for help with a 5k race on Saturday September 23rd ..Next Saturday ?. We will be meeting at the Spring Lake EOC at 9:00am and should be done by 12:00 noon. If you can help out please respond here on the reflector and if you find out on Sat. you can help out meet us at the SLEOC ?. Thanks for all your help with events 73 Don Meyer

Please forword this to Related Reflectors It has not showen up on ...

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

1309. Tower Alert

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-16 20:47:07 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1309 Message: 1309

Holton transfer station,Holton Ducklake rd.Tower sections side scrap area,not in bin.Complete??? bottom section 23"x23"x23"Hours 8:00 to 4:30 Sat.May be there up to a week+.Already got the rotor motor,sorry.

73 KD8CBJ

1310. Hardline

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-17 13:16:17 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 1310 Message: 1310

Anyone locally have a source for hardline or have some they want to part with? I am looking for the following pieces and lengths:

1) 50ft - 900Mhz capable - for 300W repeater antenna
2) 50ft - 900mhz capable - for 25W yagi antenna, this may not endup with hardline
3) 300ft - 900Mhz capable - for 300W repeater antenna
4) 100ft - 900mhz capable - for 25W yagi antenna.

If anyone has anything, I would be interested. The above is estimate lengths, slightly shorter would be okay.

Mike Wolthuis
KB8ZGL

1311. Hardline

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-17 13:14:09 UTC
From: Michael Wolthuis
Topic: 1310 Message: 1311

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Mike Wolthuis
KB8ZGL

1313. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Amber alert?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-17 20:22:47 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1312 Message: 1313

USE THE CALL OF THE REPORTING PARTY to get the state .the person in the car might be from minn
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...m
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2006 11:44 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Amber alert?

Just a few minutes ago I heard an Amber Alert being broadcast on 14.300 USB for a missing male child in a wheelchair. A license plate # was given, but no state was mentioned on the alert. The NCO assumed the plate was from Minnesota which is supposedly the state the alert was from.

I went to the website for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and found nothing about the alert. I also searched Minnesota's Amber Alert site and found nothing.

I was under the impression that the Amber Alert system was under the auspices of a national organization. Searching the Internet does not support this.

There should be one site where all the alerts have info. Missing information, such as the state the license plate was from, could be gained from such a site. 14.300 is the home of the Maritime Mobile Net and people from all over the world listen to it. Passing traffic from a local source which assumes that some info will be already known to the recipients causes confusion. There should be a place to follow up on the alert.

If I can get a verification and better details I would like to post the alert.

73

Mark K8MHZ

1317. A little change on the front page

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-18 02:00:17 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 1317 Message: 1317

Hello Everyone and to all the new members welcome ... we now have 71 members here on WMH and there have been a lot of very interesting topics posted ... I hope everyone has had a good summer as it draws to a end and please tell your fellow hams about West Michigan Hams and get them to sign up ... Just for a change on the front page I replaced the picture with one of a Michigan sunset at Grand Haven.
... 73 everyone Don Meyer - KB8ODB

1318. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hardline

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-18 13:21:13 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1310 Message: 1318

I have some 3/4" CATV 75 ohm hardline. Or are you looking for 50 ohm?

Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar NY8D
Lowell, MI

----- Message from wolthui3@... ---------
Date: Sun, 17 Sep 2006 09:16:17 -0400
From: Michael Wolthuis <wolthui3@...>
Reply-To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Hardline
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com

> Anyone locally have a source for hardline or have some they want to
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> with? I am looking for the following pieces and lengths:
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>
> Mike Wolthuis
> KB8ZGL
>
>

----- End message from wolthui3@... -----

1320. Spencer Twp Search in Kent County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-18 16:33:29 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1320 Message: 1320

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Woman found in corn field
Monday, September 18, 2006
SPENCER TOWNSHIP -- A bloodhound helped find a missing 47-year-old woman unconscious in a cornfield over the weekend. The woman, whose name was not released, was reported missing about 11:30 p.m. Saturday from her home on Lincoln Lake in northeast Kent County. Rescuers worked with Kent County's R.A.C.E.S. (Radio Amateur Civilian Emergency Services) and the Mid Michigan Working Dogs Blood Hound Team to track the woman, who was found nearly five hours later about a half-mile from her home. She was taken to Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus for treatment. Kent County sheriff's deputies were not releasing her name or a report on her condition.

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Matt Groesser
Communications Training Officer
Kent County Sheriff Department
(616) 632-6100 FAX: (616)632-6362
matt.groesser@...

1321. Penetrox or Noalox?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-19 01:51:47 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1312 Message: 1321

All:

I'll be putting together a beam antenna and think I'll use either Penetrox or Noalox in the aluminum joints. But where can I purchase this stuff? I've heard the big box-marts carry it but which department? Should I wait until the next hamfest, Kzoo or Holland? Or maybe I don't need the stuff. I can get it off the internet but shipping seems high?

Your opinion?

Thanks!

Bill, AB8SC

1323. 9/11 Norad Transcripts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-19 22:07:29 UTC
From: bestkoz22
Topic: 1323 Message: 1323

Perhaps you heard some of these on network TV a few days ago. As it might help seeing how (well?) top agencies handle critical communications I contribute this link (courtesy of Fred Daniel) to the written transcripts:

http://tinyurl.com/og9cq

Larry K8PUJ

1324. The Coolest Clock I've seen

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-20 01:41:54 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1324 Message: 1324

Check this out ....
Look at it closely ..

http://home.tiscali.nl/annejan/swf/timeline.swf

Enjoy & 73's ,

Mark "KD8BIG"

1325. Re: [WestMichiganHams] The Coolest Clock I've seen

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-20 02:13:54 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1324 Message: 1325

I forgot to mention if you click on the clock it will take you to other clocks ... I remember someone was talking a few months ago about downloading clock programs .

The link to more clock screensavers :

http://beeks.eu/Screensaver.htm

Mark "KD8BIG"

---------- Original message ----------
From: StraitMD4@...
Check this out ....
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Enjoy & 73's ,

Mark "KD8BIG"

1326. Flag presentation photo

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-20 13:17:45 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 1326 Message: 1326
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Last night, members of the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council presented Fruitland Township (located near Whitehall) with a new flag for their park, where we were graciously allowed to camp for Field Day 2006. They have allowed us to use the park, off and on, for several years. KV8X, Al Pepping, suggested the gift of a flag to replace their tattered one, to honor their forbearance of our annual "campout." Left to right, the hams are: Denny, N8CTT, Tom, W8AMZ, Linda, AB8QH, and Jon, AB8RD. Greg Boughton, the township supervisor, is receiving the flag on behalf of the township. The scouts were from Troop 1008 in North Muskegon. We have the scouts' names, but they scattered like the cold evening wind before we could match them with the picture. Thanks to Randy Hughey, the troop's scoutmaster, for bringing the boys down and giving the flag a proper sendoff and for taking this photograph.

73,

Linda, AB8QH

1328. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Flag presentation photo

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-21 11:04:47 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 1326 Message: 1328
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

That's a random length whip...?
And no comments about the dummy load at the base of the "antenna," Andrew!
:-)
Jon AB8RD

k8mhz@... wrote:
Very cool!

Question: What band is that vertical in the background tuned for? We can't see how tall it is. :)

73

mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: Linda Rosenthal
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 14:17
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Flag presentation photo

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1329. 2 questions for the "A" list

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-21 12:14:02 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1329 Message: 1329

The easy one,junk wire antenna for HF (monitoring only).My fox tango will do 10/160 meters,usb,lsb,cw,Am.160m dipole 245.32ft-123.16ft leg?

The hard one,I'm betting no,how to determine the operating freq.of a road side freeB antenna?No markings/manufacturer fiberglass 2 sections 100"length,2.50 Dia.,and 95"length,.360 Dia.Best I can do is pump 2meters through it and a swr meter(quick key testing).

73 KD8CBJ

1331. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2 questions for the "A" list

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-21 14:14:54 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1329 Message: 1331

Thank You,I have the room,trees to hangfrom,and no Yard Nazi's.How about running one corner to corner diagonally on a square 5 acre plot LOL.Ant.2 I forgot to mention it's from an old car garage that had wrecker service.Commercial/business freqs.is what I think.

73 KD8CBJ

1333. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Flag presentation photo

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-21 17:37:43 UTC
From: ayoung@chartermi.net
Topic: 1326 Message: 1333

Oh- I didn't see you at the base when I first looked at the picture. Has the flagpole been used on Field Day before?

---- Jon Plyler <ab8rd@...> wrote:
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>
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1334. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 9/11 Norad Transcripts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-21 20:04:18 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1323 Message: 1334

this was the best thing to post here it shows how things should go in an emergency And how no one thought it was real..... 73 john kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: bestkoz22
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 6:07 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] 9/11 Norad Transcripts

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might help seeing how (well?) top agencies handle critical
communications I contribute this link (courtesy of Fred Daniel) to the
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Larry K8PUJ

1335. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2 questions for the "A" list

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-21 21:11:51 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1329 Message: 1335

If you are just listening you don't need a fancy antenna. Just run a really long wire to the center pin of the antenna PL 239. Jam it in there. Since you are not transmitting you get away with lots of stuff.

You can get fancy and get an antenna tuner or a dipole but you don't need that stuff to just read the mail.

Then like Mark says start listening and get the feel for things. You can dial anywhere with impunity. I'd give a listen to the Teenage Net each weekday, or the Bathrobe Net each weekday, or spend a little time reading the mail on the Hairnet on Sunday morning. You will be able to hear W1AW's CW transmissions, you can even decode RTTY from all over. Maybe you like PSK and your computer will read that mail, too. Learn where the DX windows are and you'll begin a hobby of respect and become a Short Wave Listener. There are tons of broadcast shortwave stations from all over. They will send you QSL cards, too!

Bill, AB8SC

1336. Re: 2 questions for the "A" list

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-21 21:20:35 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1329 Message: 1336

Oops:

"really long wire to the center pin of the antenna PL 239"

should have read, "antenna SO 239 . . . "

can't win!

Bill, AB8SC

1338. HF----WoW

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-22 01:18:26 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1338 Message: 1338

61ft of 16Ga.speaker wire,split-122ft,50ft RG-58,PL259 ends.Scrap 1/2" pvc insulaters and a so-23, TaDa dipole(monitor only).Again---WoW.What a different world.Love how the manual has instructions for "mobile" set up.

Thank you all KD8CBJ

1340. GLA Friday night 2m MFSK16 net: new time!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-22 13:56:07 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1340 Message: 1340

The Great Lakes area Friday night 2 meter MFSK16 net will be held tonight on 144.150 MHz USB, at a new time: 8 PM eastern, 7 PM central. I was told that 6 PM may be too early for those in the Central time zone, so I went ahead and pushed the time back an hour. Hopefully this will bring in a few more checkins from the west.

It's a dreary fall day here today, and propagation isn't looking good. KC0HLN and N2MLP can forget it (unless someone can relay), but those within about 40 miles of Lake Michigan should be able to get in. Point your beam at me and listen for a half hour or so; if you hear me, there's a good chance I can hear you, so throw in your call!

-Joe, KD8ATU
Grand Haven, Michigan (EN62wx)

1341. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF----WoW

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-22 14:09:07 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1338 Message: 1341

Nets?

There are details regarding several nets in Flashovers, the MAARC's monthly newsletter. You can see a recent copy of the newsletter by visiting our club's www page.

http://www.qsl.net/w8zho/

Hairnet? 3945 or 3.945, give or take QRM 8:00 am on Sunday, only.

Look for the UP and Teenage nets. Great fun, too.

Bill, AB8SC

1343. RE: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-23 14:40:56 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 1342 Message: 1343
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I get the same noise at my home, but it also affects our television, wide band Fm, 2 meters and anything else I have with an antenna. We have had the power company out here once, but they did not find anything. It dosn't happen long enough or frequently enough to get a fix on it. It also affects my mobile radios up to 2 miles away from my home. I have also heard reports about the same noise affecting the receivers at the radio tower at the corner of Garfield/Baseline and M-120.

My QTH is at the corner of 176th and Garfield Rd in Hesperia, Oceana County, 4 mile w sw of Hesperia.

I am sure my noise is not related to your noise, but it sounds the same. I am hoping that you find your noise source so that it may point me in the correct direction for finding mine.

Thanks!
73
Tim
KC8MSE

-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com on behalf of k8mhz@...
Sent: Sat 9/23/2006 10:13 AM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

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Anyone else hear it? I would be interested locations and signal strenght reports.

Thanks

Mark K8MHZ

1344. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-23 15:15:21 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1342 Message: 1344

If I didn't know any better, it sounds like someone's using electrical equipment near the antenna. I know that's not the case though. It's very interesting.

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From: "Deater, Tim" <tdeater@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 10:40 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

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>band Fm, 2 meters and anything else I have with an antenna. We have had
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1345. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-23 16:41:54 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1342 Message: 1345

Mark are you hearing the noise when it is wet out or dry or both it sounds like a arc . like between an insulator and ground or a loose connection havent heard that near my work qth.on hackley and seaway area 73 kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 10:13 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

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1346. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-23 19:36:19 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1342 Message: 1346

Could be a tree limb touching a wire in a breeze.
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 10:13 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

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1347. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-23 19:39:33 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1342 Message: 1347

Mark, I just took a listen and did not here the noise at my location.
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From: k8mhz@...
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Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 10:13 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

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1349. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-24 13:55:32 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1342 Message: 1349

I seem to remember, deep and back in my mind somewhere, that the folks at the ARRL have sound files of noises frequently heard on the air. Or was it another ham with a www page with a similar focus. Certainly the ARRL has lots of rfi information that includes noise from BPL and other sources.

I thought this sound was like an electric fence that I seem to remember cycles on and off. I thought I heard a regular interval of on and off. The problem with the fence idea is I'm wondering how far away from the Herefords does Mark live?

Best of luck tracking this down.

Bill, AB8SC

1352. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-24 18:02:37 UTC
From: KOZAL LAWRENCE J JR
Topic: 1342 Message: 1352

It's good to note patterns for sure.

My own ongoing experience is with a 2 or 3 KHz modulated burst every seven seconds on 3.830 SSB - sounds like someone clearing their throat of a serious lugee. I found the same signal at 1.915 MHz - I do have a portable AM broadcast band rcvr that can tune in 1 KHz steps - it doesn't have a BFO - I did not hear the sig at 957 or 958 KHz.

A unit on a nearby bakery's roof emits a sound every 7 seconds - sound's like a seal's bark or like Goofy's dumb "Gah-Huk" chuckle. The city inspectors did go over there years ago at our request and determined that the acoustical level did exceed the decibel limit - the bakery said they would remedy the situation - didn't happen.

Not convinced I have the culprit because I haven't yet taken the HF rig over to the bakery to see if the the sonic and RF emissions are indeed synchronous. Also could set a mike and preamp outside the house and run the lead into the shack for a side-by-side listen.

I have .wav and .mp3 files of the sound coming from the xcvr and of "Goofy" as heard a on our front porch. Can easily see the 7.0 second feature of each in WaveStudio.

I can request the net to QSY off of 3830, but I can still hear Goofy through thermopane windows - HI ! Larry

k8mhz@... wrote:
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I just hope it stay on long enough for me to find it.....err....I mean sure hope it quits soon :) !

k8mhz

(I am flying my call at half mast today....)

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Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2006 14:55
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

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1353. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-24 22:48:38 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1342 Message: 1353

Spot welder?

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2006 10:25 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF Noise

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1354. decode

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-25 02:25:32 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1354 Message: 1354

What a wonderful thing CW decoding software is,enough said.

KD8CBJ

1356. Sweepstakes, Anyone?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-26 12:44:14 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1342 Message: 1356

Coming in November is the popular ARRL contest known as Sweepstakes.
There is a CW and a Phone version. The first is early in November,
while the second is a few days into our Michigan holiday, Deer Camp.

So you want to participate? We can use the radio club's fine facility
and enjoy the event.

Mark your calendar and let me know.

Bill, AB8SC

1357. Re: Sweepstakes, Anyone?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-26 13:02:28 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1342 Message: 1357

Calendar marked! Karen and I are a go for this. We talked about this last weekend. We were considering operating from home on this but if the club is going to open the doors, we can see fit to go up there and partake in the fun.

Things to turn on for Sweepstakes.
1. Coffee
2. Radio
3. Coffee
4. Back-up Coffee pot

73
Doc and Karen

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> Bill, AB8SC
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1358. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Sweepstakes, Anyone?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-26 14:14:22 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1342 Message: 1358

I'm definitely interested, providing that I can get up there somehow. Just give me the date for the phone portion, as my cw skills leave a very large amount to be desired.
Chris Schulte

----- Original Message -----
From: "ravennaelectronics" <ravennaelectronics@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 9:02 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Sweepstakes, Anyone?

> Calendar marked! Karen and I are a go for this. We talked about this
> last weekend. We were considering operating from home on this but if
> the club is going to open the doors, we can see fit to go up there and
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1360. Re: Sweepstakes, Anyone?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-26 21:18:50 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1342 Message: 1360

Doc:

So I sense your definite need for caffeine. We should get Starbucks coffee and make up a HUGE POT. I'm game.

And, Chris, we'll find a way for you to get to the clubhouse.

I'm bringing my sleeping bag. Can really old kids have a "slumber party" too?

Should be a really great time.

Since clock time changes some time in October I can't say exactly what time we'll be at the clubhouse. Just about all the contests run on UTC which requires some computation for "regular folks" time.

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Rumor is that the clubhouse's shack computer will be running and we can use that for logging. I'll make sure we have a back-up notebook computer, just in case. We'll run a Multi-Single meaning multiple operators (YES! Lots) working a single rig.

This will be great fun!

Bill, AB8SC

1361. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Sweepstakes, Anyone?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-26 21:26:09 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1342 Message: 1361

Oh, Sweeps is an HF contest. However, we will have control operators there so EVERYONE can assist. We'll need loggers and operators and folks to keep the coffee pot running and other folks to cheer while other folks are the peanut gallery heckling while we have some folks running for pizza and other folks just running over to the Red Rooster for sanity and some "quiet time" while the rest of the interested folks calculate the current and predicted score and search for ways to post our score on the Internet to those folks interested in such details before the actual end of Sweeps and the time when we all pull the plug, leave the shack, and return to our civilized civilian lives of quiet normalcy.

1362. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Sweepstakes, Anyone?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-26 22:04:35 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 1342 Message: 1362

Ok Bill,
As I said last night I manage two big crock pots of Chile and maybe we can talk K8MHZ into some veggie Chile so we can provide for KC8MDL. Now that you brought up breakfast Chris AB8WO is going to go on strike if I don't bring the fixings for biscuits and sausage gravy. Why can't we set up a second radio we have more than one HF antenna Don't we? Somthing to think about.

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1363. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Sweepstakes, Anyone?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-27 00:20:38 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1342 Message: 1363

Normalcy? I've never been accused of being normal. Oh, and yes Bill, older kids can have a slumber party, but all of the ones I went to when I was a teenager usually ended up being broken up by the cops. Good thing the club house is out in the country so we don't have to worry about the noise keeping the neighbors awake. *chuckles* I'm looking forward to it.
----- Original Message -----
From: Tom Nickisch
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 6:04 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Sweepstakes, Anyone?

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1365. Crop Walk

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-28 00:26:40 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 1365 Message: 1365

All,
Still need a dozen people for the Crop Walk on Sunday (October 1). Meet at Red Cross (downtown Muskegon) around noon. Finish about 5PM.
Tom, N8YJT

1366. Re: Sweepstakes, Anyone?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-28 11:44:14 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1342 Message: 1366

Is there life before caffine Bill?
Remember science and Einstein!
E=mc2 (sqaured) which stands for Eneregy = morning x2 cups of coffee.

Doc

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> 2.4. Operate no more than 24 of the 30 hours.
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> Let's see if I can do the math: 2100 UTC minus 5 hours for local
time
> is 1600 local minus 12 for am or pm makes the start at 4:00 in the
> afternoon. End time is 0300 plus 2400 for the math is 2700 minus 5
> hours for local time is 2200 minus 12 hours am or pm makes the end
of
> the contest at 10:00 pm. That last part sounds too late. Anyone
want
> to check my math? Linda did the checking. And the contest runs
> thirty hours so it makes sense.
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> Tom, W8AMZ is saying we should have a HUGE tub of chilie to keep
the
> troops fueled and talking. Great Idea! I'm thinking that
stragglers
> on Sunday morning need a really BIG breakfast. I'll make
something to
> hold us over until the early afternoon when the leftover chilie is
> resurrected and employed.
>
> Rumor is that the clubhouse's shack computer will be running and we
> can use that for logging. I'll make sure we have a back-up
notebook
> computer, just in case. We'll run a Multi-Single meaning multiple
> operators (YES! Lots) working a single rig.
>
> This will be great fun!
>
> Bill, AB8SC
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1367. Re: Crop Walk

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-28 11:47:36 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1365 Message: 1367

Good day Tom.
I may be able to help out on Sunday. I will not be there by noon time is the only problem. Church does not get done until noon. I could be there at the earliest 12:30. More likely around 1pm would be a better assumption.

Doc

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Tom Porritt <jtporritt@...> wrote:
>
> All,
> Still need a dozen people for the Crop Walk on Sunday (October 1). Meet at Red Cross (downtown Muskegon) around noon. Finish about 5PM.
> Tom, N8YJT
>

1368. Scouts JOTA (Jamboree On The Air)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-28 11:51:18 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1368 Message: 1368

Good day everyone.
The Scouts National Jamboree On the Air is quickly approaching. It is the third weekend in October (21-22). Are any of the area radio clubs/organizations/associations/councils going to open up their shacks and grounds to allow the scouts to camp, play radio or a at least play radio?

I know my son's unit has been asking about the MAARC opening up again like they have in the past. My son's unit has FOUR adult amateur radio operators in it and five youth that want to learn and get their license.

Let me know and I will get the word out to the units.
Doc

1369. packet how to?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-28 12:02:24 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1369 Message: 1369

WB8I is my registered "home"BBS.When I connect I get the---Hi Paul----
.How would I send my self mail from a mobile/other computer to my
computer in the lab"home"?In the station setup for the mobile/other do
I set it up as KD8CBJ-1?Is this what an Alius is.

73 KD8CBJ

1370. Re: [WestMichiganHams] packet how to?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-28 12:53:45 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 1369 Message: 1370

Actually Paul, until one of your stations is a "full Service" BBS you
are best off with WB8I-? as your "home".

On Thu, 2006-09-28 at 12:02 +0000, kd8cbj wrote:
> WB8I is my registered "home"BBS.When I connect I get the---Hi Paul----
> .How would I send my self mail from a mobile/other computer to my
> computer in the lab"home"?In the station setup for the mobile/other
> do
> I set it up as KD8CBJ-1?Is this what an Alius is.

As you might guess ALIAS is another way of addressing your station.
"MKG" is an alias for example.
Your alias is your choice, and one primary use is to build digipeating
lists for other users of your station.
You should probably not consider ALIAS as a mail feature, only
CALL-SSID, or CALL@DOMAIN.

Your note specifies you connect to WB8I / you should probably ONLY
connect to WB8I-? (you fill in the SSID) when you establish a link.
Use the same practice for all your stations - do NOT connect to kd8cbj.
Your at-home (not "home") station might have "MYCALL KD8CBJ" and
"BBSCALL KD8CBJ-1".
Your mobile/other station might have "MYCALL KD8CBJ" and "BBSCALL
KD8CBJ-2".
Neither of your stations is "your home station", both of your stations
permit BBS mail messages and CONNECT WB8I-? to your "home" station.
The ALIAS you assign does not figure into this mail addressing, and DO
NOT use one alias on both stations...

Does that make it better or worse?

>
> 73 KD8CBJ
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73
de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

1372. Rusty bolt remover

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-28 14:49:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1372 Message: 1372

From Mad River Radio Club mailing list. Sounds like this might be useful to other hams.....

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Don K8BB put me on to a spray mentioned by W4ZA in the NCJ that is dynamite on removing old rusty bolts. PB Blaster is available at WallMart in the auto section for under $4 a can. I actually laughed the first time I used it...it made it incredibly easy to loosen a 6 year old non-plated UBolt.

Try it...you'll like it!

K8GL

1374. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Young ham places in local spelling bee

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-28 19:46:46 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1371 Message: 1374

I remember the NBC spelling bee. Brings back some memories.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 8:57 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Young ham places in local spelling bee

Contrats to Nicole Austin, KOLEY and Wendy Austin, BSN for earning second place at the Hackley Library Spelling Bee.

Not bad for their first event. Both 1st and 3rd place had not only been in spelling bees before, but had won them. The 3rd place team won the Hackley event last year and the younger half of the team won the spelling bee at the Nellie B. Chilsom Middle School.

I had no idea that the competition would be so tough. I am proud of the both of them.

73

Mark K8MHZ

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.405 / Virus Database: 268.12.9/458 - Release Date: 9/27/2006

1375. Re: Scouts JOTA (Jamboree On The Air)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-29 11:05:41 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1368 Message: 1375

Doc:

At the last board meeting of the MAARC there was no discussion on this activity and date. It certainly can be arranged and you are encouraged to 1) host the event and 2) make invitations and etc.

On a Jamboree weekend in the past a Scout Troop has camped at the club's clubhouse and enjoyed the weekend on the radio. This certainly could be arranged, again, for this year's event.

The policy at the club is to encourage these activities. Members can borrow a clubhouse key and supervise the use of the clubhouse. Nonmembers will be "hosted" by a club member. A simiple process.

Unfortunately my unit is camping that weekend elsewhere.

Best of luck in making this happen. We have advertised this event at the monthly October Roundtable Scouter event without any takers. Not an excuse not to post a flyer at this upcoming Roundtable.

73

Bill, AB8SC

1376. Re: Scouts JOTA (Jamboree On The Air)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-29 12:20:01 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1368 Message: 1376

Thank you for the scope Bill. Karen and I are members of the MAARC so that is simple enough. With your and the board's permission I would like to see JOTA at the clubhouse. If you can, give me a call on the landline this evening or sometime Sunday afternoon so we can work out the details.

Thank you
Doc, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Bill" <bill_fries@...> wrote:
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> Doc:
>
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> activity and date. It certainly can be arranged and you are
> encouraged to 1) host the event and 2) make invitations and etc.
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> the monthly October Roundtable Scouter event without any takers. Not
> an excuse not to post a flyer at this upcoming Roundtable.
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> 73
>
> Bill, AB8SC
>

1377. Air Fair Story

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-29 19:59:31 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1368 Message: 1377

All:

I found this interesting story on the future of the Air Fair in Muskegon. Looks like the Air Fair will not be run next summer. Its future is uncertain.

Have a look at:

http://www.mlive.com/news/muchronicle/index.ssf?/base/news-10/1159542955129460.xml&coll=8

1378. Great Lakes area 2m MFSK16 net tonight 8e/7c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-29 20:51:06 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1378 Message: 1378

Don't know how good the bands will be, but the Great Lakes area Friday Night 2 meter MFSK16 net will be held tonight at 8 PM eastern/7 PM central, on 144.150 MHz USB. Hope to see at least a few people there!

-Joe, KD8ATU
Grand Haven, Michigan - EN62wx

1379. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Scouts JOTA (Jamboree On The Air)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-29 23:05:52 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1368 Message: 1379

Doc:

I will secure permission from the radio club's board at the upcoming monthly meeting. You'll need to get a key to the facility. There are a few around so let me know if you have trouble.

And, WELCOME to the youth participating.

Bill, AB8SC

1380. Steak Dinner, Yum!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-29 23:10:49 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1368 Message: 1380

All:

The Muskegon radio club is hosting a steak dinner and YOU and a guest or three are invited. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 14, at 5:00 pm at the clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive between Muskegon and White Lakes and near the Red Rooster Tavern. The menu, you ask? Steak, baked potatoe, salad, and desert. You may bring and share your favorite dessert. Cost will be $6.50 for adults and less for the youthful contingent. Youthful in age, not temperament, that is.

Hope to see all of you there. Advance tickets will be available at various events leading to the dinner. Get a copy at the upcoming membership meeting or a breakfast nearby.

Bill, AB8SC

1382. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Phonetics...just venting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-30 00:20:11 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1381 Message: 1382

Mark:

Do you use packet spotting? You will often find the station's call sign listed. There are frequent mistakes, especially on cw, but this is oftentimes a good place to start looking. Or verify.

My logging program will also alert to dx being spotted. Handy! Or disappointing when tons of spots are already confirmed. I'm not bragging, just mentioning. And there is a new twist to spotting nets where dx post that they are on the air and where. Kinda like self spotting but different. I don't use this WoTA stuff, yet.

Bill, AB8SC

1385. Unidentified caller on tonight's net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-30 00:47:07 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1385 Message: 1385

Sherm KB9Q called a minute before the net was supposed to start. As I was swinging the beam around to answer him, I noticed another, very weak signal. I thought it may have been KB9DOA in Fond du Lac or KC0HLN in Waterloo, but it seemed to be strongest when I aimed southwest. Never did find out who that was. Did anybody on here try unsuccessfully to check in tonight?

Aside from Sherm in Big Bend, WI, I had two other logged checkins: Mark KC8DEI and Paul W8IQE from Grand Haven, MI.

-Joe, KD8ATU
Grand Haven, MI - EN62wx

1386. : WEAVER'S WORDS -- CONGRATULATIONS TO K4FQT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-30 00:57:35 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1386 Message: 1386

[Address comments to k8je@..., only. Do not click on reply to this message. The ARRL reflector is outgoing, only, and does not accept incoming messages.]

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K4FQT DID IT!

In case you don't know this, K4FQT is none other than ex-W8FQT, Dick Mondro, our former Vice Director. Dick and Sandy, who is now KC4SM, moved to Florida nearly a year ago. No longer a resident of the Great Lakes Division, Dick could not run for re-election here.

Also if you didn't know it, Dick is an outstanding business consultant. In fact, he is personal conslultant to the owner of the Detroit Tigers baseball team. Dick's influence in structuring the Tigers' organization and its concept for running the team on the field for the current season is largely responsible for the succes the club has had in copping the American League, Central Division penant.

Great job, Dick, but watch out for the Chisox next year!

AMBIENT BPL BECOMING A BETTER CITIZEN?

I've just learned that Ambient, the provider of some of the dirtiest BPL systems around, may be coming to realize it should be a better corporate citizen. At least one new Ambient BPL system that has been installed within recent weeks has notched every amateur band. The report is that the ham bands are essentially devoid of BPL interference even though frequencies just outside these bands are plagued with interference. With a couple of new Ambient systems planned for activation in the Great Lakes Division (at least one is by Duke Energy), we can hope the actual version of BPL used is effectively notched.
WILL ARRL APPEAL THE FCC ACTION?

As noted on www.arrl.org, the Board of Directors is considering a legal appeal of the recent FCC ruling that nearly gives the store to BPL providers. This is the decision in which the Commission concluded that licensed radio services such as Amateur Radio do not necessarily deserve to be protected from interference caused by Part 15 devices,

and that mobile operators of licensed services definitely do not warrant protection from interference from Part 15 devices. The ruling was made in a Memorandum Opinion and Order that became effective September 29.

The effect of the ruling actually goes beyond concerns over BPL itself. It brings into focus the apparent belief by FCC it can issue radically new and changed rules through the "back door" and, thereby, avoid following established procedures for developing and adopting rules changes. The basic premise that rulemaking should be done by thoroughly considering public input is at stake.

CORRECTION ON BARRY GOLDWATER'S SECOND CALL

Every now and then, I make a mistake that confirms my firm belief that I am not infallible. In the last issue of Weaver's Words, I gave Barry Goldwater's second call as K3UGE. At the time I typed this, I would have put money on being correct, but Charles Ring, Jr., W3NU of Brookfield, OH corrected this error and has told me it was K3UIG. He was merely the first to let me know of my failing memory. Sorry to have made the mistake and thanks to Charles and the others for correcting me. Incidentally, Goldwater's last name originally was Goldwasser in the family's native Germany.

KENTUCKY EMERGENCY NET MOVES TO WINTER HOME

Effective October 2, 2006, the once-weekly Kentucky Emergency Net (KEN) moved from 3.993.5 MHz to 3.972.5 MHz. This is also the home of the Ohio Single Sideband Net (OSSBN) that meets three times a day. This frequency will remain the KEN frequency until the April 2, 2007 net session after which the then-new Kentucky SM & SEC will choose either to remain on 3.972.5 or move back to 3.993.5. In a true spirit of cooperation, KEN management requested the concurrence of OSSBN management for the move before deciding on it. OSSBN management agreed enthusiastically. The likelihood that OSSBN evening sessions will run into the beginning of KEN is small, but this may happen, occasionally.

KEN serves as an administrative and training net for Kentucky ARES. The reason for the shift in frequencies is that German digital SW broadcasting often covers 3.993.5 MHz as propagation extends during fall and winter months.

SANCTIONING HAMFESTS/SWAPS/CONVENTIONS

I want to make certain everyone realizes I have no intention of trying to keep any affiliated club from obtaining ARRL sanctioning for its hamfest/swap/convention. The opposite is true. I'd like for every one of these events to be sanctioned. My purpose in discussing the sanctioning is to call attention to a fact I believe is poorly known by many people. This fact is that sanctioning is not a one-way street. It is not just for ARRL to put its stamp of approval on the event and to pass on the benefits of sanctioning (publicity in QST, prizes for

the event, information useful in organizing the event) to the event sponsors. The event sponsors actually owe ARRL a few small acknowledgements in return. These include having an ARRL table in a conspicuous location with ARRL literature neatly place on it (preferably manned with a club member knowledgeable about ARRL if there are no ARRL officials present), placing the ARRL Diamond logo on event literature and publicizing the fact that prizes given by ARRL are from the ARRL. I don't know about anyone else, but the exchange seems to be very fair to me. It is a win-win situation. You can read the rules at http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/hamfests/rules.html.

This month, I want to make readers aware that I have established a simple, supplemental procedure I will follow before I sign off on sanctioning requests. This process is as follows:

1. When a sanctioning request is forwarded to me for approval, I will E-mail an appropriate person of the club sponsoring the event and ask them to confirm they understand and are complying with the guidelines. I offer to work with the club to reach mutually acceptable resolution to any areas in which compliance is not readily achievable.

2. As soon as I receive assurance from the club representative that they understand and comply with the guidelines, I send my approval to HQ for sanctioning the event. If there are issues that need to be addressed before approval is given, I'll work with the sponsors to find prompt, agreeable solutions to the issues.

This simple, 2-step process can be accomplished within 24 hours.

Why have I established this new process? I've attended dozens of hamfests/swaps/conventions throughout the Great Lakes Division during the nearly 4 years that I've been Director. Most of these events do a pretty good job of meeting ARRL guidelines for sanctioning. Unfortunately, a small number do not.

I do not judge the reasons a few events fail to meet the guidelines. My guess is that the people involved with them merely don't know about the guidelines. My objective merely is to help event sponsors meet these guidelines. Why?

It is unfair to allow organizers of some hamfests to fail to implement the guidelines when organizers of other hamfests make the effort to meet them. In exchange for this effort, sponsors who comply with guidelines receive publicity in QST and on the ARRL web site, prizes, the ability to have ARRL officials appear at the event and other
> organizational benefits. Organizers who choose not to comply with the
> guidelines do not deserve to receive these perks. Some may not choose
> to be sanctioned. Most others will. I'd like it if all organizers
> did.
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> For those who choose to seek sanctioning, I'm here to help. This offer
> includes helping to work out what may appear to be obstacles to being

> sanctioned. When sincere people put their minds together to reach
> honest goals, they will succeed.
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> As a formerly well-known Cincinnati attorney used to say, "If you need
> me . . . call me."
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> WHO TO WRITE WHEN YOU HAVE A BEEF?
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> OK, so you have a beef with something ARRL or an ARRL official did
> (maybe me?). Who should you complain to about this? The answer
> depends on who or what caused your displeasure.
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> First, it is generally good to start with the lowest person on the
> totem pole for the area of ARRL that was involved. This may be the
> local EC if your beef relates to something that happened in the local
> ARES. If it relates to something an OO did, contact him and discuss
> the matter -- calmly. If it was something the SM did, contact him. If
> it was done by someone who reports to the SM, start with this someone.
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> The first thing in problem solving is to define the problem. What was
> actually done and what does it actually mean? The answer to this
> question may be quite different from how things appear on the surface.
> For example, a few years ago, a ham in SW Ohio became very irate when
> he received an OO report that said he had been heard violating a rule
> on several occasions. This ham was certain the notice had also been
> sent on to Riley Hollingsworth and that this OO was going to be
> responsible for the FCC canceling his license. This very vocal
> on-the-air flap continued for several days before the ham learned from
> another amateur that this isn't the way things work. A polite call to
> the OO (a local) would have solved the confusion right away.
>
> If the beef relates to something that happened in the Section
> organization, but you don't know whom else to contact, get in touch
> with the SM. This is the person the members elected to head the ARRL
> Field Services Organization in the Section. In Kentucky, the SM is
> John Meyers, NB4K (nb4k@...), in Michigan he is Dale Williams,
> WA8EFK (wa8efk@...) and in Ohio he is Joe Phillips, K8QOE
> (k8qoe@...). Each of these men is quite intelligent, dedicated to
> Amateur Radio and highly capable of managing the SM duties.
>
> If your beef relates to something I did or to a policy established by
> the Board of Directors or the performance of our HQ staff, you can get
> in touch with me (k8je@...). As tempting as it may be to want to
> write to the ARRL President, our two Vice Presidents and the entire
> Board of Directors don't follow this shotgun approach. It will not
> prove helpful. I am the guy you members of the Great Lakes Divisions
> elected to represent you in policy and HQ management issues. I may not
> be the person who will actually solve your problem, but I am the guy
> who is here to do my best to see that it is solved. Send your
> complaints to k8je@.... If I am unavailable, contact Vice

> Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA (ki4la@...).
>
> Regardless of to whom you complain, write down what happened in calm,
> courteous and logical terms. If you believe particular people caused
> the problem or are the problem, say so, but keep it polite. I've
> occasionally received letters that have lashed out against someone so
> violently and in such heated terminology that the problem being
> reported has been nearly impossible to figure out. Stay cool, calm and
> collected. You'll have much more success in getting people to
> understand your concern and to take action about it. Besides, calling
> someone highly unflattering names is not the way to put them into a
> mood in which they want to help you. The squeaky wheel may get the
> grease, but the obscenely squeaky wheel most often is discarded to the
> junk heap as being defective, itself.
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> BACK TO SCHEDULE
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> With this issue of Words, I have gotten the newsletter back to its
> early-in-the-month publications schedule. I hope to be able to keep it
> here. Several newsletter editors have asked for this schedule.
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> 73, CUL, write to me at any time,
>
> Jim
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> Great Lakes Division, ARRL
> 5065 Bethany Rd., Mason, OH 45040
> Tel. 513-459-0142; E-mail k8je@...
> ARRL, the Reason Amateur Radio is!
> Members, the Reason ARRL is!
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> ---
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

1388. 2 meter MFSK16 net checkin history

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-30 02:41:53 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1385 Message: 1388

Ernie, Jeff and I were talking about this very subject earlier. Here's a list of the check ins I've had over the course of the net, with approximate distances:

KD8ATU Joe - southeast of Grand Haven, MI - 0 miles
KC8DEI Mark - Grand Haven, MI - 7 miles
N8WVN John - Zeeland, MI - 14 miles
KB8QAP Jeff - Byron Center, MI - 19 miles
KB9Q Sherm - Big Bend, WI - 106 miles
KC9DOA Mike - Fond du Lac, WI - 128 miles
KC0HLN Jerry - Waterloo, IA - 320 miles

And of course, this is all without the use of repeaters.

-Joe, KD8ATU

k8mhz@... wrote:
> Joe,
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> I was wondering if you could present a list of check ins and the distances
> from your QTH. The reason is to illustrate how much farther modes other
> than FM work on VHF. I think we tend to establish the limits of 2 meters
> unfairly based upon our almost exclusive use of FM.
>
> Thanks,
>
> Mark K8MHZ

1389. Re: [WestMichiganHams] packet how to?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-30 13:59:48 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1369 Message: 1389

Skip,I'am using WinPack is this correct?
Personal,BBS And Log Information

Personal Information
Callsign---KD8CBJ

BBS Information
BBS callsign---KD8CBJ-1
This is for my at- home(shack/lab)station(not "home")

My mobile/other station would be-

Personal Information
Callsign---KD8CBJ

BBS Information
BBS callsign---KD8CBJ-2
Is this correct?
Sorry you have to kick me in the head three times befor I get somthing.Even with the book suggestions I'm disappointed with the lack of information out there.

73 KD8CBJ

1390. Re: [WestMichiganHams] packet how to?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-09-30 21:50:49 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 1369 Message: 1390

OK Paul, I don't see it as a "kick".
But before I say "Yes" or "no", I have a question for you to answer
using your own skill / no one else.

On Sat, 2006-09-30 at 09:59 -0400, KD8CBJ@... wrote:
> Skip,I'am using WinPack is this correct?
> Personal,BBS And Log Information
>
> Personal Information
> Callsign---KD8CBJ
>
> BBS Information
> BBS callsign---KD8CBJ-1
> This is for my at- home(shack/lab)station(not "home")
>
> My mobile/other station would be-
>
> Personal Information
> Callsign---KD8CBJ
>
> BBS Information
> BBS callsign---KD8CBJ-2
> Is this correct?
> Sorry you have to kick me in the head three times befor I get
> somthing.Even with the book suggestions

I need you to analyze the three examples 1) my earlier response, 2) the
book suggestion, 3) your question above.
Explain all the DIFFERENCES between the three, then I will answer your
question in depth...
Mail me direct if you want...

> I'm disappointed with the lack of information out there.
>
> 73 KD8CBJ
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>
>

73
de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

1391. Re: DX Cluster in the area, plus a 2nd question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-01 01:13:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1381 Message: 1391

What frequency and location for a local 2 metre packet accessible DxCluster? I haven't fired up my 2 metre packet station since moving up to Rockford because I haven't heard much of anything about packet activity around here.

A side question: I'm going to a "four county corner" in Illinois about 20 miles SW of Champaign, Illinois. How would I find a DxCluster in that area? I'll be setting up a portable station, and could bring along a 4 element beam to mount on 20' or so mast, if there's any possibility of working into a packet cluster on 2 metres.

It appears from the coverage areas of Altell and Spring (two cellular services of which I could borrow a PC card for access to the internet) that this area is outside their normal coverage range. The fellow who set up at this place last year used satellite linkage for his internet access, which would co$t me a bundle to set up.

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--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Bill Fries <bill_fries@...> wrote:
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> Mark:
>
> Do you use packet spotting? You will often find the station's
> call sign listed. There are frequent mistakes, especially on cw,
> but this is oftentimes a good place to start looking. Or verify.
>
> My logging program will also alert to dx being spotted. Handy!
> Or disappointing when tons of spots are already confirmed. I'm
> not bragging, just mentioning. And there is a new twist to
> spotting nets where dx post that they are on the air and where.
> Kinda like self spotting but different. I don't use this WoTA
> stuff, yet.
>
> Bill, AB8SC

1392. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: DX Cluster in the area, plus a 2nd question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-01 10:34:41 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1381 Message: 1392

Hank:

I use the internet for dx spots. I once saw a two meter packet cluster, live, from Holland. I'd guess if you need a two meter cluster you're going to have to search the web. They must be out there somewhere.

There are folks who county hunt, lots. Maybe they can help answer your question. Or you could hook into one of them and ask them to feed you the packet spotting stuff when you are on location.

Bill, AB8SC

1393. Please come and Help

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-03 01:28:36 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 1393 Message: 1393

Hello Everyone ... I am looking for help this comeing Friday evening from 5:00pm to 7:00pm for the Spring Lake Home coming parade ... please send me a email that you can help out .... we will meet at 5:00pm at the Spring Lake EOC if you need help finding it call on 145.49 repeater .... 73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

1394. Newaygo County Ham Breakfast

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-03 12:36:17 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 1394 Message: 1394

Good morning everyone! Hope you made it trough the storms last night fine.

The first Saturday of every month there is a ham radio get together at Samuel's restaurant in Fremont at 8:00am. It is open to anyone that is a ham, wants to be a ham, or even knows what ham radio is.

This month that will be this Saturday the 7th.

I hope to see you there!

73

Tim Deater

KC8MSE

http://www.tdats.net <http://www.tdats.net/>

1395. Michigan Section SET Guidelines for October7, 2007...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-03 22:04:38 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1395 Message: 1395

...Just a reminder about the SET this weekend. Tom

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is going out to all Michigan Section ARES/RACES/ARPSC Staff for some clarification on SET Operations to be held October 7.

First of all the SEOC will be active from 10 AM to 2 PM October 7. Your times can vary as much as you wish from this to suit the schedules of your people or operations. Just keep in mind the operations at the SEOC will be from 10 AM to 2 PM. Frequencies for usage will be 3.932 (3.663 CW - QMN), 7.232 (7.068 CW - QMN), 146.52 and 145.76 (Packet - WC8EOC or WC8EOC-3).

Scenario once again is a Statewide Blackout mirroring what some of us saw a little over two years ago in August of 2004. The first hour of operations will be with the advantage of using the local repeaters for communications. After one hour, all repeaters will simulate failure due to failure of backup power supplies such as Battery Backup, Diesel and gasoline and propane generators. The only generators that might not fail would be natural gas fueled generators which so long as the valves stayed open would run until the pipeline was exhausted. However for this test/exercise ALL forms of repeaters will fail for a minimum period of 4 hours of operation for this exercise. After 4 continuous hours of life without repeaters you can simulate a partial restoration of electrical services to key county components and infrastructure (you get to resume repeater usage).

All counties are encouraged to participate at some level. As always the rules laid down by the ARRL allow you to count other events as your SET for the year. We would still like to see each county participate at some level even if it is only one station.

Goals to be attained:

· Pass one message back and forth (one each way - TO and FROM) between your county and the neighboring county via simplex. This message can be very simple. EXAMPLE; 1 R W8??? 14 Somewhere, MI October 7 My County, MI Exercise Exercise Exercise X Our County is currently active and available during Blackout event Joe EC Our County, MI (You of course can be as creative as you wish and go well above and beyond this if you wish.)

· Pass one message to your DEC from each county in the District.

· Each District pass one message to the SEOC. (DEC's this message can originate with you or you can delegate this to one or two counties in your jurisdiction)

· Individual Counties who also have HF capabilities can also attempt to contact the SEOC via any of the above mentioned methods (HF, VHF or Packet). In this way you get some idea of propagation from your respective EOC's for that date. Remember that there is a 4 hour window to play with here. Obviously this is not a contest and the simple fact that 83 counties all trying at once to get into the SEOC would create havoc should be considered. As with anything of this magnitude, order and listening before hand can alleviate some of

the chaos.

· Utilize whatever means you have at your disposal to get the message thru to it's final destination. As soon as I know what the NTS schedule is for the day and frequencies, I or John WB8RCR will publish them.

· DEC's designate one county pre-event to generate a message for needed Mutual Assistance. This can also fulfill the previous item of DEC's sending a message to the SEOC.

· Messages should also be sent at the DEC's and/or the EC's discretion to the SM and STM indicating your participation

That should be simple enough and allows each and everyone in the state to have enough time to attain the goals set forth.

Purpose:

· To test simplex, packet and/or HF communications within each county (intra-county communications) and determine what holes or gaps need to be addressed for future operations

· To test simplex, packet or HF communications between each neighboring county (intra-district communications) and determine what holes or gaps need to be addressed for future operations

· To test simplex, packet or HF communications between districts (inter-district communications) and determine what holes or gaps need to be addressed for future operations

· To test simplex, packet or HF communications within the state (intra-state communications) and determine what holes or gaps need to be addressed for future operations

On another note, ALL EC's should with this coming Reporting Cycle September 1 - 5, 2006 (for August 2006 timeframe) report in the comments section your intentions for the SET. Make sure that your DEC gets a copy of this report so that they can plan accordingly.

Michigan has for many years led the way in the Annual SET reporting and participation. Let's blow the rest of the Sections out of the water this year. Remember that you have until the end of the year to report your participation to ARRL HQ. However, I suggest that all take the time immediately after the exercise to file the report so that it does not get lost in the shuffle. (Report Format can be found on the ARRL.org website and doing a search on 'SET'.)

As always, If there are any issues or questions, please contact me as soon as possible.

Marty Mendelson, N8MG

1396. set 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-03 22:01:19 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1396 Message: 1396

All
This weekend is the SET. We will be on the Air Saturday from 10AM-2PM. At least get on the air. Tom KB8VEE DEC-6

2006 Simulated Emergency Test
October 7 - 8
The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test is a nationwide exercise in emergency communications, administered by ARRL Field Organization Leaders including Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators, Section Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers. Many other Section Leaders like the Section Manager and the Section Traffic Manager may have a hand in planning the exercises and/or reviewing the results. Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), National Traffic System (NTS), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and other public-service oriented groups can be involved. The SET weekend gives communicators the opportunity to focus on the emergency-communications capability within your community while interacting with NTS nets. Although the main SET weekend this year is October 7 -8, local and section-wide exercises may be held throughout the fall season.
During September, the ARRL will be among dozens of organizations and agencies taking part in National Preparedness Month. "The Ready Campaign," produced by the Ad Council in partnership with the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is aimed at making citizen preparedness "a priority for every city, every neighborhood and every home" in the US. The ARRL encourages you to consider this year's Simulated Emergency Test and preparations for it as a demonstration of Amateur Radio's readiness and as an active participant in National Preparedness Month. http://www.ready.gov/,
http://www.ready.gov/npm/index.htm
Purpose of SET
1. To find out the strengths and weaknesses of ARES, NTS, RACES and other groups in providing emergency communications.
2. To provide a public demonstration--to served agencies such as the American Red Cross, the emergency management agency and through the news media--of the value to the public that Amateur Radio provides, particularly in time of need.
3. To help radio amateurs gain experience in communications using standard procedures and a variety of modes under simulated-emergency conditions.
Format
The scoring format reflects broad objectives and encourages use of digital modes for handling high-volume traffic and point-to-point Welfare reports out of the affected simulated- disaster area. Participants will find SET an opportunity to strengthen the VHF-HF link at the local level, thereby ensuring that ARES and NTS are working in concert. The SET will give all levels of NTS the chance to handle exercise-related traffic. The guidelines also recognize tactical traffic on behalf of served agencies.
Test messages should carry the word "TEST" before the precedence; that is, "Test Priority" on phone and "TEST P" on cw. The text of such messages should also begin with the words "TEST MESSAGE."
ARES units and other groups are free to conduct their emergency exercises anytime between September and December if an alternative date is preferred. The activity period should not exceed 48 hours.

Links to SET reporting forms and the EC Annual Report may be found at http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/. You may e-mail your SET summaries to ARRL Headquarters via sewald@.... If you mail them to ARRL via the postal service, the address is: ARRL Headquarters, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111-1494. January 31, 2007, is the receipt deadline.

Preparation is Important

Steps for the Emergency Coordinator

1. Sign up all available amateurs in the area under your jurisdiction and work them into your SET plans.
2. Call a meeting of all ARES members and prospective members to briefly outline (no details!) SET activities, and give general instructions. Do not divulge the exact time or nature of the test to them at this time. This should come as a surprise. Take this opportunity to register new ARES members and get up-to-date information on others. Hold an on-the-air meeting if it's not possible to meet in person.
3. Contact served agencies and explain the intent and overall purpose of the SET. Offer to send test messages to other branches of their agencies, and invite officials to your ARES meetings and SET operating sites.
4. Contact officials of any adjacent communities having no active amateurs and offer to provide representation in amateur networks for them as well.
5. Arrange publicity in consultation with an ARRL Public Information Officer in local newspapers and radio/TV stations by preparing an announcement and/or inviting the press to observe your group's SET operation.
6. Set up liaison with one or more NTS local/section nets (if you don't already have liaison) so you will have an outlet for all messages out of the local area.
7. Formulate your plans around a simulated disaster. Possible "plots" include: a flood, a serious fire, an ice storm, a missing person, a serious accident (automobile, bus, aircraft, for examples), a broken gas line, and so forth. Elaborate on the situation by developing a scenario, but please be realistic.

During the SET

1. Announce the emergency situation. Activate the emergency net. Dispatch mobiles to served agencies.
2. Have designated stations originate messages on behalf of served agencies. Test messages may be sent simulating requests for supplies. Simulated emergency messages (just like real emergency messages) should be signed by an authorized official.
3. Emphasize tactical communications for served agencies.
4. As warranted by traffic loads, have liaison stations on hand to receive traffic on the local net and relay to your section net. You should also be sure that there is a representative on each session of the section net to receive traffic going to the local area.
5. Operate at least one session (or substantial segment of a session) of the local net on emergency-only basis. Or, if a repeater is on emergency power, allow only emergency-powered stations to operate through the repeater for a certain time period.

After the SET

An important post-SET activity is a critique session to discuss the test results. All ARES (and RACES) members should be invited to the meeting to review good points and weaknesses apparent in the drill. Emphasize ways to improve procedures, techniques, and coordination with all groups involved. Report your group's effort using the appropriate forms and include any photos, clippings and other items of interest.

The Role of NTS

The main function of the National Traffic System in an emergency situation is to tie

together all of the various local activities and to provide a means by which all traffic destined outside of a local area, section or region can be systematically relayed to the addressee.

Normal NTS routing should be followed. A valid exception is the handling of emergency traffic that should be routed as rapidly and efficiently as possible, bypassing various levels of nets when delivery can be expedited. Another exception is when one station is loaded down with traffic for one region or section. At the discretion of the Net Control Station (NCS), the station may be directed to bypass a normal channel and go directly to a lower (or higher) echelon net.

The interface between NTS and ARES lies in the liaison function between local nets and other NTS nets, particularly at the section level. Responsibility for representation of the local network on the section net lies with the local net manager who may or may not be the EC. Although we usually think of ARES members being the representatives in section nets, it is equally valid to expect NTS personnel to act as liaison to local nets.

At least one net session or substantial segment of a session should be conducted on emergency power. Plan a surprise session or two. Advise the NCS just before net time. If NCS is unable to operate on emergency power, then someone else must be net control. Only stations operating on emergency power may report in during this time.

Summary

One of the first steps on the way to a successful SET is to try to get as many people involved as possible, and especially new hams. In a real emergency, we find amateurs with all sorts of varied interests coming out of the woodwork. Let's get them involved in SET so they will know more about how emergency communications should be handled. Promote SET on nets and repeaters, and sign up new, enthusiastic radio amateurs. Many of those offering to help will be inexperienced in public-service activities. It's up to you to explain what's going on to them, and provide them with useful roles. They may like it so much that they become a permanent fixture in your ARES or NTS group. For a review of last year's nationwide Simulated Emergency Test, read the article in July, 2006, QST. Thanks to your efforts, the public service tradition in Amateur Radio continues!

1397. WEAVER'S WORDS -- AND THE FODDER'S IN THE SHOCK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-04 11:28:08 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1397 Message: 1397

> [Reply to k8je@..., only. Do not reply by clicking on REPLY. The
> ARRL reflector is outgoing, only, and does not accept incoming
> messages.]
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> - Simulated Emergency Test
> - Assistant Directors: Second Notice
> - All is not Perfect, but its Good
> - Why don't ARRL Officials Show UP?
> - When Writing to Me
> - Great Lakes Division Convention 2007
> - How to Conduct a Lobbying Visit to Your Congressman
>
> This issue can be considered a Special Edition. Two of the topics were
> brought to my attention by members. I thought they deserved to be
> shared with everyone rather promptly. I apologize if receiving two
> issues in quick succession inconveniences anyone.
>
> SIMLATED EMERGENCY TEST
>
> By now, most clubs that will participate in the annual ARRL Simulated
> Emergency Test (SET to most of us) have made their arrangements for it.
> SET is also a wonderful activity to use to bring Amateur Radio before
> the public's attention. The best theme to use in doing seems to be the
> important role Amateur Radio plays in providing emergency and public
> safety communication support during local disaster operations - such as
> occurred during Hurricane Katrina and in recent flooding in the
> Division. If your club is affiliated with the ARRL and has appointed a
> Public Information Officer, and if this PIO has signed up to receive
> messages on the ARRL's Public Relations reflector he or she already has
> drafts of news releases that can be used to invite the general public
> to your SET. Special, personal invitations to key public officials
> often bring these officials to the operation, as well.
>
> Your club isn't affiliated with ARRL, but wants to be? Let your
> Section Manager or me know and we'll get you in touch with the
> Affiliated Club Coordinator for your Section. Don't have a PIO or your
> PIO isn't signed up on the PR reflector? Do the same thing.
>
> ASSISTANT DIRECTORS: SECOND NOTICE
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> In case anyone missed it, two issues ago I asked for anyone wishing to
> continue as an Assistant Director to advise me of this desire. I've
> listed the people who've done this is below. If I've overlooked
> placing anyone on this list, or if anyone overlooked advising me of
> their wish to continue, please let me know right away. The list (in no

> particular sequence) is:
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> K8IT, KI4LA, K8QOE, NB4K, WA8EFK, W4OYI, WB8BGY, WT8W, K8VW, W8ILC,
> KB8VEE, KB8NW, N8XX, N8UR.
>
> Anyone who is interested in providing special assistance to the
> Director and, thereby, to become an Assistant Director is invited to
> contact me at k8je@... for additional information on this
> appointment.
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> ALL IS NOT PERFECT, BUT IT'S PRETTY GOOD
>
> Comments in the last issue of Words brought a thoughtful and relevant
> question from a very active member. The question essentially is "what
> has ARRL done for us lately?" The writer went on to identify BPL,
> CC&Rs and Spectrum Protection efforts by the League as being failures.
> Here is my take on these issues.
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> RE: BPL
>
> We haven't yet gotten the FCC to back off from its active promotion of
> BPL, but I believe our work toward this goal has been a general
> success. Here is why:
>
> 1. BPL has not spread wholesale throughout the country. ARRL's strong
> effort against interference from BPL generated so much uncertainty over
> the regulatory future of it that many corporations chose not to risk
> investor's money.
>
> 2. Several early test operations for BPL have been terminated thanks to
> the strong opposition to interference by ARRL. The test sponsors chose
> to avoid becoming embroiled in vigorous battles with ARRL.
>
> 3. The maker of at least one of the most interference-generating BPL
> systems (Ambient) has recently placed a modified system into test
> market. An early check of this modified system shows it is notched
> effectively for every Amateur Radio band in the BPL range. It is not
> interfering with our bands even though it causes considerable noise
> outside our bands.
>
> 4. Rather than rushing to activate faulty forms of BPL, several
> potential users and markets have moved to put non-BPL broadband systems
> into operation. Thank ARRL's strong fight to get FCC to enforce its
> anti-interference rules for this. The major alternative format in
> these instances is wireless. Philadelphia, Seattle and at least one
> county in Michigan are just three examples of this.
>
> For the above reasons, I consider the ARRL effort has largely been
> effective. It has not resulted in total victory, but it is far from a
> failure.

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> A confession: We failed to recognize the FCC position on BPL had
> nothing to do with science and technology. We did not recognize
> initially the FCC position was a simple example of blatant, misguided
> partisan economics (I don't mean political party partisanship). As a
> result, we approached the discussion from a basis of science and
> technology. The realization of the political nature of the situation
> is one major reason we developed the ARRL Legislative Action Program.
> We need your participation in this program. Please contact me at
> k8je@... to learn how you can help.
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> RE: CC&Rs and Spectrum Protection
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> ARRL has not failed on these fronts. We have not begun to fight on
> them. The reason is that we cannot conduct effective battles on three
> fronts, simultaneously. As a military tactic, dividing ones forces to
> fight on a second front during a critical fight on the first front
> generally results in failure. (Ask Adolph Hitler about this.) As is
> often true in our personal lives, we must pick the battles to fight as
> well as the times and places to fight them.
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> Once we are able to divert the needed personnel from BPL to other
> activities, you can look for a drive concerning CC&R or Spectrum
> Protection. The ARRL Legislative Action Program will probably become
> critical in these coming battles. Why not contact me to help out?
>
> "What has ARRL done for us lately?" I firmly believe the answer can be
> found by listening on any of the ham bands from 1.8 through 144 MHz.
> The absence of strong, whole-band interference from BPL in all but a
> few, isolated, areas of the country is a major benefit ARRL has
> provided . . . recently.
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> WHY DON'T ARRL OFFICIALS SHOW UP?
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> Another very active member asked why elected ARRL officials don't show
> up at many hamfests/swaps. Good question. There are several parts to
> the answer. The most basic part is that there are too many
> hamfests/swaps for so few of us elected officials to cover in each
> Section of the Division.
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> There are only three elected officials to cover each ARRL Section in a
> Division. These officials are the Section Manager, the Vice Director
> and the Director. Each of our Section Managers has one entire state to
> cover. When one stops to think about this, involves many miles
> for them to travel to hamfests/swaps, key meetings and conventions, and
> to satisfy other demands. The remaining two officials, the Vice
> Director and the Director, cover all three states and must consider
> attending hamfests, key meetings, conventions and other special events.
> As I recall, former Director George Race, WB8BGY, said he wore out
> three cars in traveling around the Division. My numbers may be a

> little off, but you get the idea. There is a lot of travel.
>
> I've never counted the number of hamfests/swaps in this Division in a
> year, but it is considerable. No one can cover each of these. Even in
> Kentucky, which has only a few hamfests each year, the great distance
> needed to travel to get to each of these makes it nearly impossible for
> them all to be covered. Anyone have a private jet, fuel and crew to
> donate to our use?
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> As deserving as all affiliated club, sanctioned hamfest/swaps are, some
> of them are too small to make it economically feasible to spend
> membership funds to visit. Can you imagine spending over $250 in
> mileage and motel expense to have the SM, Vice Director or Director
> attend a hamfest/swap that draws fewer than about 300 people. We can't
> justify spending your dues money in this manner.
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> Not all clubs that sponsor hamfests/swaps are affiliated with ARRL and
> not all swaps/hamfests sponsored by affiliated clubs are sanctioned as
> ARRL hamfests/swaps. I believe the reason we rarely attend events
> sponsored by unaffiliated clubs is obvious. There are times that we
> do, but attending these is strictly on an as-appropriate basis.
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> I'd like all clubs to be affiliated and all hamfests to be sanctioned,
> and to have them all draw 1500 or more attendance. If this ever
> happens, I'll enjoy having to make the difficult decisions as to which
> events to attend. Until this happens, you can count on elected
> officials being at the larger events where we can meet the greatest
> number of people on a regular basis, and to attend smaller events when
> the situation permits. Of course, we'll consider attending an event if
> the sponsor invites us.
>
> WHEN WRITING TO ME
>
> I receive much E-mail from members in the Division. I thank you for
> trusting me with your ideas, complaints and feelings about issues. I
> truly want to know what you think about affairs in Amateur Radio.
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> In most instances, I attempt to reply to messages sent me, if for no
> other reason than to thank the writer for taking the time and effort to
> write. Often I include additional information in my reply.
> Unfortunately, my attempts to communicate back to writers often are
> wasted. The E-mail addresses used to send messages to me do not accept
> my return messages.
>
> Keep on writing to me; however, if you wish to get a reply, be certain
> your anti-Spam program is set to accept messages directly from me, not
> just through the ARRL outgoing message reflector. The only times you
> receive messages from me through this reflector are when I send my
> Words or other messages for general membership distribution. Personal
> replies and other messages from me come directly from k8je@....

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> GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION, 2007
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> It's nearly a year off, but the 2007 GLD Convention is in September in
> Cleveland. Quite a program is being planned. To read about everything
> that has already been arranged so far, go to
> http://www.2cars.org/newsletter.htm and read the opening article.
>
> HOW TO CONDUCT A LOBBYING VISIT TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN
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> As I write this item it is October 3. Filming of a video that shows
> how easy it is to conduct a visit a Congressman to promote legislation
> favorable to Amateur Radio is being filmed. The video was developed by
> the ARRL Legislative Action Committee and is being produced in
> Bridgeport, CT. It shows a team of two ARRL Legislative Action
> Assistants in a visit to the local office of one of their US Senators.
> The topic being discussed is the wording ARRL hopes to have included in
> the Senate's rewrite of the Communications Act. This wording was
> included in the House version of the rewrite.
>
> This video will be available to show ordinary ARRL members such as you
> and me that they, too, can help safeguard and promote Amateur Radio by
> affecting legislation in the US Congress. Even if you are only curious
> about this job, please let me know and I'll get information to you.
> Write to me at k8je@.... The video will become available by the
> end of the year.
>
> This ought to hold me through the end of the month unless there is
> breaking news that I believe you would like to have discussed. Thanks
> for your forbearance.
>
> GL, 73,
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> Jim, K8JE
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> Great Lakes Division, ARRL
> 5065 Bethany Rd., Mason, OH 45040
> Tel. 513-459-0142; E-mail k8je@...
> ARRL, the Reason Amateur Radio is!
> Members, the Reason ARRL is!
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> --
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> --
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1

> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

1398. cant attend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-04 17:38:36 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1398 Message: 1398

Can not attend packet net,let me know if I missed anything good.

73 KD8CBJ

1399. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Newaygo County Ham Breakfast

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-05 10:41:15 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1394 Message: 1399

On my calendar,pathetic,it's usually the highlight of the month for me.

73 KD8CBJ

1400. Begging for help 5:00 to 7:00 this Friday night

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-05 21:31:00 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 1400 Message: 1400

Hello Everyone .... We need your help ... I have heard from a lot of people that can not help out Friday night but need to hear from some hams that can help us out with Spring Lakes home coming parade .. we are meeting at 5:00pm at the SLEOC for the parade that starts at 6:00 and we should be done by 7:00PM this is a easy short event so please .. please ... please if you can help out let myself or John Fisher know you can help ... email me @ kb8odb@... or call me at 616-846-7307

Thank you Don Meyer

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

1401. help please

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-05 23:57:19 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 1401 Message: 1401

we need at least 10 people to help with the spring lake homecomming parade at this time we have 5 this event starts at 5:00 pm at the spring lake village hall (EOC) the parade starts at 6:00 and should be over By 6:30 7:00 at the latest its is just your basic block traffic untill the kids and band passby . just 2hrs of your time for a good cause THE KIDS. I know that if you have kids you would want them to be safe thats what we are trying to do. we might get the job done with 5 people but that cuts down on the saftey .So For the kids please volnnter . Thanks and 73 KC8UNY

1402. Great Lakes area 2 meter MFSK16 net - 8e/7c tonight

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-06 15:17:05 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1402 Message: 1402

Well, it's a cold fall day, not the best for propagation, but nonetheless I will once again be holding the Great Lakes area Friday night 2 meter MFSK16 net tonight at 8 PM eastern/7 PM central. I start facing east and turn the beam clockwise as the net goes on.

-Joe, KD8ATU
Grand Haven, Michigan - EN62wx

1403. WTB Inverter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-06 17:11:05 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 1403 Message: 1403

Anyone have a 300-600 watt 12v to 120v inverter they want to move?

Laryn K8TVZ

1406. Job Well Done

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-06 23:48:10 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 1406 Message: 1406

Hello Everyone ... I want to thank the hams that came out to help with the Spring Lake Home Coming Parade .. you did a great job .. and they also got a chance to see the new radios for ham operations at the Spring Lake EOC .. 9 hams helped out working with the Ferrysburg Spring Lake Police Department ... Good Job
73 Don

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

1407. Re: WTB Inverter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-07 12:18:27 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 1403 Message: 1407

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Check Big Lots.
>
> Sometimes they have 400 watt inverters for 25 bucks.
>
> mhz
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Thanks Mark I'll check it out.

Laryn K8TVZ

1409. Bud, NS8Z - SK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-08 16:54:46 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 1409 Message: 1409

Bud, NS8Z, passed away Friday after a long battle with cancer. The service will be at the VFW Derezinski Post #7729 at 1:00 PM Monday afternoon October 9. Here is the link to the obituary from the Muskegon Chronicle.
http://www.legacy.com/muskegon/DeathNotices.asp?Page=Lifestory&PersonId=19517025

Jon AB8RD

Do you Yahoo!?
Everyone is raving about the all-new Yahoo! Mail.

1410. The Great Lakeshore Super Swap.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-09 10:59:30 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1410 Message: 1410

Pass this on to all Hams please

Well it that time of the year again, and unless you have been under a rock or stuck in a cave with no internet access you can't miss that we again are putting on a hamfest. We are coming down to the wire, and the tables are selling out. We now have less then 50 available! So if you want a space please contact us at HYPERLINK "mailto:swap@..."swap@....

Also next Saturday, 9 am at the Tech and training center we will be having swap meeting. All of those wising to help out are encouraged to attend.

Thank again for all of those have helped out so far this year, and let's have a great time this year again.

John Hanse

Chairman 2006 great lakeshore super swap

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Yahoo! Groups Links

1411. Re: The Great Lakeshore Super Swap.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-09 14:44:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1410 Message: 1411

Okay, for those of us newbies who haven't lived here forever, or for us olde fogey's who can't remember anything unless it happened before 1900, what is the location and starting time of the event?

Yes, I know, I could look it up in "hamfests" at arrl.org, but....

73 de n8xx hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Tom VanderMel" <kb8vee@...> wrote:
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>
> John Hanse
> Chairman 2006 great lakeshore super swap
> KC8QDE
> 616-836-3737

1412. Holland Hamfest www.hollandarc.org.htm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-09 14:56:15 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1412 Message: 1412

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Holland Amateur Radio Club

Great Lakeshore Super Swap
The Great Lakeshore Super Swap is October 21,2006 at The West Ottawa South Campus, 3600 152nd Ave. Holland, Mi.
GPS Coordinates
N. 42.49.987
W. 086.09.361

More information call John Hanse at 616-836-3737, or email to swap@...

Tickets and tables call Sue at 616-394-9821.

FORUMS-Time & Locations

A) 08h30: Morning Worship-Room 112

(B) 09h00 - 10h00 : ARRL Michigan Section Digital Radio Group, presented by Jay Nugent WB8TKL - Cafeteria Area

(C) 10h30 - 11h30 - ARRL Forum, all encouraged to attend (Subject to be announced) - Cafeteria Aea.

(D) 11h00 - 12h30 NAVY Marine MARS (All other MARS also welcome to attend). Room 104

(E) 11h45 - 14h00 - ARRL Meeting (Classroom as signposted on the day).
This ARRL Meeting is for the Michigan Section ARPSC Staff (DECâ?Ts and above).
Room 104

(F) 12h00 - 13h00 - Great Lakes Emergency Traffic Net by Jack WA8IAL (in Cafeteria)

(G) 09h30-VE Testing sign in. Testing will start at 10h00. Any questions email Jim kc8ke@...

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1413. Holland hamfest link www.hollandarc.org

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-09 14:59:28 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1413 Message: 1413
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This is the link to the Holland Hamfest

http://www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=22

1414. Lowell ARC weekend at Morley receive site

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-09 17:00:06 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 1414 Message: 1414

Reminder, the October meeting of the Lowell Amateur Radio Club (LARC) will take place at the Morley receive site. This is part of a weekend long campout, grounds cleanup, play radio, etc. beginning Friday, October 13 to Monday, October 16. The monthly meeting at the usual time of Saturday 10AM. All are welcome, stop by during the meeting or any other time, or come out for the weekend.

The Morley receive site is owned by T&W Electronics on 10 rural acres. Among the commercial stuff, the LARC 145.27-(94.8Hz) repeater has a remote 144.67 receiver. Part of the deal is we maintain the grounds. This time, we decided to make a weekend outing of it.

The tower is at +- 3750 155th Ave, Morley, about 1/4 mile south of 4 Mile Rd. TI: 145.27-(94.8Hz) or cell phone (616)558-8046. If you have any questions, see the contact information below.

According to the weather, the worst of the nasty stuff should be past by the end of Friday with partly sunny highs in the 50s for Saturday and Sunday.
In case anyone is wondering, the neighbors are being informed by mail of our presence.

73
Jack NY8D

Home: (616)897-6885
mailto:jamelar@...
Cell phone DURING EVENT (616)558-8046

1415. K8OOO Tom Fischer SK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-09 18:13:09 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1415 Message: 1415
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We lost a great one in Tom Fischer K8OOO. We all know he was a giving person. 73 Tom KB8VEE

Thomas H. Fischer K8OOO

Thomas H. Fischer died October 7, 2006, after giving up a valiant fight with cancer.

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Thomas H. Fischer was born on April 23, 1942, to Kermit and Jean (Peterson) Fischer in Saginaw, Michigan. The Fischer family moved to Spring Lake in 1945.

Tom graduated from Grand Haven Senior High School in 1960 and also from Aquinas College in 1983. He ran Lakeside Auto Inc. from 1967 until 2005. He had also worked as a part-time policeman for the city of Grand Haven and as a full-time policeman for three years for the Village of Spring Lake. He was a member of Spring Lake Presbyterian Church.

Tom had an avid interest in Spring Lake and its well-being. He was a Spring Lake Village councilman for the past 20 years until his illness forced his retirement. He enjoyed researching the history of the village and shared his knowledge with his fellow council members.

He also enjoyed collecting postcards of the Tri-Cities area, but focused on Spring Lake Village. He would share his pictures by showing them at the area Senior Centers. Tom was also a member of the North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club.

Tom is survived by his brother, David (Julia) Fischer of Spring Lake; a nephew, John (Linda) Fischer of Grand Haven; a niece, Lynne (Gary) James of Grand Rapids; and a great-niece, Caitlyn James, and great nephew, Austin James, also of Grand Rapids.

Arrangements for a memorial service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of North Ottawa Community, http://www.noch.org/hospice.html, or to Spring Lake Presbyterian Church.

Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.vbkfuneralhome.com.

VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad of Spring Lake is handling arrangements.

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1416. NEW LAW FORMALLY MAKES AMATEUR RADIO PART OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-09 20:08:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1416 Message: 1416

==>NEW LAW FORMALLY MAKES AMATEUR RADIO PART OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COMMUNITY

A section of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2007 Appropriations Act, HR 5441 <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:h.r.05441:>, formally includes Amateur Radio operators as a part of the emergency communications community. Congress approved the measure before adjourning for its pre-election break. President George W. Bush signed the bill into law October 4.

Amateur Radio is included within the legislation's Subtitle D, Section 671, known as the "21st Century Emergency Communications Act." Radio amateurs are among the entities with which a Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECC Working Group) must coordinate its activities. Included within the DHS's Office of Emergency Communications -- which the measure also creates -- RECC Working Groups attached to each regional DHS office will advise federal and state homeland security officials. The final version of the legislation incorporated language from both House and Senate bills and was hammered out in a conference committee. An earlier version of the 21st Century Emergency Communications Act, HR 5852, included Amateur Radio operators as members of the RECC Working Groups.

In addition to Amateur Radio operators, RECC Working Groups also will coordinate with communications equipment manufacturers and vendors -- including broadband data service providers, local exchange carriers, local broadcast media, wireless carriers, satellite communications services, cable operators, hospitals, public utility services, emergency evacuation transit services, ambulance services, and representatives from other private sector entities and nongovernmental organizations.

The RECC Working Groups will assess the survivability, sustainability and interoperability of local emergency communication systems to meet the goals of the National Emergency Communications Report. That report would recommend how the US could "accelerate the deployment of interoperable emergency communications nationwide." They also will coordinate the establishment of "effective multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency emergency communications networks" that could be brought into play in an emergency or disaster.

In light of the new legislation, the ARRL plans to follow up to determine how it can interact with the DHS and its Office of Emergency Communications.

1417. For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-10 05:27:42 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1417 Message: 1417

Anyone out there want to upgrade? This book should tell you pretty much everything you need to know. Very good condition, no marks or dogears. List price is $25, I paid $19 new, you can have it for $14, shipped by media mail if need be.

-Joe, KD8ATU

1418. Re: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-10 11:43:28 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 1417 Message: 1418

That's an interesting way of announcing that you passed Joe.
Congratulations...

On Tue, 2006-10-10 at 01:27 -0400, Joe Veldhuis wrote:

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> everything you need to know. Very good condition, no marks or dogears.
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1419. Re: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-10 12:25:44 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1417 Message: 1419

I to wish to add my congradulations to Skip. From one extra to another, congradulations. Is it the latest book? I know that the book that I have the questions in it were going to change in july of this year.
----- Original Message -----
From: "Joe Veldhuis" <kd8atu@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 1:27 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

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1420. Call for papers, 21st Annual SWOH Digital Symposium, Saturday, January 13, 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-10 15:34:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1420 Message: 1420

This is the call for papers for the 21st Annual SW Ohio Digital Symposium, held at Miami University, Middletown Campus, Middletown OH, on Saturday, January 13, 2007.

Topics concerning any form of digital communications are encouraged, we've even had a presentation about the use of semaphores in 18th century France - which at the time was the fastest means of communications, far faster than any other means of communications.

For an idea of the topics which have been presented at recent symposia, see http://www.swohdigi.org

For further information, contact Jay Slough, K4ZLE, <k4zle@...> or Carl Morgan, K8CM, <K8CM@...>

1421. Re: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-10 16:09:44 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1417 Message: 1421

Yes, it is the very latest revision. Bought it new just last month.

And thanks for the congrats all.

-Joe, KD8ATU

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1422. K8OOO in G.R. Press

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-10 19:56:30 UTC
From: bestkoz22
Topic: 1415 Message: 1422

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The North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club was mentioned.

Wish I had known him too.

Larry Kozal K8PUJ

1423. Re: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-10 20:46:12 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1417 Message: 1423

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To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
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1424. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8OOO in G.R. Press

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-10 20:57:25 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1415 Message: 1424

He was a really great person. I will miss him.

----- Original Message -----
From: bestkoz22
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 3:56 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] K8OOO in G.R. Press

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1425. Re: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-10 21:39:41 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 1417 Message: 1425

He doesn't have to use "/AE": he's already in the FCC database as Extra.

Congratulations, Joe. Are you planning to go for a new call sign?

Alan NV8A

On 10/10/06 04:46 pm jtlr.fischer@... wrote:

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1426. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8OOO in G.R. Press

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-10 23:06:55 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1415 Message: 1426

thanks andrew kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 4:57 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8OOO in G.R. Press

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1428. Re: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-11 01:22:02 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1417 Message: 1428

Still shows "general" here:
http://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/license.jsp?licKey=2679510

Anyway, I am going to be keeping the current call, at least for the time
being. Might get a new one at some point in the future, but not just yet.

So, anyone interested in that book?

-Joe, KD8ATU

Alan NV8A wrote:
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> Alan NV8A
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1429. Re: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-11 01:22:57 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1417 Message: 1429

And to think he only took the test last Saturday the 7th in Muskegon.

I don't know what the "secret" is but it seems that whenever we give tests
in Muskegon the successful ones appear in the FCC database the first part of
the next week.

Congratulations again Joe.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: "Alan NV8A" <nv8a@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 17:39
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

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1430. Re: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-11 01:24:46 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1417 Message: 1430

Or not. Brought the page up in my other browser and it shows Extra. That was certainly faster than what I expected.

-Joe, KD8ATU

Joe Veldhuis wrote:
> Still shows "general" here:
> http://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/license.jsp?licKey=2679510

1431. Re: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-11 10:33:38 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 1417 Message: 1431

Could be KD8ATU the VE as well - something to consider if you're interested, Joe! Awesome job on that test.

Jon AB8RD

----- Original Message ----
From: "jtlr.fischer@..." <jtlr.fischer@...>
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1432. Re: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-11 18:07:05 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1417 Message: 1432

Already sent in my application Jon. Should hopefully have my badge in a month.

The book is still available, by the way.

-Joe, KD8ATU

Jon Plyler wrote:
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> Jon AB8RD

1433. Ride needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-11 19:35:27 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1433 Message: 1433

Hi all,
I really hate using an e-mail list to beg for transportation, but I wish to attend the steak fry for the MAARC on saturday, and I don't have a ride. Could someone possibly pick me up and drop me off? If there's anyone who can help me out, you can either e-mail me off list at ab8wo2006@..., or you can call me at 215-1919
Thanks again,
Chris Schulte

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To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 2:07 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

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1434. Re: [WestMichiganHams] For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-11 21:35:31 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1417 Message: 1434

Joe aprox 3 weeks kc8uny
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1435. Steak Fry Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-11 21:54:56 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1433 Message: 1435

All:

You are invited to an old fashioned Steak Fry on Saturday at 5:00 pm at the MAARC Clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive. All folks with a taste for steak are invited.

Cost is $6.50. Menu is Steak (New York Strip), baked potatoe, salad, and dessert. If you would like you can bring along a dessert to share.

We'll have fun. Bring a guest or three.

Bill, AB8SC
pres of radio club

1436. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Steak Fry Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-11 22:13:46 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1433 Message: 1436

Now had I known that Bill was going to send a message to the list about the steak fry, I'd have just waited until then to ask for a ride. *chuckles*
Oh well, what's done is done.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Bill Fries" <bill_fries@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 5:54 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Steak Fry Saturday

> All:
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> the MAARC Clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive. All folks with a taste for
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> Cost is $6.50. Menu is Steak (New York Strip), baked potatoe, salad,
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1437. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Steak Fry Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-11 23:04:38 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1433 Message: 1437

Chris:

There are many ways to get out the word surrounding an event. Certainly asking for a ride is a great one. Tonight I made a targeted appeal to a single ham to invite him and others to enjoy the steak fry. The more you get to know me the more you'll probably find that I'll be a little obtuse when trying to find support for something. I think it beats the direct, just the facts, approach.

We hope to see everyone there for this fun event.

Bill, AB8SC

1439. ARLB019 FCC releases long-awaited "Omnibus" Amateur Radio Report and Order

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-12 14:57:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1439 Message: 1439

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: ARLB019 FCC releases long-awaited "Omnibus" Amateur Radio
Report and Order
Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 22:05:34 -0400
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
To Subscribed ARRL Members:

SB QST @ ARL $ARLB019
ARLB019 FCC releases long-awaited ''Omnibus'' Amateur Radio Report and Order

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QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 19 ARLB019
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT October 12, 2006
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB019
ARLB019 FCC releases long-awaited ''Omnibus'' Amateur Radio Report and Order

Ending a protracted waiting period, the FCC's Report and Order in
the so-called ''Omnibus'' Amateur Radio proceeding, WT Docket 04-140,
was adopted October 4 and released October 10, 2006. In it, the FCC
adopted nearly all of the proposed changes in the Notice of Proposed
Rulemaking released back in 2004. The FCC has:

+ expanded the phone subbands in the 75 and 40 meter bands;

+ permitted auxiliary stations to transmit on portions of the 2
meter band;

+ permitted the use of spread spectrum on 222-225 MHz;

+ permitted amateurs to retransmit communications from the
International Space Station;

+ permitted amateur licensees to designate a specific Amateur Radio
club to receive their call sign in memoriam;

+ prohibited an applicant from filing more than one application for
a specific vanity call sign;

+ eliminated certain restrictions on equipment manufacturers;

+ permitted Amateur Radio stations in Alaska and surrounding waters
more flexibility in providing emergency communications;

+ clarified that ''amateur stations may, at all times and on all frequencies authorized to the control operator, make transmissions necessary to meet essential communication needs and to facilitate relief actions'';

+ deleted the frequency bands and segments specified for RACES stations;

and

+ deleted the requirement for public announcement of test locations and times.

In addition, the FCC took several other miscellaneous actions.

In ''refarming'' the frequencies currently authorized to Novice and Technician Plus licensees, the Commission increased the voice segments for General, Advanced and Amateur Extra licensees.

On 75 meters, Generals will be able to use voice from 3800-4000 kHz, an increase of 50 kHz. Advanced class licensees will be able to use voice from 3700-4000, an increase of 75 kHz, and Amateur Extras will be able to use voice from 3600 to 4000 kHz, a generous increase of 150 kHz.

On 40 meters, Advanced and Extra Class licensees will be able to use voice from 7125-7300 kHz, an increase of 25 kHz. General class licensees will be able to use voice on 7175-7300 kHz, an increase of 50 kHz.

On 15 meters, General class operators will have phone privileges on 21275-21450 kHz, an increase of 25 kHz.

ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, expressed the ARRL's gratitude to the FCC Commissioners in a letter dated October 11: ''On behalf of the ARRL and the Commission's licensees in the Amateur Radio Service I want to express appreciation for your release yesterday of the Report and Order in WT Docket 04-140 (FCC 06-149) amending Part 97 of the Commission's Rules. The Commission's action in clearing this pending proceeding will assist the Amateur Radio Service in meeting its objectives, particularly with regard to providing emergency and public service communications.''

The changes will go into effect 30 days after the R&O is published in the Federal Register.
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1440. More info, please

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-12 14:55:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1440 Message: 1440

I gather that MAARC is Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council? That 2888 Scenic Drive is 2888 Scenic Dr, Muskegon, MI 49445. For a newbie in the area, I looked up MAARC as an acronym and found Mid Atlantic Antique Radio Club, which I knew wasn't correct. Is there a discount for kids age 6 and 9?

If we're coming from the Grand Rapids area, how late can we arrive and still find some food? It might be hard to make it by 5 p.m., due to traffic and work schedules.

Hg

"Bill Fries" bill_fries@... wrote:

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>2b. Steak Fry Saturday
> Posted by: "Bill Fries" bill_fries@... bill_fries_jr
> Wed Oct 11, 2006 3:03 pm (PST)
> All:
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> You are invited to an old fashioned Steak Fry on Saturday at 5:00 pm at
> the MAARC Clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive. All folks with a taste for
> steak are invited.
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> and dessert. If you would like you can bring along a dessert to share.
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> Bill, AB8SC
> pres of radio club

1441. Re: [WestMichiganHams] More info, please

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-12 16:12:10 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1440 Message: 1441

Yes, the MAARC is the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council, the radio club in Muskegon.

The address is 2888 Scenic Drive, Muskegon, MI. We have a P.O. Box but don't generally hold any functions there.

The www site is hosted by some friendly hams who give us space on their server. In exchange we try to keep it current but the hosting organization will sometimes, and without warning, change around our site, drop parts, or suffer a disaster and restore our site to its state a few months before. You get what you pay for.

Directions? From US 31 at Highway M-120 exit and go toward North Muskegon. Just past the said intersection is an unmarked and "major" roadway intersection. Take this to the right (north) as this is River Road. If you find yourself driving past the Meijer's gas station you missed the road and you're going to turn around. This little stretch of roadway would take you into the antique store and dentist's office complex. Inside of a half mile the road curves to the west and now you are on the formal River Road and heading west toward Lake Michigan.

Stay on River Road for what will feel like ten miles and go through a four way stop, across a railroad track (yes, this is a stop, too), through a stop light (don't go north nor south here) and stay west. Eventually, and this is the ten miles part, you find yourself at a tee intersection at Scenic Drive. Drive through and west, down a private driveway, and you'll get your car wet in Lake Michigan. At the tee turn right and north while watching your odometer. Eight tenths of a mile up you'll find the clubhouse's sign, address, and two track driveway to the east (right). If you were looking on the west side of the road you would see Moby Dick, the white whale, sign. Turn here on the dirt drive and not on the more inviting gravel driveway. You're there! Missed the driveway? Turn around in the parking lot of the Red Rooster.

We will extend a kid's price for the dinner.

Since we are planning for sixty folks to enjoy the event it may be unlikely that they will all be comfortably served close to the 5:00 pm start. I'd bet that we'll still be cooking steaks up to 6:00 or later.

We'd love to have everyone enjoy the event.

Bill, AB8SC

1442. Re: [WestMichiganHams] More info, please

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-12 20:25:19 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 1440 Message: 1442

Hello Hank,
Yes we will discount for the kids. I as for time I will be the one cooking the steaks and as long as the charcoal holds out I won't turn anyone away. We are thinking about starting to serve about 5pm if you let me know about when you might be there we will waite for you plus I can put your steaks on the grill when you get there.

Tom W8AMZ

Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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1443. Great Lakes area 2m MFSK16 net tonight 8e/7c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-13 17:31:31 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1378 Message: 1443

Despite conditions that are even worse this week than last, and the fact that I didn't get any checkins last week, the Great Lakes area Friday night 2 meter MFSK16 net will be held tonight at 8 PM eastern/7 PM central on 144.150 MHz USB. Hope to see you there!

-Joe, KD8ATU
Grand Haven, MI - EN62wx

1444. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Great Lakes area 2m MFSK16 net tonight 8e/7c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-13 17:55:13 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1378 Message: 1444

Really stupid question, and I know I should probably know the answer to this, but what does MFSK16 stand for?

----- Original Message -----
From: "Joe Veldhuis" <kd8atu@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>; <PSK_VHF_UHF_HAMRADIO@yahoogroups.com>; <illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2006 1:31 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Great Lakes area 2m MFSK16 net tonight 8e/7c

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1445. Re: Great Lakes area 2m MFSK16 net tonight 8e/7c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-13 17:48:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1378 Message: 1445

Won't there be a temperature inversion and good tropo over Lake Michigan, with all the fronts coming through?

Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote:
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1447. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Great Lakes area 2m MFSK16 net tonight 8e/7c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-14 00:00:39 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1378 Message: 1447

Well, I usually tell people the stupid question is the one that they don't want to ask, and I try to live by that motto, but sometimes it's a little difficult.

----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2006 7:48 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Great Lakes area 2m MFSK16 net tonight 8e/7c

> Hi Chris,
>
> There is only one stupid question. I will tell you what it is when I see
> you some time :)
>
> MFSK stands for Multiple Frequency Shift Keying. It is like RTTY on
> steroids.
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Chris Schulte" <ab8wo2006@...>
> To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Friday, October 13, 2006 18:55
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Great Lakes area 2m MFSK16 net tonight
> 8e/7c
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>> To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>;
>> <PSK_VHF_UHF_HAMRADIO@yahoogroups.com>;
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1450. Re: [WestMichiganHams] CW is music to my ears

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-14 13:18:21 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1448 Message: 1450

Radio Intel is a site of interest and a sight for radio eyes, too.

Lots of stuff primarily for the Short Wave Listener but ham stuff, too.
On the site are links to more music of interest:

http://www.radiointel.com/hindsight.htm

1451. : WEAVER'S WORDS -- THE FCC SPAKETH

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-14 13:13:46 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1451 Message: 1451

> [Reply only to k8je@.... The ARRL reflector operates one-way,
> only.]
>
> IN THIS SPECIAL ISSUE I HIGHLIGHT INFORMATION REGARDING THE FCC's
> REPORT & ORDER ON AMATEUR RADIO RESTRUCTURING.
>
> REVISED BAND SEGMENTS PER WTB DOCKET 04-140
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> First, a couple of brief comments: The ARRL and other petitioners had
> asked the FCC to refarm the Novice frequencies and to increase the
> relative size of HF phone bands modestly. The NPRM published by the
> Commission nearly two years ago followed through fairly closely to the
> modest changes that had been requested. In a surprise move, FCC
> greatly expanded the phone band on 80M in its Report & Order. One
> might hope that the extent of this increase is an error. There are a
> few obvious errors and conflicts contained in the order. ARRL is
> pointing these out to appropriate people at the FCC in hopes they will
> be corrected before the order is published officially in the Federal
> Register. The new rules become effective 60 days after being published
> in the Federal Register.
>
> To see ARRL's best estimate of the band changes FCC has intended in its
> Report & Order, go to
> http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt04-140/faq.html. You will
> find a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet there as well as links to
> a color version and a black and white version of a chart showing the
> revised band segment assignments.
>
> A copy of the current band segments is at
> http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bandplan.html for
> comparison.
>
> MORSE CODE
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> Please understand that the FCC has done nothing to issue its position
> on retaining or dropping Morse Code testing requirements for license
> testing. This issue is in WTB Docket 05-235. We continue to have no
> hint from the Commission as to the date on which this docket will be
> released. We are pretty certain they will remove the requirement for
> Morse Code testing for the Technician and General Class licenses. It
> also seems at least a 50:50 likelihood the will drop this requirement
> for the Amateur Extra also. ARRL's preference is to keep the code
> requirement for Extras as one means of making this license Extra. We
> are even more eager to have the issue decided though the issue of WTB
> Docket 05-235 so the uncertainty that has been hanging over our heads

> can be dissolved. At this moment, the Commission's continued
> indecision is hindering the development of Amateur Radio.
>
> COMMENT ON GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT BANDPLANNING
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> I mentioned several months ago that the ARRL Board had established a
> committee to study developing new band plans once the FCC had issued
> its Report & Order on restructuring. The first task of the Committee
> was to review existing band plans around the world. Now that 04-140
> has been issued, the Committee has requested members to submit their
> ideas regarding the new band plans. The request for input is on the
> ARRL web site. I've pasted the initial part of it below. You are
> being asked to contribute to the development of new band plans that are
> necessitated by the FCC's new rules.
>
> "Attention All Amateurs... ARRL requests members' input on recent FCC
> "omnibus" Report and Order (Oct 13, 2006) -- The ARRL is requesting
> members' input concerning the FCC's Amateur Radio proceeding, WT Docket
> 04-140, released on October 10. The Report and Order will not take
> effect until 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. This
> publication date is not yet known. The complete text is available for
> viewing as a PDF file on the FCC Web site. A summary is available on
> this Web site. The ARRL is specifically seeking member guidance on how
> the changes will affect current operating activities on 80, 40 and 15
> meters (see the current ARRL band plans and an ARRL FAQ that includes a
> chart showing the band changes.) Comments may be submitted by e-mail.
> All e-mails will be read and considered, but individual responses will
> not be possible due to the message volume expected. The deadline for
> comments is October 31.
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> "Link to this story"
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> I thought you would want to know about the above information
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> Great Lakes Division, ARRL
> 5065 Bethany Rd., Mason, OH 45040
> Tel. 513-459-0142; E-mail k8je@...
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> Members, the Reason ARRL is!
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

1453. Steak Fry a BIG Hit

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-15 14:21:33 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1448 Message: 1453

All:

Thanks to all who came out to the clubhouse and enjoyed the steak fry. Tom, W8AMZ did a wonderful job grilling steaks. He did not do the dinner by himself and I'll issue a blanket thanks to all who helped. It sure was great to sit around and shoot the breeze with many of our friends in the radio community.

Around the clubhouse, somewhere, is a home movie of a steak dinner at the clubhouse from years ago. A tradition worthy of the "old guys," for sure!

If you're kicking yourself for having dinner elsewhere, the reprieve dinner will be the totally awesome Harvest Dinner in early November.

Stay tuned.

1454. 6meter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-16 12:31:14 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1454 Message: 1454

What is the least expensive way to be able to operate on 6 meters?
My recently inherited FT-101ex has the option to add a FTV-650B 6 meter transverter.Good luck finding one?? Other ways to get on 6 meters(not FTV-650B transverter)?

73 KD8CBJ

1455. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 6meter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-16 13:06:20 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1454 Message: 1455

It shouldn't be too hard to find one of those on ebay for a lot less then you'll probably pay for a brand new six meter all mode rig or something that has six meters in it. Other then that, you might be able to get something inexpensive off of qrz, or through the arrl for sale listings.
Chris Schulte
ab8wo
----- Original Message -----
From: "kd8cbj" <KD8CBJ@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 8:31 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] 6meter

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1456. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 6meter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-16 16:23:03 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1454 Message: 1456

Thank You.

KD8CBJ

1457. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 6meter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-16 16:33:50 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1454 Message: 1457

All:

I can get you on six meters for $25. That is the cost of a membership in the MAARC. This club has a rig, tower, and beam dedicated to six meters. The beam is up at least forty feet. I have never operated this rig but you have all modes all over the six meter band.

Makes joining a real benefit?

Bill, AB8SC

1458. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 6meter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-16 17:54:56 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1454 Message: 1458

Wel Bill, I want to join anyway, but usually I can't get rides to club meetings, so I can't sign up.
----- Original Message -----
From: "Bill Fries" <bill_fries@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 12:33 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 6meter

> All:
>
> I can get you on six meters for $25. That is the cost of a membership
> in the MAARC. This club has a rig, tower, and beam dedicated to six
> meters. The beam is up at least forty feet. I have never operated this
> rig but you have all modes all over the six meter band.
>
> Makes joining a real benefit?
>
> Bill, AB8SC
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1459. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-16 18:02:36 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 37 Message: 1459

> Fellow Michigan Amateurs,
>
> Our sincere congratulations to the newly elected officers of the
> following
> Radio clubs: Marinette & Menominee ARC: Pres K8IR, VP AA9GZ, Sec KC8WAI,
> and Treas WC9E. The Auto State Young Ladies (TASYLS): Pres KC8FSK, VP
> W1LMN,
> and Sec-Treas, K8SYL. Blossomland ARA: Pres KC8TSE, 1st VP N8KBG, 2nd VP
> KD8ZB, 3rd VP KC8YTA, Sec W8JBA, Treas KB8VIM, Trustee KE4PM, and PR N8MS.
> Our Michigan Section radio clubs are the backbone of the hobby, offering
> many
> opportunities for local hams to become involved in the hundreds of facets
> of
> amateur radio. Please support your local clubs, and continue to mentor
> new
> hams. Mentoring is absolutely critical to newcomers and it is incumbent
> upon
> each of us to see that every radio amateur who is newly licensed has
> someone
> to personally assist them in getting on the air. Let us all pitch in to
> insure a bright future in ham radio for all newcomers.
>
> The Simulated Emergency Test is now behind us and reports are being
> complied
> by our Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers. The initial comments have
> included favorable remarks about the statewide scenario requirement to
> "fail
> all repeaters" for a 4 hour window. This put the onus upon everyone
> to use
> alternate modes for local as well as regional communications. I
> appreciate
> the effort everyone put into this exercise and it clearly shows the desire
> of
> all involved to continually improve the quality of the communications
> services we provide to our served agencies. Our SEC Marty N8MG will be
> getting reminders to all DECs and ECs regarding the early completion of
> SET
> activity reports, and ECs should not overlook reporting their net activity
> for the SET. Again, thank you all.
>
> The release by the FCC of WT-Docket 04-140 - the so-called
> "Omnibus" rule
> changes affecting the Amateur Radio Service bears some serious review by
> all
> radio amateurs. While there appears to be some minor text conflicts, the

> overall impact of the changes may significantly affect some familiar net
> frequencies as well as other operating situations. Please take the time
> to
> review the docket and as ARRL Director Jim Weaver K8JE has suggested,
> forward
> your comments by email to bandplan@... . All e-mails will be
> read
> and considered, but individual responses will not be possible due to the
> message volume expected. The deadline for your comments to be submitted
> is
> October 31.
>
> I am pleased to report to you that our Section's NIMS compliance efforts
> are
> working effectively and the results are outstanding. Most all RACES key
> staffers have now met those training commitments outlined in Homeland
> Secretary Tom Ridge's letter to all state governors from September 8,
> 2004.
> ARES personnel have been working diligently to assist in meeting the
> training
> requirements needed for RACES authorization as well. WE all can certainly
> be
> pleased that Michigan ARES/RACES members have been diligent in meeting
> those
> commitments.
>
> Does your local net report its activities? We are interested in what
> each
> local net is accomplishing around the state. Please look at the Michigan
> Section NTS page at http://www.mi-nts.org/ and see the impact of local
> nets
> around the state. If your net is not shown, please consider adding it to
> our
> listing. we all put a lot of time and effort onto our nets, our web
> listing
> will help recognize that effort. Any questions can be directed to our
> Section Traffic Manager, John WB8RCR at wb8rcr@... .
>
> Your SM will be at the Holland and Blossomland Swaps this coming Saturday
> Oct. 21 and Sunday Oct. 22. I then will be at the USECA Swap on Oct. 29.
> I
> hope to have the opportunity to meet with many of you on those occasions.
>
> Station Activity Reports for September, 2006: KC8MLD 314, KC8WSE 238,
> N8FPN
> 189, K8LJG 144, AB8WF 85, W8RNQ 58, WB8RCR 48, AA8SN 44, WI8K 27, K8AMR
> 26,
> KD8BGQ 20, WD8USA 18, K8ZJU 10, AB8CB 6, N8UN 4, KD8BMV 2.
>
> Public Service Honor Roll for September, 2006: KD8BGQ 205, WB8RCR 150,

> K8AMR
> 127, N8FPN 110, K8MFK 105, AA8SN 100, K8ZJU 91, K8VFZ 71.
>
> August Official Emergency Station reports came in from K8COP, Kc8ULE,
> N8HA,
> and W8RAE. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your
> OES
> reports with WA8EFK.
>
> 73, Dale WA8EFK
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> ARRL Michigan Section
> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
> ---
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> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

1460. Re: 6meter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-16 20:47:25 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1454 Message: 1460

Chris:

If transportation is the only hurdle then I'd have to guess that the problem can be managed. I would guess that hams near your home can be asked to share the driving responsibilities. I'd be willing to help get you to a fair number of events. These rides from me are offered during the winter when I am a lot less likely to ride my motorcycle to a meeting.

It was a pleasure to get you to the clubhouse last Saturday afternoon. To be honest, I forgot that you needed a ride back home and was initially surprised when Barney offered to give you a lift. Hi

I was thinking I should give you a ride to the December meeting when we vote for the next year's leadership. But I remember I will be the outgoing president and that position does not need a vote or two. If I were running for something it would be good to give you a lift, review your vote, and, depending upon the outcome of the review, see how you get back home.

It might be a safe bet that you can find rides to about all the ham related events. A little bit of a complication, but nothing insurmountable.

Bill, AB8SC

1461. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 6meter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-16 21:11:14 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1454 Message: 1461

Darn Bill, I was kind of hoping to figure out how to put me and Riley on the back of your motorcycle. *chuckle* If nothing else, she can ride on the back and you could tye me behind it and I'd have to run to keep up.
----- Original Message -----
From: "Bill" <bill_fries@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 4:47 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 6meter

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1462. Re: 6meter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-16 23:44:32 UTC
From: kc8dei
Topic: 1454 Message: 1462

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "kd8cbj" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
>
> What is the least expensive way to be able to operate on 6 meters?
> My recently inherited FT-101ex has the option to add a FTV-650B 6 meter
> transverter.Good luck finding one?? Other ways to get on 6 meters(not
> FTV-650B transverter)?
>
> 73 KD8CBJ

MFJ makes a 10W 6m SSB rig that works reasonably well.

Mark Moss, KC8DEI

1463. Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-17 00:14:30 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1463 Message: 1463

Once again it is time for us to help out with the Hoffmaster Trail Run.

The run will be held at Hoffmaster State Park in Norton Shores on Saturday November 18, 2006. In previous years the race itself started at 10AM. Due to the distances we have to travel to get in position we will be starting an hour earlier at 9AM. The event will run no later that Noon.

I am looking for at least 12 people to help me. Once again we will be using a portable repeater supplied by AB8AZ.

If you can help contact me at n8ctt@... or my cell phone 231-670-1284.

Denny N8CTT AEC/DRO Muskegon County
n8ctt@...

1464. Illinois QSO Party, 1700z oct 22 thru 0100Z Oct 23

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-17 04:39:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1464 Message: 1464

Reminder, the Illinois QSO Party starts next Sunday, 1700Z October 22 and ends Monday, 0100Z October 23. A nice "8 hour sprint." All counties within Illinois should be represented during the party. Rules and other information can be found at http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP2006.html

Suggested CW frequencies are 50 KHz from the bottom of the bands, 3.5 thru 28 MHz, and 3890, 7290, 14290, 21390, and 28390 KHz. for phone.

I'll be operating portable from the corner of CHAMpaign, DOUGlas, EDGaR, and VERMilion counties, as N9Q. A pictorial QSL card will be available for #10 S.A.S.E. to N8XX.

There's a slightly different "spin" to this contest - folks who contact a station who is operating from a 2, 3 or 4 county intersection may claim 2, 3 or 4 contacts, and 2, 3 or 4 multipliers. Therefore, if you contact N9Q you'd get 4 qso points, and, if you hadn't contacted any of the four counties listed above before this contact, you'd get 4 multipliers.

Though I haven't got my microphone talking to my rig yet (last time this happened was perhaps 10 years ago), I'm going to try to operate some SSB as well as CW.

This will be my first adventure in the ILQP. I'm praying that 40 meters has short skip during the early afternoon. Look for N9Q on 7045 KHz ? during the afternoon and 3545 KHz ? after about 2200Z. If I get my microphone working with my rig, I'll be on 7285 KHz ? off and on during the day, and 3885 KHz ? during part of the evening hours.

73 de n8xx Hg (operating as N9Q at CHAM/DOUG/EDGR/VERM during the upcoming ILQP)

1465. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 6meter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-17 11:56:18 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1454 Message: 1465

Morning,I was a club member,may still be,don't know reup date.How does a "member"gain access for using club equipment?Are there open times?Make arrangements with a key holding member.Being a Tech.class don,t I need a control operator of higher class to be there?

73
KD8CBJ

1466. Use the Clubhouse Shack!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-17 12:28:38 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1454 Message: 1466

Paul and Others:

The club welcomes folks like you to use the clubhouse's assets. They want the rigs humming along as much as possible.

To gain access you might start with a board member. The secretary handles the keys and loans same to members.

To use the rigs you will need a little training in which switches work which rigs and antennas and how you plug in all the items. It really takes only a minute. Also there are some issues with weather and the comfort in the clubhouse. Again routine and easily handled.

Once you know the lay of the land you can then get on the air. You are the control operator and can go anywhere your privileges allow. A Tech? Right now the VHF and UHF rig is only receiving as the antennas are showing too high SWR. There is the six meter option I mentioned earlier. It works great.

General or Extra? The clubhouse has a wonderful shack. You can go anywhere you want using your privileges. If you are hosted by an extra or general ham you can use the club call sign, W8ZHO to work anyone anywhere with those privilages.

The shack has a paper log and you need to log all RF out. It is easy, and again takes only a minute.

There are times when the shack is managed and visitors are invited. These times coincide with club meetings, board meetings, and will also be this weekend with JOTA and sweeps in November.

The rigs are there for your use and pleasure. Use them! I have successfully used these assets to score DX which I consider quite rare. Fun.

Bill, AB8SC

1467. 6 meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-17 13:39:57 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 1467 Message: 1467

i have a kenwood 680ts, all mode hf with 6 meters all mode. has been modified for mars and cap. $500.00 or a particle trade for a 220 mhz all mode radio. or for a 900 mhz radio. thank you paul.

PAUL ODEM KC8ZMO/AAR5WG
412 E. FORREST ST.
EDMORE, MICHIGAN 48829

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1468. WEAVER'S WORDS -- Suggestions for New, Gentlemen's Agreement

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-17 22:13:05 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1468 Message: 1468

> [To reply to this message: k8je@.... Do not click on reply to
> this message. The ARRL reflector that sent it is outgoing, only.]
>
> This issue is mainly intended to clarify the first topic discussed
> below.
>
> - Suggestions for New Gentlemen's Agreements
> - Oops
> - Morse Code
>
> SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENTS
>
> In the last issue of my Words, I encouraged anyone wishing to
> contribute to the development of new band plans to read the item about
> this on ARRL.org and submit their comments. I obviously failed to
> state the situation clearly. The band plans I mentioned that are being
> developed will become the new, voluntary, "gentlemen's agreements" we
> amateurs follow to help us use FCC-defined bands effectively and
> fairly. These agreements are in addition to the legal regulations
> established by the FCC.
>
> The topic of which requirements the FCC should or shouldn't have
> established is a closed. It became a closed topic with the close of
> the comment period for the NPRM that lead to the Report & Order earlier
> this month. Like it or not, the topic of how our bands are divided by
> regulation into segments for CW, SSB, and some other modes has been
> engraved in stone unless the Commission finds a clerical error in the
> published Report & Order.
>
> If you have suggestions on where DX windows, weak signal operation, QRP
> operation and other courtesy operating features should be placed on the
> new bands, send your suggestions to bandplan@.... Please also
> address how the new rules will affect current operating activities on
> 80, 40 and 15 meters (see the current ARRL band plans,
> http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bandplan.html, and an ARRL
> FAQ, http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt04-140/faq.html, which
> includes a chart showing the band changes).
>
> Comments are needed by October 31.
>
> OOPS!
>
> I don't like to make mistakes, but I do. When I make them, I like to
> "fess up" and correct them. In my special note about the FCC Report
> and Order on amateur restructuring, I made two goofs. First, the R&O

> becomes effective 30 days (not 60 days) after it is published in the
> Federal Register. Second, when it issues a R&O on WTB Docket 05-235,
> we do not expect the FCC to drop code requirements from the Tech
> license - there are currently no code requirements to be dropped!
> Finally, I made a grammatical error. In attempting to be cute by using
> an old English work, I said FCC "spaketh." Actually, as one member
> pointed out, I should have said FCC "spake." I must have set a new
> record for errors! Mea culpa.
>
> MORSE CODE
>
> Just to reiterate the point, we have absolutely no idea when the FCC
> will issue a R&O about changing Morse code testing requirements. We
> hope it is very soon.
>
> In their NPRM on the code, FCC proposed to drop testing requirements
> for all license classes. ARRL (with my concurrence) requested the code
> requirement be maintained for the Extra Class license as part of making
> it something Extra. We all wait. I certainly hope it does not take
> FCC nearly as long to issue a R&O on the code requirements as it did on
> the "omnibus" restructuring order it finally released.
>
> Incidentally, the restructuring R&O was released less than two weeks
> after ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, wrote a blunt letter to the
> Chairman of the Commission in which he strongly protested the greatly
> extended inaction of the Wireless bureau.
>
> 73,
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> Great Lakes Division, ARRL
> 5065 Bethany Rd., Mason, OH 45040
> Tel. 513-459-0142; E-mail k8je@...
> ARRL, the Reason Amateur Radio is!
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1469. Microphone compatible with Drake TR-7 Needed in a hurry

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-18 18:46:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1469 Message: 1469

My microphones seem to not work with my rig. Last time I used them was about 10 years ago, at least one of them was working, but now one doesn't do anything at all (except turn on the rig with a PTT switch), and the other must have a fault because it causes a loud hum.

Does anyone in the assembled multitude have a Drake microphone in their junk box with which they'd part, either for a nominal $$ amount or for a loan for this coming weekend? I'll be operating in the Illinois QSO party (N9M) and a few SSB Q's might liven up the party. Primary operations for state QSO parties seems to be on CW, because mobiles and rovers can be heard better with that mode, but when CW gets into a lull, I'd like to try SSB.

Between now and the flood of replies I'll be experimenting with some microphones from my junque box which are surplus from some defunct FM Rigs, but since my familiarity with voice gadgetry such as mikes is obvious from the fact that I've not operated on Phone for some 10 years, I'm not holding my breath.

Any help would be appreciated.

73 de n8xx Hg
Phone 616 828 9663

1472. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-19 00:05:57 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1471 Message: 1472

THat's interesting, I'd like to get a copy of that recording if you could get it to me somehow Mark.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@k8mhz.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2006 7:37 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

I just heard an aircraft on 14.300 that was not an amateur station.

The aircraft ID'd itself as 775 Papa Tango and was asking if the station they were contacting was a ship. They acknowledged that they were on "Fourteen thousand three hundred". I got a recording of some of it.

Anyone else hear it?

Oddly it was during the Maritime Mobile Net. The net was in progress, faded away and this aircraft came on, then the aircraft faded away (I have that recorded) and the net came back very strong.

Weird??

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1473. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-19 00:31:50 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1471 Message: 1473

I have heard aircraft there before . I thought it was odd ,but normal from the way the net continued .
Have ever checked out the website ?

http://14300.net/netinfoa.htm

http://14300.net/avlinks.htm

Kewl stuff .
73's
KD8BIG

-------------- Original message --------------
From: <k8mhz@...>
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1475. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-19 02:30:05 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1471 Message: 1475

I have heard some interesting stuff on 14.300. I listen to that frequency a lot .
No Problem about the links . I found out about the links while tracking ships around the world . I got into tracking ships by a fellow I talked to while working the birds .

Link for tracking ships around the world .
http://www.sailwx.info/shiptrack/shiplocations.phtml

I do not have anything else to do but surf the web and listen to the radios .
73's
KD8BIG

---------- Original message ----------
From: <k8mhz@...>
Thanks for the links.

As far as I know 14.300 is exclusively for amateur use. I don't think 775 Papa Tango is an amateur call sign. This did not appear to be part of the net, but going on at the same time. QSB took them out.

73,

Mark

----- Original Message -----
From: StraitMD4@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2006 01:31
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

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1476. Re: Microphone compatible with Drake TR-7 Needed in a hurry

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-19 16:52:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1469 Message: 1476

Al:

Thanks for the reply. Your diagnosis was almost congruent with my first diagnosis, I'm at least 99.44% sure that the microphone is wacky. It didn't work when I bought the TR-7, which didn't bother me because I typically operate Corn Whisky. I should have diagnosed the problem 3 or 4 years ago when I got the rig, when I had time, but..... As one of my training supervisors in one of my first jobs said "P)rior P)lanning P)revents Blank P)oor P)erformance, you fill in the blank." :)

It's a Drake desk mike. It has a dynamic element with a small transformer inside the case to transform the impedance of the microphone to the input impedance of the rig. I know it worked for 20 or so years at a radio club in Ohio, because I used it there. The club was going to sell the rig on open market, so I was first in line.

I resurrected my TR-5 backup rig, and the same problemme exists.

I'm sure that with sufficient time, and after I find a temporarily misplaced owners manual, I'll be able to resolve the situation. But, I'm leaving this area Saturday, and my computer to rig CW keying circuit was having a problemme which was taking 10 times longer than it should have to resolve. I'm just out of time. Phone is a small part of most folks' ILQP effort, so right now I'm forgetting about it.

But, if anyone has a spare drake microphone within 50 or so miles of Rockford, I'd be delighted to either borrow it or buy it for a nominal amount.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Al Pepping" <kv8x@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Hank.
> Check to see if the microphone requires a battery.Many of the
> mikes used on older Drake equipment are amplified SSB mikes
> that usually require a 9 volt battery. If it is not a powered
> mike, you can pick up a replacement element at Radio Shack for
> around 5 bucks. Don't get an electret" element, they require
> an external DC source to work ..."phantom" power as it is
> called in the audio biz. Belive it or not, the cheap
> condenser replacement elements sound pretty good. The hum
> problem you indicate is due to a bad ground, check the wiring

> for a loose connection.
> KV8X

1479. Tactical Clothing and Load Bearing Equiment at Hamfest

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-19 20:17:06 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 1479 Message: 1479

Ed Sick, a dealer in Tactical Clothing and Load Bearing Equipment (among other things) will be at the Holland Radio Club Hamfest this Saturday.

Ed's equipment should be of special interest to SAR types.

73

John Wehmer WB9JSR

1480. CW Practice

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-19 22:33:53 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1480 Message: 1480

FYI
Heres a copy of text from one of my other yahoo groups. any one interested in cw practice may be interested.

No, there is no CW practice mode in the FT847 but if you have a computer with a sound card then Alex's/VE3NEA freeware, a program called Morse Runner, is what you can use and it is one heck of a CW practice program to include QRM/QRN, etc.

Take a look at his site:

http://www.dxatlas.com/MorseRunner/

1481. Fw: Free CW Course on CD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-19 22:48:42 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 1481 Message: 1481

Jim and all:

Below is another link to a great CW practice tool that we have had some success with here in the Big Rapids area.

Also, let me put a plug in for a weekly CW practice net that I run on the Big Rapids 146.74 2-meter repeater. The Big Rapids repeater has the standard negative off-set, and no PL. The class runs every Monday night from 8 to approximately 9:15. We will run the class through Monday: December 4.

Right now, we are finishing up the last of the letters, and will soon get into numbers, pro-signs, and other goodies. We eventually will work our way into call signs, and qso segments like you'd find on a VE code exam.

The code is sent via the Farnsworth method, at a 15 WPM character speed, and 5 WPM sending speed.

Anyone is welcome to join us.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Mike Duke, K5XU" <k5xu@...>
To: <BLIND-HAMS@...>
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2005 3:08 PM
Subject: Free CW Course on CD

> If you are looking for a cw learning tool, check out this free course from
> Chuck Adams, K7CO.
>
> The link below will take you to it. I am leaving Chuck's original post
> following the link.
>
> This course is designed for an mp3 format. I was able to record it onto cd
> with Easy CD Creator 6, by using the "record disk from image" option.
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>
> I was also able to get the pdf manual to convert into a text file. I'll be
> glad to send the text file off list as an attachment to anyone who cannot
> get it converted themselves.
>
> Have fun!
> Mike Duke, K5XU
> Here's the link and a few notes from the author.
>
> http://www.kkn.net/~k7qo/cw_course

>
> is the top directory. In it you will find a large file cw.iso
> that is the entire CD in ISO9660 format. Just download
> this (and you had better have high-speed connection as
> this is almost 700MB) and use your CD burning software
> to convert from .iso to the file system on the CD.
> There is a md5sum to double check the download.
>
> In another subdirectory, cw_files, are the individual files
> in .mp3 for you to download one at a time over a period
> of time for the slower download speeds. The manual.pdf
> file is in that directory. And then finally is another directory
> (answers) that has the individual ASCII files to check your
> copy. Look here last and only if help is needed.
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> This course is my humble attempt to give people a free option
> to learning the code. You pay for it with your time to go through
> it and learn it..... Education is expensive no matter how you get it.
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> FYI
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> Chuck Adams, K7QO CP-60 and RUFZ 109WPM
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> Mike Duke, K5XU
> American Council of Blind Radio Amateurs
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1482. G.R. Packet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-20 01:38:29 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1482 Message: 1482

I need more information about the Packet classes Nov.4 in G.R.?I checked the DRG web site found nothing.

73 KD8CBJ

1483. Re: [WestMichiganHams] G.R. Packet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-20 02:50:26 UTC
From: Don LaBrenz
Topic: 1482 Message: 1483

From the DAPR Website

On Nov 4, we will be having two packet classes!!!!!! First one is Intro to packet which starts at 9:30am and ends around 11:30. Second one is Advance packet which starts 12:30pm till 3pm or 4pm. Please bring your packet stations if you need any help with them. There will be many people there that will be able to help you with all of your problems.....

Place Grand Rapids Red Cross chapter.
1050 Fuller Av. Grand Rapids, Mi.

open to all

Here's the Directions on how to get there!

* From Lansing - Take I-96 West towards Grand Rapids. Exit I-196 West into downtown Grand Rapids. Exit at Exit 79 (Fuller Ave) and turn left. Turn left onto Michigan St and look for New Beginnings on the left hand side.
* From Kalamazoo - Take US-131 North to Grand Rapids. Take I-196 East towards Lansing. Exit at Exit 79 (Fuller Ave) and turn right. Turn left onto Michigan St and look for New Beginnings on the left hand side.

73 de Don, WB8I

kd8cbj wrote:
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> 73 KD8CBJ
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1484. ARES E-Letter for October 19, 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-20 10:27:18 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1484 Message: 1484

> The ARES E-Letter
> Special Edition, October 19, 2006
> ==========
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> Rick Palm, K1CE, Editor
>
> <http://www.qrz.com/database?callsign=K1CE>,
> <http://www.iaru-r2emcor.net/>
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> ==========
> ARES reports, other related contributions, editorial questions or
> comments: <k1ce@...>;;
> ==========
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> SPECIAL EDITION: RADIO AMATEUR CIVIL EMERGENCY SERVICE (RACES)
>
> + THE VIEW FROM FLAGLER COUNTY
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> There is no RACES program here in our county, nor is there RACES in
> our Northern Florida Section. We have, simply, the ARES program
> serving emergency management and its EOC. We have active Skywarn,
> CERT, and REACT programs. There is use of GMRS here as well. But, no
> RACES program. This is not the case in parts of the rest of the
> country.
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> + RACES: RELIC OR RELEVANT?
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> In the August issue, I posed the question of the continuing viability
> of the RACES program, which in 1952 was established by the federal
> government in the context of the cold war as a means of allowing
> registered, certified RACES radio amateurs to remain on the air on
> restrictive frequencies for government-restricted communications
> only, after other radio amateurs were put off the air for war-time
> purposes.
>
> Historically, there have been major differences (and confusion)
> between ARES and RACES, not one of the least being that RACES
> operators were under the thumb of the government, where ARES (an ARRL
> program) operators were not. Some government entities seemed happier
> to assert their control and command over their hand-picked RACES
> operators. But, there were frequency restrictions incompatible with
> amateurs' own band plans, and narrow time limits on drills to reduce
> the risk of governments usurping Amateur Radio for routine
> communications. Also, RACES had to be formally activated by the
> government entity before RACES communications could be conducted.

> ARES operators on the other hand were not bound by these limitations,
> but some emergency management agencies would not use ARES operators
> because they were not government-controlled.
>
> For more than half a century, radio amateurs (and government
> agencies) asked: Do we go ARES? RACES? Or, both?
>
> In the best cases, local amateurs were signed up for both ARES and
> RACES, with the ARES EC and the RACES Radio Officer (RO) being one
> and the same person. This allowed for maximum flexibility, seamless
> transitions as needed, and perhaps most importantly, cohesiveness and
> unity of the local Amateur Radio emcomm community. They simply
> switched hats as necessary. In the worst cases, local separate ARES
> and RACES organizations fought bitterly and competed with one
> another. Sometimes they were all thrown out of EOCs: The government
> communications managers simply didn't have the time for it.
>
> Over the years, RACES frequencies were more harmonized with amateurs'
> own band plans, and now, just a few days ago, the FCC deleted the
> RACES frequency restrictions all together. The unwritten part of the
> FCC's Report and Order says that the agency still believes the RACES
> program serves a useful purpose in its regulatory scheme - otherwise,
> they would have simply eliminated the RACES rules completely, hence
> the program, and we all know how much the FCC embraces deregulation.
>
> In response to the question posed in the August issue, a hurricane of
> responses flooded my e-mail in-box. Some were unprintable! But, many
> lucid reports came in on RACES programs across the country. While not
> a scientific survey, anecdotally they present a rough picture of the
> program to serve as the basis for further discussion. I want to thank
> all of those who filed reports, and encourage readers to send in
> their reactions to the reports presented below. - K1CE
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> + RACES ACROSS THE COUNTRY
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> ARIZONA
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> All RACES members in Cochise County (Arizona) are automatically
> enrolled as ARES members. There are mutual aid agreements between the
> various counties. If a county within the state requires assistance,
> our county will activate our RACES/ARES unit (we are 100 percent
> integrated) and we deploy the necessary resources to the affected
> region. Most of the RACES units are sponsored by county level
> governments and there is also a state level organization. One of the
> benefits of these official sponsors is that we are covered by Workers
> Compensation and liability immunity.
>
> Organizing as a joint RACES/ARES unit in our area allows us to

> support the local government as needed as well as honor the MOUs
> established by the ARRL to such organizations as the Red Cross, etc.
> -- Robert L. Hollister, N7INK, Cochise County RACES Officer/ARES DEC
>
> I am a RACES manager in Pima County, Arizona. We are also the
> regional RACES and Homeland Security hub for Southern Arizona. Many
> of us feel we have too much responsibility and not enough manpower:
> We are currently embarked on a project to interface and assist in
> providing communications for Citizens Corps, further stretching us.
>
> There is a mystique about RACES being Federally authorized that
> attracts state and local Government managers. I feel that being
> locked in to activation only by our government agency is a handicap
> both for us and for our clients. One advantage RACES has here is that
> we are considered County employees covered by County insurance when
> activated, but the County mindset is that they own us. ARES in Pima
> County is a mission-less child. Overall, the RACES program in
> Southern Arizona is successful and has wide recognition at local,
> State and Federal levels. -- Joe Thompson, N3SRU
>
> Arizona State RACES has little, if any, recognition of or cooperation
> with ARES. However, in the counties, about 25% have no RACES at all.
> Of the counties who have appointed RACES Radio Officers, most are
> also ARES DECs. RACES Officers and members would appear to represent
> about 0.5% of the Arizona ham population, with registered ARES
> members representing 10-20%. Arizona has no major disasters and few
> emergency callouts, except for an occasional shelter operation for a
> wildfire. -- Bill Hosking, W7JSW, ASEC/DEC, Arizona
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> Here in Yavapai County, Arizona, the two once-separate groups (ARES
> and RACES) were combined some years back. RACES, considered part of
> Homeland Security, officially under FEMA, is coordinated by county
> emergency management. -- Jim Clark, N5RO
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> Another perspective from Pima County: RACES enjoys a close
> relationship with the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland
> Security. It is through them that we are provided with abundant
> resources such as new communications vans and trailers ($200+K) as
> well as EOC radios and other equipment. We function much like reserve
> employees given the use of facilities, secretarial support, and even
> Workman's Compensation. Few of our resource requests go unfulfilled.
> These resources are provided by our sponsoring agency because they
> control usage and we have demonstrated responsiveness. If we sever
> this control, we sever the resources.
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> In my view, ARRL should convene a conference or study group to
> investigate a major revision to the present FCC Part 97 to upgrade
> Amateur Radio EMCOMM for the foreseeable future. Then lobby the FCC
> for that change to the regulations. Or we could adopt what some

> suggest and chew off our government arm to feed ourselves only with
> our private one. After all, what does the Amateur Service owe to, or
> need from, the government? -- Bill Hickey, AB7AA, Pima County RACES
> Home Unit Manager
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> ARKANSAS
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> In our operations in Pulaski County, Arkansas, we show up when the
> Emergency Managers (Little Rock, North Little Rock or Pulaski
> Counties) activate RACES, but we operate in an ARES environment. The
> EMs can check off the box in the report that says 'RACES' and we can
> still operate. As others have mentioned, delete RACES and replace it
> with an MOU between DHS/FEMA and ARRL to use ARES. -- Mark Barnhard,
> KD5AIV, Little Rock, Arkansas <kd5aiv@...>
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> FLORIDA
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> The Southern Florida Section ARES program has, for many years, worked
> with county EMA sponsored RACES organizations. SFL ARES leadership
> encourages dual membership for ARES and RACES. The same personnel
> function in both organizations, switching hats, depending on the
> situation. The ARES side performs the recruitment and training of
> communicators and when an activation is declared, the RACES side
> takes over, all with the same personnel. In some jurisdictions, the
> county EC is also the RACES Radio Officer and in others, the EC and
> RO are different people, but the EC is the assistant RO and the RO is
> the assistant EC, working together as a team. ARES handles the
> non-declared communication functions, such as public service events
> and activations for localized situations.
>
> The emergency management agencies feel very comfortable with this
> arrangement. The EMA provides funding that trickles down to the
> ARES/RACES group for EOC station gear, repeaters and vehicles. They
> provide uniform credentialing for radio operators and databases for
> personnel and equipment. We provide them with a cadre of
> professional, trained radio operators.
>
> ARES also works with Red Cross, NWS, APCO and the Salvation Army. In
> closing, the ARES/RACES partnership in the SFL Section provides a
> needed communication service for the citizens of South Florida and
> beyond. -- Jeff Beals, WA4AW, ARRL Southern Florida Section Assistant
> Section Manager, Section Emergency Coordinator
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> In the past, Sarasota (Florida) had a joint ARES/RACES program. They
> were interchangeable programs with the same people, who switched hats
> as needed. This avoided the conflicts of having two separate groups
> providing the same services, and fighting over who's in charge.
>
> Our group has been involved with other activities that don't fit in

> either the ARES or RACES category. There were changes at Emergency
> Management last year, and at that time, we decided to turn ARES/RACES
> over to the "Auxiliary Communications Service." ACS is a better fit
> to what it is we do, which consists of a lot more than just providing
> communications support during disasters. -- Ron Wetjen, WD4AHZ, EC
> Sarasota County Auxiliary Communications Service
> <http://www.saracs.org>
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> HAWAII
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> In Hawaii, RACES and ARES are vital elements of the emergency
> communications structure. Many times, the same amateurs are providing
> community service under various hats, but make no mistake that in
> Hawaii and on Oahu, RACES and Civil Defense support at the State and
> County level are key to Amateur Radio. It is a mutually rewarding
> partnership.
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> At the State level, RACES works closely with State Civil Defense
> (SCD) to incorporate Amateur Radio at all of the main EOCs on each
> island. <http://ronhashiro.htohananet.com/am-radio/hawaii/scd.html>
>
> State RACES and the ARES SEC for Hawaii enjoy a working relationship
> that includes joint operations during SET, the annual statewide
> hurricane and tsunami exercises and other events. Hawaii offers an
> example where RACES, ARES, ARRL members, Amateur Radio clubs and
> individuals combine into teamwork and joint operations. -- Ron
> Hashiro, AH6RH, State Civil Defense RACES Coordinator, SCD ARES EC,
> Skywarn <http://ronhashiro.htohananet.com/am-radio/in-hawaii.html>
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> IDAHO
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> North Idaho operations are ARES. Being closer to Spokane than Boise,
> for several years we have participated in regional SETs with the
> Eastern Washington group, which is all ARES. A statewide RACES net
> runs once a month. In the future we may have the county Disaster
> Services unit issue certifications for RACES. We expect that the
> RACES roster will be the same as the ARES roster. -- Geoff Billin,
> KC7QCS, EC, Latah County, Idaho
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> ILLINOIS
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> Around Chicago, RACES is pretty much a non-entity, except as an
> adjunct to CERT. In Naperville, we are considering setting up an
> amateur group within the CERT program and, for convenience, calling
> it RACES. The city emergency management agency is currently
> registered as a RACES organization and the EMA has a contained
> communications function. -- Garth Kennedy, W9KJ, OES, Captain and
> Administrative Officer Naperville Emergency Management Agency
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> INDIANA

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> I am RACES Radio Officer for Hendricks County, Indiana, appointed by
> the county EMA Director. His stated role for RACES in the county is
> to provide severe weather spotting, radio communications support for
> the county CERT and SAR teams, and for emergency response agencies
> throughout the county when their own systems fail. To that end, I
> work with the local Amateur Radio club to maintain a list of hams
> prepared to serve the Emergency Management office when the EMA
> Director calls. I am a member of ARES, and the ARES EC in my county
> is a member of RACES. We support each other's activities. -- Bob
> Burns, K4RXR, RO Hendricks County, Indiana RACES
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> Greene County, Indiana: I am the ARES EC and Assistant RO for RACES.
> My Assistant EC is also the RO for RACES. It works well. Although
> RACES and ARES are two different organizations, we have an agreement
> that identifies when each are deployed. ARES can function and deploy
> without the EMA Director's authority for many pre-disaster events.
> Once a disaster has been declared and the EMA Director has directed
> RACES to deploy, they do so and become unpaid employees of the County
> and are covered by the liability and workman's compensation
> insurance. Several of the surrounding counties are operating the same
> way. We are in the process of developing a six county mutual aid
> agreement -- Dave Love, W9XTZ
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> LOUISIANA
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> Iberville Parish, Louisiana RACES is not affiliated with ARRL or ARES
> nor does it exclusively use Amateur Radio. In fact, the "A" in our
> RACES title stands for Auxiliary, open to anyone, licensed or not,
> and members may be tasked to use radios on the Public Service, Public
> Works, Ham, GMRS or Marine frequencies as needed. - C. Steve Raacke,
> KC5SAS <kc5sas@...>
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> MASSACHUSETTS
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> I am the Emergency Management Director for Southwick, Massachusetts,
> a town in southwestern Massachusetts. I am also Director of RACES and
> hold ARES appointments of Assistant Emergency Coordinator. The
> Southwick Emergency Management Agency has seven active RACES members.
> Each month, a local RACES radio drill is held, preceding the
> Massachusetts State Emergency Management RACES Drill, which is held
> on repeaters throughout the State for all 352 communities.
> Unfortunately, not all Massachusetts communities have RACES
> operators. Many Hampden County (Western Massachusetts) communities
> are active RACES. The State of Massachusetts Emergency Management
> Agency is a strong supporter of RACES with all four MEMA Regional
> Headquarters RACES active, as well as the State EOC in Framingham. --
> Charles H. Dunlap, K1II, Director of Emergency Management, and RACES
> <http://www.southwick-ema.org>
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> NEW YORK
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> The Saratoga County (NY) RACES Association Inc., is an auxiliary of
> the county RACES group to provide radio amateurs. I am RACES Radio
> Officer and EC for ARES. However, local government will not call out
> our operators because of the insurance liability issue. All of our
> emcomm activity is due to our ability to activate as ARES. We go out
> and provide the necessary assistance in time of need without call up
> of county government. Maybe it is time for the FCC to redesign that
> section of the rules to provide for ARES activity and do away with
> the RACES section all together. -- David Atwell, N2FEP, EC/RO
> Saratoga County, New York
>
> Suffolk County, Long Island (NY) ARES and RACES work hand in hand.
> Each EC for the ten Towns of Suffolk County is also the Radio Officer
> for their respective Town. Most ARES members are also RACES members.
> During an emergency when RACES is invoked we simply switch hats. -
> John Blowsky, KB2SCS, <kb2scs@...>
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> NORTH CAROLINA
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> Here in North Carolina, ARES and RACES are the same. Some counties
> use us as ARES and some as RACES. The main benefits to the ham in
> those counties that use them as RACES are Workman's Compensation
> Coverage, and Tort Claim Coverage. This is because the counties treat
> the volunteers as county employees, like their volunteer firemen. It
> is seamless when we change from one hat to the other. -- Ronnie
> Reams, WA4MJF, OES, Area 7, North Carolina ARES/RACES
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> OHIO
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> Toledo, Ohio, is all ARES with no RACES organization. Everything is
> handled under the ARES "hat" including duties that RACES would
> normally handle. - Brent Stover, WD8PNZ, Lucas County and Wood County
> ARES
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> OKLAHOMA
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> In RACES in Oklahoma, we do have mutual assistance: I can request
> under State law a resource from any of the other 76 county
> governments. The sending agency retains some controls (recall rights,
> for example) while the receiving agency gets command and control.
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> Crossing state lines, my County resources can be mustered to other
> States through a process called EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance
> Compact) <http://www.emacweb.org/>. This process was used during
> Katrina quite successfully. I expect it to be used more. There are
> protections in place for responders responding under EMAC that are
> NOT afforded to others who may self-deploy.
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> Therefore, the local county RACES volunteers (who, for the most part
> are ARES members and some also are MARS members) can be dispatched to
> hurricane country all through the mutual aid process. -- Lloyd
> Colston, KC5FM, Mayes County Emergency Management, Pryor, Oklahoma
> <http://mayescem.us>; <http://lloyd.colston.com>
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> TEXAS
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> Here in Texas our State Emergency Management center still goes by
> RACES even though it has been decimated by lack of attention. When
> there is a call-up, it is the local ARES that responds to the need.
> The DEM clings to RACES and is unwilling to work with local ARES.
> Until they get guidance from FEMA or DHS that they may indeed use
> ARES instead of continuing the RACES program, these issues will exist
> in Texas.
>
> We have been promoting a dual membership program, but we feel that
> RACES should be eliminated and all RACES operations be transferred to
> ARES. Perhaps BOTH ARES and RACES should be eliminated and a new
> organization that is a combination of both be created. -- Lee Cooper,
> W5LHC, Assistant EC, Travis and Williamson County ARES; Williamson
> County RACES Liaison Officer (alternate)
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> VERMONT
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> Here in Vermont, there is only one officially sanctioned statewide
> emergency Amateur Radio communications program: the Vermont Emergency
> Management RACES. Vermont enjoys strong affiliations with RACES
> organizations in the neighboring states of Hew Hampshire and New
> York. VEM-RACES is currently discussing an MOU with the Vermont ARES
> organization. ARES provides support to VEM-RACES during official
> activations. VEM-RACES also suggests and encourages all VEM-RACES
> members to maintain dual membership in both organizations, but the
> VEM-RACES is the backbone of Vermont's amateur emergency
> communications. Due to a stringent application process, all members
> have been screened and are all officially cleared and authorized to
> serve the State in restricted and/or secure areas. While RACES may be
> dormant in some sections of the nation, in Vermont RACES remains
> strong and durable. -- David E. Cain, W1DEC, VEM-RACES Coordinator
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> VIRGINA
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> Virginia RACES is alive and well, and contracted to provide trained
> emergency operators at hospitals in central and southern Virginia on
> installed equipment provided by FEMA. We are trained with hospital
> personnel. - Bill Ware, KE3AD
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> WISCONSIN
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> Wisconsin ARES/RACES is ONE -- why don't we take all the letters used

> in ARES/RACES and call it CARES Combined Amateur Radio Emergency
> Services. -- Bill Hollister, K9WH
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> + CONCLUSIONS:
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> Bob Hollister, N7INK, agreed with the conclusion reached in the Level
> III ARECC Course concerning RACES and ARES: "Both RACES and ARES
> serve a purpose in the world of emergency communications, each with
> its own strengths and weaknesses. Amateurs should consider membership
> in both organizations to ensure that the community's interests are
> served, whatever the situation."
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> Ward Silver, N0AX, EC Vichon County, Washington, had this to say: The
> question should not be, "Is RACES viable", but, "Is there a mission
> sufficiently distinct from that of ARES to justify a separate
> organization?" That the question is being asked at all indicates that
> the RACES mission is either not well understood or has diminished in
> relative importance. In either case, the RACES mission needs to be
> reviewed along with the consequences of combining the ARES and RACES
> organizations. For example, while the two groups may be very similar
> operationally, the requirements for reporting, certification, or
> security may be quite different, making a separate organization the
> most efficient way to carry out the RACES mission. The MARS
> organization has just undergone a similar review and is changing its
> mission to meet new requirements. The same should be done for RACES -
> but top-down so that latent or implied requirements are included in
> the review. The time consumed by a top-down mission review can be
> frustrating in the face of immediate emcomm needs, but not nearly as
> frustrating and wasteful as an incomplete or ineffective
> reorganization that fails to identify all of the mission
> requirements.
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> + K1CE FOR A FINAL
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> The above reports and conclusions were not presented as an end to the
> discussion of an important and venerable program, but as a possible
> beginning of further discussion and promotion of harmonization among
> the various facets of Amateur Radio's overall emcomm function.
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> Again, while not a scientific survey, I think the above suggests that
> RACES retains its relevance today, especially when considered with
> the FCC's recent implicit and explicit endorsement of the program.
> FEMA should also be considered in the RACES picture, as it is a
> co-partner with the FCC in program responsibility. It would be
> interesting to hear what the agency has to say about the RACES
> program today. I'll see if I can found out, and report back to you. -
> 73, Rick, K1CE
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> publication.
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1485. Re: [WestMichiganHams] G.R. Packet

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-20 10:34:24 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1482 Message: 1485

Thank You Don,Where did you find this on the DAPR site,I drew a blank.It doesn't matter because it will be worth it,is there a fee(class,books,other)or not known?

Again
Thank You
73
KD8CBJ

1486. Holland Hamfest this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-20 10:37:32 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1486 Message: 1486

One last remider for the BIG Hamfest this Saturday.

Great Lakeshore Super Swap
http://www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=22

Doors open at 8:00AM

The Great Lakeshore Super Swap is October 21,2006 at The West Ottawa South Campus, 3600 152nd Ave. Holland, Mi.
GPS Coordinates
N. 42.49.987
W. 086.09.361

More information call John Hanse at 616-836-3737, or email to swap@hollandarc.org

Tickets and tables call Sue at 616-394-9821.

FORUMS-Time & Locations

A) 08h30: Morning Worship-Room 112

(B) 09h00 - 10h00 : ARRL Michigan Section Digital Radio Group, presented by Jay Nugent WB8TKL - Cafeteria Area

(C) 10h30 - 11h30 - ARRL Forum, all encouraged to attend (Subject to be announced) - Cafeteria Aea.

(D) 11h00 - 12h30 NAVY Marine MARS (All other MARS also welcome to attend). Room 104

(E) 11h45 - 14h00 - ARRL Meeting (Classroom as signposted on the day).
This ARRL Meeting is for the Michigan Section ARPSC Staff (DEC,ADEC and above).
Room 104

(F) 12h00 - 13h00 - Great Lakes Emergency Traffic Net by Jack WA8IAL (in Cafeteria)

(G) 09h30-VE Testing sign in. Testing will start at 10h00. Any questions email Jim kc8ke@arrl.net

1487. Re: For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-20 11:59:17 UTC
From: stv_cwn
Topic: 1417 Message: 1487

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote:
>
> Anyone out there want to upgrade? This book should tell you pretty much
> everything you need to know. Very good condition, no marks or dogears.
> List price is $25, I paid $19 new, you can have it for $14, shipped by
> media mail if need be.
>
> -Joe, KD8ATU
>
Is the book still available?

Thanks
Steve KD8DHZ

1488. Re: Fw: Free CW Course on CD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-20 12:48:43 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 1481 Message: 1488

Also- if the FISTS group has a booth at the Holland Swap, they have had this code course burned on CD with them in the past. Stop by their booth, and chat. They are good folks.

PS- if they are there, you might just be talking to the editor of World Radio Magazine, Nancy Kott, WZ8C.

c u there...

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> > http://www.kkn.net/~k7qo/cw_course
> >
SNIP----------

1489. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-20 17:08:09 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1417 Message: 1489

No it is not, I sold it a week ago.

-Joe, KD8ATU

stv_cwn wrote:
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>
> Thanks
> Steve KD8DHZ

1490. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: For sale: ARRL Extra Class License Manual

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-20 18:21:50 UTC
From: steve Cowan
Topic: 1417 Message: 1490

I figured it probably was but figured i would take a shot.

Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote: No it is not, I sold it a week ago.

-Joe, KD8ATU

stv_cwn wrote:
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>
> Thanks
> Steve KD8DHZ

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1491. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Fw: Free CW Course on CD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-20 19:02:58 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 1481 Message: 1491

Greg:

I agree. ... I have met Nancy, and she couldn't be a nicer person.

Unfortunately, I won't be able to make it to Holland this year, but, maybe somewhere in the future, I'll get to meet the folks from FISTS again.

73 from Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "kc8hxo" <kc8hxo@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2006 8:48 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Fw: Free CW Course on CD

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1492. FW: [QMN] ARRL Opinions

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-20 21:21:26 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 1492 Message: 1492

-----Original Message-----
From: QMN@yahoogroups.com [mailto:QMN@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of James Wades
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2006 4:16 PM
To: QMN@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [QMN] ARRL Opinions

As if to add salt to the wound, I received the following quote from an ARRL newsletter issued a few days ago that has this to say:

"The NTS system exhibits the classic problem of modern technology marching ahead and around NTS, leaving it as a curious anachronism in a world of cell phones, instant messaging, and VoIP. NTS was originally conceived as a solution to sending messages across great distances in times of disaster and emergency. Amateur Radio still fulfills the need of alternative communications when other communications infrastructure is overloaded or inoperative. But we need to do this in a new environment of structured emergency response. -- Bill Burden, WB1BRE [Bill is former ARRL New England Division Director and New Hampshire Section Manager]"

Burden's comments are reflective of our nation's lost ability to engage in intellectually sound reasoning and reasoned debate. Why? Any attempt to compare Amateur Radio to multi-billion (or multi-trillion) dollar commercial resources is largely moot. Reread the comments of this clown, and one quickly realizes one simple fact: If the Internet (VoIP), cell phones, and instant messaging infrastructure are in place, there is no need for Amateur Radio at all. The differences between CW, NTS, WINLINK, and so forth are therefore moot.

The fact is, Amateur Radio has never been a primary communications resource. Back in the 1950s, when Western Union could send 20,000 messages a minute, Amateur Radio couldn't compete. Amateur Radio has never offered an equivalent service to Ma Bell or any other large common carrier. Yet, somehow, comparing NTS to the Internet and cell phones has become fashionable!

These comments show how some in the ARRL have become deluded by mass-media hype and advertising culture, which promote the Internet and cell phones as the be-all and end-all of the human experience. I've got news for Bill: WINLINK, PACTOR III, HF-SSB, and Two Meter FM can't hold a candle to the Internet or the public switched telephone network either!

Bill speaks of the need of "alternative communications." One can only assume this is a code for new digital methods. If so, then why did the recent Report and Order expand SSB Voice operation at the expense of new technology? Obviously, here we have an example of actions not matching words, which means only one thing: a hidden agenda.

Bill speaks of a need for structured emergency response. What exactly does this mean? NTS offers a standardized message format with outstanding standardization, accountability, and transferability between networks and modes; a format that has much in common with the standardized formats required on many government circuits and is equally applicable to an e-mail as it is to a CW net. As NTS has been first ignored and then rejected by many in the EMCOMM community, emergency managers have been seeking alternatives to Amateur Radio primarily because Amateur nets are becoming increasingly undisciplined and informal. Now, NTS is being blamed for the actions of those that refuse to utilize it or its methods?

Apparently, Bill either doesn't monitor the various non-NTS nets that are often selected for EMCOMM work (because they require no knowledge or skills), such as the abysmal 20-meter phone nets with their slow, laborious messages, inaccurate information exchanges and multiple repeats of information ad-museum because no standardization is present. Apparently, he doesn't listen in on many of the VHF-FM nets where stations are incapable of using even a basic phonetic alphabet and information is garbled on an almost minute-to-minute basis. Perhaps Bill just chooses to be in denial.

If NTS is obsolete, then the informal methods preferred by the inexperienced and uninformed are just as doomed. You can sit one of the later operators in front of an e-mail terminal and they will still garble, loose, and fail to properly track EMCOMM traffic.

Bill ..it's not the mode, it's the operator.

Enough said .you can't teach a pig to sing. It wastes your time and annoys the pig. The events of the past week have made up my mind for me. The only hope for NTS is to tell the League to get lost and start a separate organization that speaks for itself. Heck, we have nothing to loose.

73,

Jim, K8SIW

1493. FEMA Links

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-21 20:13:27 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1493 Message: 1493

Some of you were asking today about the FEMA courses needed to get a RACES card in Some Counties. This is some links for the test information. Tom

http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp

http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp
http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator & Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

1494. Looking for PDA charger

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-21 21:41:49 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 1494 Message: 1494

Hello Everyone I am looking for a charger for a HP Jornada 540 to use or buy to check 2 of them out to see if they work... so if you would have one I could use to see if they work please let me know ...

73 Don Meyer -- kb8odb@... ....

1495. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-21 23:56:23 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1471 Message: 1495

Perhaps the frequency is shared with aircraft in some other countries??

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From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2006 7:37 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

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Weird??

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1497. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-22 15:33:42 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1471 Message: 1497

OK Mark:

I just remembered you live so close to the Airport. Could you have received a harmonic from one of the aircraft?

----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 21, 2006 7:56 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

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1498. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-22 15:31:21 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1471 Message: 1498

Sounds like a Weapon of Mass destruction. Are you sure it's legal under the Fox-neva Convention?

Who had his motorcycle there giving rides?

You know I took last place in the most recent fox hunt, don't you? Not much of a challenge to beat me anymore.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 21, 2006 11:40 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

It does not appear so.

The party in question was American. Sounded like military. I think that civilian aircraft have calls similar to hams. 775PT sounded strange. Not emergency traffic, either.

I will check further with ITU but I believe that portion of 20 is amateur exclusive.

Didn't make the Super Swap?? You missed a free chopper ride.

Oh, BTW, you will have to settle for second place in future fox hunts. I now have a secret weapon. A WPL. (Weapon of Precise Location)

Prepare to hand over the crown.

73,

The Zed.

----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, October 22, 2006 00:56
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

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1499. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-22 16:46:26 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 1471 Message: 1499

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1500. Oct. 28th USCGA Special Event Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-22 17:54:21 UTC
From: bestkoz22
Topic: 1500 Message: 1500

http://www.arrl.org/?artid=6883

US Coast Guard Auxiliary announces "Special Event Radio Day" (Oct 20, 2006) -- The US Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGA) will hold a "Special Event Radio Day" Saturday, October 28, to support the International Search and Rescue Competition (ISAR 2006) and the 67th Anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. More than two dozen USCG Auxiliary Amateur Radio stations will be active on the HF bands from the Atlantic to Hawaii and from Maine to the US Virgin Islands. Many will operate from US Coast Guard Bases. A special QSL card (see photo) will be available by making contact with any station and sending an SASE. The USCGA invites the Amateur Radio community to join in the celebration.

1502. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-22 19:40:28 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 1471 Message: 1502

Or how about this:
http://www.collinsclubs.com/carc/b-29/#Ham%20Info

Somebody testing perhaps?

k8mhz@... wrote:
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Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

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1503. Emailing: arrl.auctionanything.com

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-23 20:28:48 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1503 Message: 1503
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

A new way to sell items. Tom

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:
Shortcut to: http://arrl.auctionanything.com/

Note: To protect against computer viruses, e-mail programs may prevent sending or receiving certain types of file attachments. Check your e-mail security settings to determine how attachments are handled.

1504. Packet and DRG meeting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-25 10:47:18 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1504 Message: 1504

All
I hope this may answer some of the question I have gotten on Packet and the Digital packet group in the State.Tom

KB8VEE DEC-6

----- Original Message -----
From: "Ray Larabee Sr" <n8lrf@...>
To: "Tom VanderMel" <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2006 7:06 PM
Subject: Re: DRG meeting

> Hi Tom. No DRG meeting at Holland swap.
> I know that Jay (WB8TKL) did a presentation on Jnos
> at the swap. I did not go as I had to work.
>
>
> On Mon, 2006-10-23 at 11:31 -0400, Tom VanderMel wrote:
>> Ray
>
>> Can you give me some info. on the meeting on Sat in Holland.
>
> I hope that you are not confusing the DRG with HamGate and Jnos.
> The DRG is part of the State ARPSC. It's job is to put together a plan
> for packet in the state to help in an emergency. All it can do is make
> recommendations. It has a web site (www.mi-drg.org) to help get the
> information out to packeteers. The DRG web site is a good place for
> me to find out who my neighbor is and how best to work together to
> expand my packet foot-print with co-operation from all that want to
> participate. The DRG helps with a centralized location of information
> for Training, Software, Problem solving, and just a good place that
> pulls all the info together.
>
> HamGate is a group of Jnos BBS's linked together.
> Jnos is the software that the HamGates run.
>
> I as a member of GRARA and DAPR have chosen to use Jnos in Kent County
> because it has the most features. It uses a link, RF or Internet, both
> look the same to Jnos, to connect all over the world. The services that
> Jnos builds on are the same used on the Internet. Example: E-mail, SMTP
> and pop just like your ISP uses. This makes it able to work with,
> Outlook, Outpost, or any E-mail program. My choice is to put the smarts
> on the back end so that in an emergency simple tools will work in
> the field. A $100 laptop and a simple terminal program. The Jnos
> program is still being developed. This means bug fixes, and new
> features. As new RF links are deployed and expanded this builds

> redundancy in the system.
>
> I like to work with local clubs to make this system work. I think
> this is good for all. The more people that have access to the network
> the more people will support the network. This is a good way to make
> sure the system is up and available for use in an emergency. Right now
> DAPR has three Jnos systems deployed.
>
> DAPR N8DPR-3 on 147.58Mhz
> Red Cross WD8USA-3 on 145.76Mhz
> GRARA W8DC-3 Jnos up and running. Radio soon. 145.01Mhz
>
> These systems are linked by Internet and soon to be linked by RF.
>
> I hope that this information was help full. If you have more questions
> let me know. An open network helps us all...
>
>> Can you give me a message on your training class coming up next month.
>> Tom
>
> The Downtown Amateur Packet Radio group (DAPR) is putting on a packet
> class on Nov. 4. This will be held at the GR Red Cross chapter. DAPR
> meeting will start a 8:00 AM. The meeting location is New Beginnings
> Restaurant. It is on Michigan St. just east of Fuller.
>
> The Basic Packet class starts at 9:30 AM to abt 11:30 AM.
> I am going to try my hand at teaching. (N8LRF)
>
> Lunch will be 11:30 AM. to 12:30 PM every body is on there own here.
>
> Advance Class is 12:30 PM. to 3 or 4 PM.
> Jay Nugent (WB8TKL) will be teaching.
>
> All classes will be at the Red Cross, 1050 Fuller Av. in Grand Rapids.
> This is just north of the I-196 free-way. (G. R. Ford Free-way)
>
> Tom you are welcome to join us.
> All are welcome.
>
> Ray Larabee
> N8LRF
>
>
>

1505. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-25 21:51:26 UTC
From: Heath Scarbrough
Topic: 1471 Message: 1505

Is that even possible? (Stop Laughing Tom). Ior possibly a rebroadcast? Has anyone check military call signs?

Mark can I ride shotgun I have a video camera now... LOL

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From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 21, 2006 7:56 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

Perhaps the frequency is shared with aircraft in some other countries??

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2006 7:37 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Aircraft on 20 meters

I just heard an aircraft on 14.300 that was not an amateur station.

The aircraft ID'd itself as 775 Papa Tango and was asking if the station they were contacting was a ship. They acknowledged that they were on "Fourteen thousand three hundred". I got a recording of some of it.

Anyone else hear it?

Oddly it was during the Maritime Mobile Net. The net was in progress, faded away and this aircraft came on, then the aircraft faded away (I have that recorded) and the net came back very strong.

Weird??

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Version: 7.1.408 / Virus Database: 268.13.4/477 - Release Date: 10/16/2006

Do you Yahoo!?
Everyone is raving about the all-new Yahoo! Mail.

1506. harvest dinner?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-25 22:29:44 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1506 Message: 1506

Hi list,
I'm writing this now so as to give people time to look at their schedules and see if they can help me with a ride to the harvest dinner. If I remember correctly, it's the fourth of november at the clubhouse. If anyone can give me a ride, you can get ahold of me at 215-1919, or via e-mail at
ab8wo2006@...
Thanks in advance,
Chris

1507. Re [westmichiganhams]aircraft on 20meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-25 22:57:47 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1507 Message: 1507
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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1508. Re: Re [westmichiganhams]aircraft on 20meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-25 23:51:03 UTC
From: Heath Scarbrough
Topic: 1507 Message: 1508

Cute.... I'll give you that... Its great to be back.

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1509. Re: Re [westmichiganhams]aircraft on 20meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-26 00:00:04 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1507 Message: 1509

I tried to download it and open it and windows wouldn't let me.
----- Original Message -----
From: Heath Scarbrough
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2006 7:51 PM
Subject: Re: Re [westmichiganhams]aircraft on 20meters

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1510. Re: Re [westmichiganhams]aircraft on 20meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-26 02:13:22 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1507 Message: 1510

just though that fit the call is probably a aircraft call although it is not the full call most the time air traffic control uses the last 3 or 4 letters or numbers.
----- Original Message -----
From: Heath Scarbrough
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2006 7:51 PM
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1511. Re: Re [westmichiganhams]aircraft on 20meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-26 12:08:59 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1507 Message: 1511

Heath:

It is good to see you back hanging around here and posting a message or two! Welcome!

Bill, AB8SC

1512. I Pod and Podcasts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-26 12:23:47 UTC
From: Heath Scarbrough
Topic: 1507 Message: 1512

I just got a I pod and have been downloading music. I noticed they have a selection of weekly talk radio shows called pod casts. I noticed the ARRL has one and a lot from different ham radio operators throughout the world.
Anyone listen to these. I know they have the weekly ARRL Newsline (I think thats what its called) and does anyone recommend one?

73

Heath
UWK

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1513. Re: [WestMichiganHams] I Pod and Podcasts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-26 12:36:36 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1507 Message: 1513

The San Diego amateur radio podcast is kewl . They have all kinds of good info . 160m crossbands is another good one . There is one that is called Tuesdays net . I listened to that a few times . I know that there are more and have a list of them . I will look for it and post it for you .
KD8BIG

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From: Heath Scarbrough <doc512003@...>
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1514. Re: ARRL Opinions

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-26 14:33:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1492 Message: 1514

Rather than bellyaching about "this clown," why don't we demonstrate what capability we have, and point out the many times when all the greatest technology in the modern world fails in times of natural and man made disaster.

And, instead of negative attacks upon the entire leadership of the League, based on the opinions of one former leader of ARRL, why not offer reasoned arguments in favor of continuance of "traditional" modes of communication. Simultaneously, folks inclined toward experimenting with newer modes of communication should be encouraged in their efforts.

In my years of emergency communications, I've relayed messages right beside a Red Cross vehicle who couldn't communicate on 47 MHz, with more power than I had, while I was perfect copy at a base station in the same area on 53 MHz. And, once I was at a Red Cross Shelter where cell phones were working, but the Red Cross official was "always on his phone", and ham radio had to be used to tell him to call HQ to advise them what he needed to be on the supply truck whcih was about to leave for his location. All the bellzandwhistles of modern day communications couldn't get through when a simple $150 radio and a bit of knowledge of how to use it got the message through.

Jim Weaver, K8JE, <k8je@...> is our voice in Newington for us. Let him know your opinions.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@...m, "John Wehmer" <johnwehm@...> wrote:
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: QMN@yahoogroups.com [mailto:QMN@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of
> James Wades
> Sent: Friday, October 20, 2006 4:16 PM
> To: QMN@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [QMN] ARRL Opinions
>
> As if to add salt to the wound, I received the following quote
> from an ARRL newsletter issued a few days ago that has this to
> say:
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>
> "The NTS system exhibits the classic problem of modern technology

> marching ahead and around NTS, leaving it as a curious anachronism
> in a world of cell phones, instant messaging, and VoIP. NTS was
> originally conceived as a solution to sending messages across
> great distances in times of disaster and emergency. Amateur Radio
> still fulfills the need of alternative communications when other
> communications infrastructure is overloaded or inoperative. But
> we need to do this in a new environment of structured emergency
> response. -- Bill Burden, WB1BRE [Bill is former ARRL New England
> Division Director and New Hampshire Section Manager]"
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>
> Burden's comments are reflective of our nation's lost ability to
> engage in intellectually sound reasoning and reasoned debate.
> Why? Any attempt to compare Amateur Radio to multi-billion (or
> multi-trillion) dollar commercial resources is largely moot.
> Reread the comments of this clown, and one quickly realizes one
> simple fact:
> If the Internet (VoIP), cell phones, and instant messaging
> infrastructure are in place, there is no need for Amateur Radio at
> all. The differences between CW, NTS, WINLINK, and so forth are
> therefore moot. <snip>

1516. Re: Re [westmichiganhams]aircraft on 20meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-26 20:21:14 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1507 Message: 1516

Your Outlook Security settings are probably set to prevent downloading attachments. Go to <tools> <options> and open the "security" tab.

You'll see it from there.

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: Chris Schulte
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2006 8:00 PM
Subject: Re: Re [westmichiganhams]aircraft on 20meters

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Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2006 7:51 PM
Subject: Re: Re [westmichiganhams]aircraft on 20meters

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1517. Re: Re [westmichiganhams]aircraft on 20meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-26 22:47:16 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1507 Message: 1517

It worked for me using "winzip"
"KD8BIG"

-------------- Original message --------------
From: "Andrew Young" <ayoung@...>
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1518. Harvest Dinner @ MAARC's Clubhouse

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-27 14:10:47 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1471 Message: 1518

All:

We are invited to attend the annual and truly wonderful Harvest Dinner at the Muskegon radio Clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Dr, Muskegon. The dinner starts at 5:00 pm on Saturday evening. The cost will be $6. You are encouraged to bring your favorite dessert to share with others.

This will be your early Thanksgiving dinner opportunity. The menu features roast turkey, mashed potatoes, squash, vegetables, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, and the like. Top this off with our favorite desserts and you have a meal fit for a ham!

Don't miss this annual tradition. It is only a big week away.

Bill, AB8SC

1519. Great Lakes area MFSK16 net tonight 8e/7c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-27 20:59:56 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1519 Message: 1519

I was busy setting up a hamfest last Friday night, and thus wasn't able to do the net. I am, however, available to do it tonight!

Time: 8 PM Eastern, 7 PM Central
Freq: 144.150 MHz USB
Mode: MFSK16

As we enter the Winter season and the bands die off, I might suspend the net, since getting enough people interested in this obscure mode of communication together for a net depends on a wide coverage area. If I'm only going to get one checkin, I've got better things to do on a Friday night! :)

-Joe, KD8ATU

1520. Accouncing Digital Ham Group

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 04:10:45 UTC
From: Mark
Topic: 1520 Message: 1520

Announcing Digital Ham Yahoo Group

This group is dedicated to the discussion & development of amateur / ham radio use of digital voice & data communication techniques utilizing D-STAR digital voice & data, APCO P25 digital voice, packet radio(including APRS), HSMM(High Speed Multi Media) / Wi-Fi, and PSK / FSK on VHF & UHF.

Join the group to exchange ideas & information and learn about operating the digital modes in Northern & Central Illinois, Northwest Indiana, Southwest Michigan and Southern Wisconsin.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

73, Mark, WB9QZB

1521. joined

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 13:21:00 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1521 Message: 1521

Just signed up for Illinoisdigitalham Yahoo group,"D"ee you there.

73 KD8CBJ

1522. Hooray for me!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 13:14:46 UTC
From: birdpriestess
Topic: 1522 Message: 1522

I have officially achieved my first DXCC award from ARRL! Had
to brag! Now on to working for the "big one", which will take much
longer to attain - The Honor Roll

73,
Linda, AB8QH

1524. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hooray for me!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 14:44:52 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1522 Message: 1524

Also congradulations Linda. Mark, I'm thinking that once you get your extra class license it will be easier as there is a little more of the band that you can work.
Chris ab8wo

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2006 9:42 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hooray for me!

Congrats Linda!

Nice Job! I know what a task that is.

I am almost half way there.

Boy, using hard cards, no bureau and no clusters at the bottom of the cycle makes it almost a challenge. (The real challenge is the green stamps!)

73,

Mark K8MHZ

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From: birdpriestess
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Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2006 14:14
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Hooray for me!

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1525. Re: Hooray for me!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 14:56:45 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1522 Message: 1525

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Linda, AB8QH
=
ARL Fifty Six DXCC
=
Bill, AB8SC

1527. Re: Hooray for me!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 15:04:49 UTC
From: birdpriestess
Topic: 1522 Message: 1527

Thanks, Mark. You're better off not using the bureau, in my opinion, unless you are willing to wait a loooong spell to see the cards. I have opted to QSL direct and use Logbook of the World. That's been satisfactory, but you are right about the green stamps. Dxing is fascinating. Geography, history, politics, local culture of the Dx: If you are open to appreciating it, you certainly get to experience it! Where else do you get to talk to someone in the Revillagigedo Islands? And learn the correct pronunciation through a .wav file of that long word via the magic of the Internet? At the very least, we get to throw our local little post office into a tizzy every time we show up to buy IRCs. They haven't taken to locking the doors on us yet, but...

73,
Linda, AB8QH

1528. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Hooray for me!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 15:10:53 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1522 Message: 1528

Mark:

What ever could you be waiting for? CQ WW DX SSB is this weekend! The exchange is 5904 (signal report and CQ zone). Put down that computer and go play radio!

Fish in a hubcap? I'm "stacking the deck" and going to use the clubhouse shack.

Bill, AB8SC

Actually,

I just need to get caught up in my QSL cards. Wait until there is a contest weekend. On 20 meters it's like shooting fish in a hubcap.

:)

1531. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Hooray for me!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 19:10:46 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1522 Message: 1531

Must be glad that you don't have a hungry dog living in your backyard Mark, suspecting that wind dammage is easier to fix then dog dammage. I just wish I could have taught him a lesson, anyone for chewing on a hundred watts of rf? *chuckle*
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2006 2:52 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Hooray for me!

You said it!

I have been having a ball. I have cards from places I have never heard of. Some cool places, too, like the European Space Center....twice!

Now if I could just get that elusive Utah card.

I need to get some more cards out. I worked Luxemborg the other day. It's what, the size of Roosevelt Park? Sure do hope they return QSL. I did get a card from Sao Tome and Principe, that was cool. I also finally got my card from the Galapagos Isles. Not too long of a wait considering it was delivered via tortoise.

I am listening to the contest on 20 right now. What a mess!! I think I just may try a couple....the antenna still loads up...who knows??

73,

Mark K8MHZ

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From: birdpriestess
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2006 16:04
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Hooray for me!

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1534. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hooray for me!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 19:41:59 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1522 Message: 1534

contest going on this weekend
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2006 11:03 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hooray for me!

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----- Original Message -----
From: Chris Schulte
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2006 15:44
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hooray for me!

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1535. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Hooray for me!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 21:00:11 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1522 Message: 1535

Actually, I was wondering about that 5904, is the 04 just the designator for the USA? I've heard other stations with different numbers, I'm just wondering if each number is one country, or if it's broken up into different regions per country. Also, where can I go to get my grid square information? I'm figuring that I'm going to need that eventually.
73
Chris Schulte

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2006 3:29 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Hooray for me!

Tell your sister you want to take Shadow hunting with you. Tell her that you figured out how to use ham radio to do it. Tell her that you have a 2 meter rig on your belt with an earphone listening to another ham telling you where to point the gun. Tell her the other ham will be one of them that helped you with your antenna.

MAYBE she will get the hint! :)

73,

Mark

(PS Shadow is the name of the suspect, his sister's dog. The other dog, Riley, is my pal. Yep, Chris has a dog named Riley! And it's not a Rot.)
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From: Chris Schulte
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2006 20:10
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Hooray for me!

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Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2006 16:04
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Hooray for me!

Thanks, Mark. You're better off not using the bureau, in my opinion, unless you are willing to wait a loooong spell to see the cards. I have opted to QSL direct and use Logbook of the World. That's been satisfactory, but you are right about the green stamps. Dxing is fascinating. Geography, history, politics, local culture of the Dx: If you are open to appreciating it, you certainly get to experience it! Where else do you get to talk to someone in the Revillagigedo Islands? And learn the correct pronunciation through a .wav file of that long word via the magic of the Internet? At the very least, we get to throw our local little post office into a tizzy every time we show up to buy IRCs. They haven't taken to locking the doors on us yet, but...

73,
Linda, AB8QH

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1536. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WMH DX Spotter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 21:07:02 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1532 Message: 1536

Working split?

It is unusual for dx to work split in a contest. Unless you count the HUGE splits on forty meters where the dx transmits between 7.05 and 7.150, give or take and listens above 7.200. Pretty much guarantees dx. Check your privileges, you cannot transmit ssb below about 7.2.

Bill, AB8SC

ps, There is a rumor that the clubhouse will benefit from the donation of a linear amplifier. This just in time for VU7. I'm salivating.

1537. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Hooray for me!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 21:12:47 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1522 Message: 1537

Grid square? There is a formula. But I don't know the formula and hf dx won't care. Grid Squares are for VUCC when chasing dx above fifty megahertz. Get a hundred different grids and you can apply for nice wallpaper. Or fewer at gigahertz frequencies. I think.

1538. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Hooray for me!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 21:10:37 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1522 Message: 1538

Chris:

CQ Magazine divided the world into forty zones. Michigan is in zone 04 with lots of company. The United States are several zones. Helps when you are listening for dx call signs, can't quite get it, but get the zone as 32 or something. Likely perks your interest.

The CQ zones are different from the ITU zones which I believe number more.

Bill, AB8SC

1540. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Hooray for me!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-28 21:45:43 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1522 Message: 1540

Well, I asked the question about grid squares because I was looking at
http://www.omiss.net
and they were saying something about when you apply to become a member to
give your grid square. I'm guessing that there's a web site somewhere that
will be able to figure that stuff out. If there isn't, for those who love
to write php...*grin*
73
Chris
ab8wo

----- Original Message -----
From: "Bill Fries" <bill_fries@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2006 5:10 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Hooray for me!

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> with lots of company. The United States are several zones. Helps when
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1542. Scanner Freqs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-29 22:34:07 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1542 Message: 1542

Hello All,

For some reason I lost my memory on my scanner . I can not seem to locate my list of freqs . Things such as Police , Fire , ProMed etc .

Any help ?
73's
KD8BIG

1543. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Scanner Freqs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-30 04:29:45 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1542 Message: 1543

WWW.cityfreq.com.One (http://www.cityfreq.com.One) of many many.

73 KD8CBJ

1544. Re: Scanner Freqs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-30 14:33:17 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 1542 Message: 1544

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, KD8CBJ@... wrote:
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> _WWW.cityfreq.com.One_ (http://www.cityfreq.com.One) of many many.
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> 73 KD8CBJ
>

Ummm.... You'll want to edit the above URL. It should be:

<http://www.cityfreq.com>

Laryn K8TVZ

1546. Wind damage

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-30 17:20:43 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1546 Message: 1546

Well, today I completed a survey of the antenna damage I suffered from the high winds over the weekend:

* VHF TV antenna blown down, 2 elements bent
* BBS antenna torn completely off of bell tower, dangling by coax
* 2m/70cm beams turned 45 degrees clockwise

So that , combined with the feedline failure on my log periodic, leaves me with only 2 vertically polarized antennas: the wire dipole I use for APRS, and my scanner antenna which was broken in half during a wind storm around this time last year. I am using the latter for the BBS until I can repair the main antenna (which won't be until the ladybug swarm is gone).

What sort of damage did everyone else get?

-Joe, KD8ATU

1547. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Scanner Freqs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-30 16:38:44 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1542 Message: 1547

MURS ? isn't that FRS/GMRS .
Those are the 151MHz and 154MHz correct ? Isn't there like 6-10 channels .
Thanks for the line up . I hate not knowing what is going on .
BIG

-------------- Original message --------------
From: <k8mhz@...>
Hi Mark,

Here are the ones I hear the most traffic on:

Central Dispatch 155.490
Fire Dispatch 154.190
LEIN 154.755
State Fire 154.295
Norton Firegound 155.085
Ottawa Central 154.725
Ottawa Fire 154.250
Roosevelt Pk DPW 155.895
Grand Haven Fire 154.160
Muskegon County "3" 155.700
Heights PD Tact. 155.370
Musk. PD Tact. 154.650
Muskegon DPW 155.025
Muskegon DPW 155.055

That should get you started. Let me know if you need a specific frequency. The FCC search can be a bit tricky but I have pretty much figured it out.
If you are interested in MURS, I have them too. They are being used by stores and hunters.

Hope that heps y'all,

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Laryn Lohman
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2006 14:33
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Scanner Freqs

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, KD8CBJ@... wrote:
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> 73 KD8CBJ
>

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Laryn K8TVZ

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1548. Re: Scanner Freqs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-30 18:13:15 UTC
From: Mark Brooky
Topic: 1542 Message: 1548

Correction on the site address link.

Try this:

http://www.cityfreq.com/mi/

KE8FO

Get your email and see which of your friends are online - Right on the new Yahoo.com

1550. DX Cluster in the Area?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-30 19:51:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1550 Message: 1550

Is there a DX Cluster/Spotter on packet in the Grand Rapids area? I know I can find several on the internet, but I'm looking for an excuse to fire up a packet station.

Tnx in advance es 73 de n8xx Hg

1551. Muskegon Air Fair Wants Your Input

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-30 21:15:27 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1522 Message: 1551

All:

You can read a Muskegon Chronicle story on how the Muskegon Air Fair is hoping you will give them direction for future shows. Although the '07 show is canceled the '08 show might return the event to the airport. The organizers are hoping the general public will provide some suggestions of merit.

Visit the story:

http://www.mlive.com/muchronicle/latest/index.ssf?/mtlogs/mlive_mclive/archives/2006_10.html#199476

1552. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Scanner Freqs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-30 21:46:07 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1542 Message: 1552

MURS is five channels
151.820 MHz
151.880 MHz
151.940 MHz
154.570 MHz
154.600 MHz

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@k8mhz.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2006 2:13 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Scanner Freqs

Yeah, it is a 2 meter un-licensed band. Look for the HT's at yard sales.

Does your scanner do AM? I have all the air freqs too.

73,

mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: StraitMD4@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2006 16:38
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Scanner Freqs

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Heights PD Tact. 155.370
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Mark K8MHZ

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> 73 KD8CBJ
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1553. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon Air Fair Wants Your Input

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-10-30 21:50:01 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1522 Message: 1553
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If anyone goes to the meeting, I think they should suggest advertising more. It went by one weekend and I forgot all about it.

Air Fair organizers looking for ideas
Muskegon Events, Inc. is asking the public for new ideas to "rejuvenate" the Muskegon Air Fair at two public forums at Muskegon Community College.

The first is scheduled for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in MCC's Collegiate Hall. The second will be Nov. 9 at the same time and location.

Muskegon Events announced a month ago that continuing financial losses had forced cancellation of the 2007 Air Fair.
Air Fair organizers are seeking community input to "rejuvenate the Air Fair and allow it to continue to be a great event for many years to come," according to a press release announcing the forums.

Muskegon Events took over operation of the show in 2005 from longtime Air Fair Executive Director Terry Grevious, the former Muskegon County Airport director who launched the show in 1984.

Muskegon Events also stages the Muskegon Summer Celebration, Muskegon Irish Music Festival and the Muskegon Film Festival.

Attendance at the 2006 air show was among the lowest ever.
Organizers said the 2006 show lost more than $100,000 and the show has lost more than $700,000 over the past five years.

Despite perfect weather, last summer's show failed to draw spectators from beyond the Muskegon area, organizers said.

Attendance estimates of 38,000 to 43,000 for this year's show were way below the 63,406 that watched the last non-jet-team show in 2002.

For the complete story, return to Mlive.com or pick up a copy of Monday's Muskegon Chronicle.

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2006 4:15 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon Air Fair Wants Your Input

All:

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1557. free?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-02 12:56:12 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1557 Message: 1557

Good,free QSL card soft ware?

73 KD8CBJ

1558. Re: [WestMichiganHams] free?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-02 13:13:28 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1557 Message: 1558

I don't know about free but I do my cards in Word which is paid for so kinda free.

I print on heavy paper, four cards a sheet, landscape, on my BIG printer I have called a plotter. I'm sure it is not cheap but I have the cards in small quantities I can manage.

I snagged a ninety year old ham club station in Washington (the state) on hf. I passed the mic to Al, K8AER for a QSO. We cranked out a card for him (his first QSL card?) and mailed the cards. I've gotten a LoTW QSL. I hope he will get his first QSL card in the mail. We used Word to do Al's QSL card.

Mark, K8MHZ will help me produce a dozen or so QSL cards for the special event station that activated W8ZHO for their birthday party we called Founders' Day. I think he will use some photographic type program and we'll print the cards at Walgreens or something. We will also print Big labels for the back of the photograph for the QSL dope.

Helps? Hope so.

Bill, AB8SC

1559. Re: [WestMichiganHams] free?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-02 13:56:17 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1557 Message: 1559

A place to start,Thank You

73
KD8CBJ

1561. RE: [WestMichiganHams] free?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-02 15:39:33 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 1561 Message: 1561

This is off topic, but for sending large files there is a website you can use http://beta.yousendit.com/ . I haven't actually used it myself yet, but it is free from what I can tell.

Tim

KC8MSE

http://tdats.net <http://tdats.net/>

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of k8mhz@...
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2006 9:42 AM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] free?

Paul,

QSL Maker is the best place to start, but the web site is down. The file is over a meg so I can't e-mail it to you.
http://hfradio.org/wb8rcr/QSLMaker.html <http://hfradio.org/wb8rcr/QSLMaker.html>

Here is another one to try for a different program:
http://www.radioqth.net/qsl.aspx <http://www.radioqth.net/qsl.aspx>

I also use Adobe PhotoShop and have Walgreen's print up full color glossy cards for 19 cents each.

If you plan on sending out a bunch of cards with no SASE, the best deal is getting blank pre-stamped post cards and printing on those.

Thanks for generating some interest in cards, I don't think we do enough card exchanges.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----

From: kd8cbj <mailto:KD8CBJ@...>

To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com <mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2006 12:56

Subject: [WestMichiganHams] free?

Good,free QSL card soft ware?

73 KD8CBJ

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1563. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-02 15:59:10 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 1563

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /QSLMake.zip
Uploaded by : k8mhz <k8mhz@...>
Description : QSL Maker

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/QSLMake.zip

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

k8mhz <k8mhz@...>

1564. 21st Annual Southwest Ohio Digital and Technical Symposium

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-02 17:47:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1564 Message: 1564

21st Annual Southwest Ohio Digital and Technical Symposium

In cooperation with Dial Radio Club; Miami University, Middletown and the ARRL, the 21st Southwest Ohio Digital and Technical Symposium will be held on Saturday January 13, 2007. The venue will once again be in Thesken Hall of the Middletown campus of Miami University. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM, with presentations running from 9:00 AM until approximately 4:30 PM.

As this is being written we have commitments for the following presentations:

* D-Star, Mark Thompson, WB9QZB
* WinLink 2K, Greg Zach, WG8Z
*A PSK-31 Audio Beacon Project, Jim Everly, K8IKE
* Using a Wide Band Noise Generator, Jay Slough, K4ZLE
* The SoftRock Software Defined Radio Project, Tony Parks, KB9YIG

Other potential presentations are in the wings, such as an AMSAT update, a microwave communications demonstration and more. As you can see, this year's program should be very informative with topics that are state of the art and have immediate real world application. Come meet the folks who are making things happen technically in our hobby, both locally and nationally.

There is no charge for attending the symposium. A box lunch will be available on site. Directions to the campus in Middletown, Ohio can be found on the website: http://www.swohdigi.org. Updates to the program will also be posted on the website. For further information, you may contact Jay Slough, K4ZLE at arrl.net

1565. GRARA Monthly Meeting, 11/3/2006, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-02 23:35:10 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 1565 Message: 1565

Reminder from the Calendar of WestMichiganHams
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

GRARA Monthly Meeting
Friday November 3, 2006
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(This event repeats on the first Friday of every month, until Friday November 9, 2007.)
Location: Red Cross, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE, Grand Rapuids
Street: 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City State Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Set up birthday reminders
http://us.rd.yahoo.com/cal_us/rem/?http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal?v=9&evt_type=13

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1566. WEAVER'S WORDS -- Did th' goblins git ya?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-03 13:24:44 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1566 Message: 1566

All
Sorry if some of you get this more than 1 time but I think we all should know what is going on in Ham Radio.

Tom KB8VEE DEC-6

[Reply to k8je@..., only. The ARRL reflector that sent this newsletter to you is outgoing, only. I don't want to miss any message you may send to me.]

- Dee Logan Wins Silver Antenna Award
- Red Cross Background Checks
- No RACES Frequencies = No RACES?
- CW on 80 M
- Scholarships Available
- SW OH Digital Symposium
- W1AW Schedule Change
- W8GEX writes on Op from New DX Entity

DEE LOGAN WINS SILVER ANTENNA AWARD

Congratulations to D.E. "Dee" Logan, W1HEO, of Mentor, OH. Dee is the 2006 winner of the Philip J. McGan Memorial Silver Antenna Award for long-time demonstration of success in Amateur Radio public relations. Dee led a team of amateurs in the Cleveland Area who developed "The Northeast Ohio Ham Radio Project." This effort pulled together nearly all resources needed to interest and guide people in becoming Amateur Radio operators. One part of the project involves an excellent video that is available to any club to use in its recruiting effort. The video is available to clubs in the general Cleveland area that become a member of the overall recruitment project. There is a fee for this membership and the video. The video is also available to clubs outside the area for a lesser fee.

Contact Dee for details.

Incidentally, the very first McGan recipient was Ohio SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE.

RED CROSS BACKGROUND CHECKS

I doubt if anyone believes the Red Cross should blindly accept just anyone who comes in off the street as a trusted volunteer. Most people who volunteer are fine, upstanding citizens who have the highest motives; however, there are those among the public who are . . . well . . . dishonorable. Just imagine what injury folks with perverted ideas of honesty could do to disaster victims and their property during

relief operations. The Red Cross has responded to the risk of having dishonorable people try to infiltrate its ranks by turning to background checks for all employees and volunteers.

I believe the Red Cross has the right and duty to keep unscrupulous people from joining its ranks. I also believe it has the right to require, somehow, background checks for all its personnel -- paid or not. The Red Cross needs a way to determine the honesty of its workers as best it can. When it comes to most volunteers, this is where I draw the proverbial line. Requiring background checks for criminal activity is thing. Requiring permission to do credit checks and more is just too much for non-employees, but this is precisely what Red Cross is doing.

As one ham who is a long-time officer in his local Red Cross Chapter said, "The Red Cross is requiring volunteers to grant permission for more than just a criminal background check, they are also requiring permission to draw a consumer and/or investigative consumer report on the volunteer. This would include a criminal background check, credit check and a mode of living check."

The ham Red Cross Chapter official? He authorized his superiors to do a criminal check, only. He still has his position at the Chapter.

Incidentally, some amateurs have expressed concern that MyBackgroundcheck that does the checking will have access to all of the credit and personal information on persons who have been checked even though Red Cross says they do not want it, themselves. Frankly, I'd trust the Red Cross folks that I know long before I'd trust many other people.

My suggestion: Read carefully what is being demanded and be sure you are willing to agree with it. If you agree, by all means give your consent to the full background check. If you don't agree, don't give your consent. You might even try sending a letter to your local chapter giving consent for them to do a criminal check but withholding your consent to other checks. Use your personal judgment.

NO RACES FREQUENCIES = NO RACES?

A few people have asked if FCC's abolishing special RACES frequencies means it plans to abolish RACES. It may come as a shock to some of you, but I don't know just what is in the minds of the folks at FCC. I discovered my crystal ball was broken when they issued the recent omnibus Report & Order. Nonetheless, I strongly doubt they plan to abolish RACES.

Instead of looking behind the abolishment of RACES frequencies for an ulterior motive, why not look at it at face value. The change that will take effect 30 days after the new rules are published will open amateur frequencies to use by RACES. RACES is being freed to operate anywhere in the ham bands the local RACES brass want it to operate. My

money is on RACES being around for quite some time.

CW ON 80 M

In spite of the misinformation being spread by some people, ARRL neither petitioned nor wanted FCC to drop the 75 M phone band down to 3600 kHz. We asked them to drop the phone band edge to 3725 kHz. This represented an increase in the phone band of 25 kHz. This 3725 kHz is also the lower band edge proposed by the Commission in its NPRM two years ago. Imagine our surprise when the Commission announced the phone band edge would be 3600. Not only does this make things difficult for the many NTS and other 80 M CW nets, and casual CW QSOs, but it thoroughly jumbles the situation for RTTY and data modes that are no longer permitted on 80. Bummer.

Speaking of CW, ARRL also has also not asked FCC to abolish all Morse testing for Amateur Radio licensing exams. We petitioned to have the exam dropped for General licensees. This tactic was based upon the knowledge CW would be dropped totally if we did not develop a counter strategy to FCC internal thinking to drop all Morse testing. The strategy acknowledges that Morse testing will be lost for Generals regardless of what we do. At the same time, we're trying to keep it for Extras. The idea is to keep Morse as one means of making the Extra Class license something extra. Will even this strategy work. I'm hopeful, but not holding my breath.

When will the FCC release its decision on Morse testing? My crystal ball is still broken, but I'm guessing it will not take nearly so long as it took them to release the omnibus Report & Order.

One final word on Morse testing: Even if the Commission abolishes all Morse testing, CW will remain the primary mode of operation for a great many current hams. I'm included among this number. It will even become the primary mode of operation for a great many new hams. A still greater number of hams -- new and old -- will use it to some extent. Abolishing Morse code testing as a licensing requirement will not of itself doom Morse to extinction.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

It is time to apply for ARRL Foundation scholarships. Over 40 scholarships ranging in value from about $10,000 to $300 are available. The sponsors of some of the scholarships have designated them for specific categories of applicants; however, many are open to all amateurs who are furthering their education. For information on the scholarships and the application form, go to http://www.arrl.org/arrlf/scholgen.html.

The Great Lakes Division has been well represented among scholarship winners during recent years. I'm sure there are a few more worthy candidates in our three state.

SW OHIO DIGITAL SYMPOSIUM

The annual SW Ohio Digital Symposium is January 13 with registration beginning at 8 AM and sessions at 9. This is not a hamfest/swap. It is a place for the typical and not-so-typical ham to come to learn the practical operation of PSK-31, software defined radio (SDR), D-Star, WinLink 2000 and more. This is an opportunity to advance the typical technology of Amateur Radio beyond CW, SSB and FM. The Symposium is at the Miami University Middletown, OH, campus in Thesken Hall. Directions and program information are at www.swohdigi.org. Additional information can be obtained from Jay Slough, K4ZLE at k4zle@....

W1AW SCHEDULE CHANGE

In case you want to copy W1AW code practice or bulletins and can't find what you want, check its new schedule. This schedule is at http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html.

W8GEX WRITES ON EARLY OPERATION FROM NEW DX ENTITY

Joe Pater, W8GEX, is a well-known DXer member of the Southwest Ohio DX Association. A resident of Hamilton, OH, Joe arranged for a DXpedition of a few friends to new DX entity Montenegro. He wrote of the trials and tribulations of forming this DXpedition in the fall issue of the International DX Association (INDEXA) newsletter. It was a relatively small DXpedition as DXpeditions go, but provided many new contacts to the worthy with this new country. Contacts were with 406DX.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

I'm getting back into the swing of things now that I've pretty well recovered from back surgery. My tentative schedule at this moment is as follows:

Nov. 17-19: A&F Meeting, Newington, CT.
Jan. 9: 20/9 Meeting, Canfield, OH.
Jan. 13: SW OH Digital Symposium, Middletown, OH.
Jan. 18: A&F Meeting, Newington, CT.
Jan. 19-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
Feb. 11: Mansfield Hamfest, Mansfield, OH.
May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH.
Sep. 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH.

If you wish me to come to your meeting or other event, please let me know.

Tnx for your support of ARRL. Your backing is very important to the well being of Amateur Radio. Please consider becoming a worker in the new ARRL Legislative Action Program. Several amateurs throughout the Division have volunteered, but we still need additional help if we are to cover all of the US Representatives and Senators in our three states. Contact Division Legislative Action Chair Val Rose, N8EXV (n8exv@...) or me (k8je@...) for information. The job requires such little time and can provide such great benefit to Amateur

Radio.

73,

Jim, K8JE

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- webmaster@...

1567. Re: free?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-03 14:07:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1557 Message: 1567

For picture cards I use Irfanview, available from http://www.irfanview.com, available for free (donation of $10 suggested but not required). I generally take a picture of something associated with whatevere event I'm celebrating (or the shack or house if it's a general QSL). The help files are a bit skimpy, but I've found that one can put a picture within a picture (like an ARRL Logo, or personal picture, etc). Also, one can put text within the picture. It is easier to use than photoshop elements, though it doesn't have quite as many features.

For printing I generally forward the picture to my local Meijer, which does overnight printing for 17¢ per print - cheeper than one can buy photo stock plus ink. If I want to wait an extra day, or have a large order, they'll send the order to Kodak for 14¢ per print.

This is a bit more expensive than using card stock (which I can get for 10¢ per sheet - so four cards cost 2.5¢ each plus the cost of ink. The biggest advantage, besides being a bit more colourful, is that with inkjet printers, most times the ink will run and smudge if the card gets at all wet.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@...m, "kd8cbj" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
>
> Good,free QSL card soft ware?
>
>73 KD8CBJ

1569. Great Lakes area Friday night MFSK16 net tonight @ 8e/7c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-03 13:19:23 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1569 Message: 1569

Well, I was busy setting up a hamfest 2 weeks ago, and slept through the net last week, but this week the net will most certainly be held.

Time: 8 PM eastern, 7 PM central
Freq: 144.150 MHz USB (dial)

One idea I've had, after seeing some discussion on the illinoisdigitalham list (one of 3 I cross-post this to), is to try using Olivia instead of MFSK16. As robust as MFSK16 is, Olivia is even better. Starting next week, I think I'll switch to Olivia for this net. The mode is supported in MixW and MultiPSK on windows, or gMFSK and Fldigi on Linux/*BSD.

-Joe, KD8ATU
Grand Haven, Michigan - EN62wx

1571. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Technicality?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-03 19:06:28 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1570 Message: 1571

I think that the section is more geared toward retransmitions of broadcasts and music, not so much phone patches, besides, how are we to know if the person that we are calling is using a chordless phone or not? With a cell phone, it's one thing because you can almost tell by the number, but we can't tell someone that if they see the repeater number come up on the caller ID to not answer with their chordless. If nothing else, it's a grey area, but I don't think anyone is going to really get bent out of shape for using an autopatch to call someone on a cell phone, or talking to someone with a chordless phone.

If we really want to split hairs, wouldn't it then be illegal to call a pager using the repeater's autopatch as well?
73
Chris

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2006 1:39 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Technicality?

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1573. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Technicality?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-03 19:42:25 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1570 Message: 1573

Considering that a lot of people are now switching from their conventional land line to a cellular phone for their primary phone needs, I don't think that it would be a problem. It is something to think about, and possibly go so far as to ask someone on the commission for clearification of the question.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2006 2:31 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Technicality?

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So, if it is OK to use a phone patch to re-broadcast cellular phones, would it then be OK to have a repeater in which the input was a cellular phone?

See where I am concerned?

If it is NOT OK to use a cellular phone as a repeater input it is also NOT OK to use them on a phone patch as the exact same retransmission is suspect, just connected differently.

----- Original Message -----
From: Chris Schulte
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2006 19:06
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Technicality?

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1574. Re: Technicality?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-03 22:06:28 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 1570 Message: 1574

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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> Chris,
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I totally disagree with your premise, Mark. The fact that cellphones use RF is incidental to their operation, and would not fall under an interpretation of the amateur rules prohibiting re-broadcasting of other services.

Good discussion though.

Laryn K8TVZ

1575. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Technicality?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-03 21:44:23 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1570 Message: 1575

I haven't had a conventional land line phone in over 2 years . 1500 minutes with no long distance charges for 45 dollars . I talk to California and Kansas for at least 10 hours a month . Try that on a land line for 45 dollars .
Cheaper than a land line phone .

there are a lot of grey areas in this rule though.

KD8BIG

---------- Original message ----------
From: "Chris Schulte" <ab8wo2006@...>
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1577. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Technicality?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-04 00:59:54 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1570 Message: 1577

Who operates / owns 88.7-106.5 MHz ? I have heard phone conversations there before . As well with the UHF standard and "T" band .

UHF standard = 450-470 MHz
UHF "T" band = 470-512 MHz

KD8BIG

-------------- Original message --------------
From: <k8mhz@...>
"No, because the cellphone does not transmit in an amateur band. So
you can't use it for a repeater input, even if it were technically
possible."

It is technically possible with ACUs. Reverse phone patches using land lines are and have been legal for some time. If the phone is cellular instead of a land line it is still a reverse phone patch but in actuality is a re-transmission of a non-amateur frequency. Both the Motorola ACU-1000 and a properly set up EchoStation repeater have the capability of re-transmitting ANY audio input to an amateur frequency, or any frequency that there is a transmitter for. EchoStation can be set up with a cell phone as a receiver and a ham rig as a transmitter so the cell # could be called and the received audio is sent out over the transmitter. EchoLink uses many frequencies via the Internet in the same manner. This seems like a breech of the law, not just to me, but others as well. NOT to be taken that this use is a travesty, but more to be taken as a need to address Part 97's failure to keep up with the times.

"I totally disagree with your premise, Mark. The fact that cellphones
use RF is incidental to their operation, and would not fall under an
interpretation of the amateur rules prohibiting re-broadcasting of
other services."

The only allowance for incidentals is clearly outlined and pertains to things such as music on the ISS for instance. Nowhere in Part 97 is there an exception for devices that use RF 'incidental to their operation', which I don't think is the case for cell phones. Cell phones are radio phones and the radio part is the primary function of those devices, not merely incidental.

The re-transmission exclusion bears no written exceptions and leaves little room for interpretation. Without an exception for cellular or cordless phones it is against the ruling of 97.113.

If I missed something in other sections of Part 97 please point them out to me.

I think this is the case of the law not keeping up with the technology.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Laryn Lohman
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2006 22:06
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Technicality?

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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1578. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Technicality?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-04 01:45:29 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 1570 Message: 1578

Hi All, I have been reading these messages but don't understand how this help or hurts us. Please help simplify all this stuff. Thanks KC8OVS

Get your email and see which of your friends are online - Right on the new Yahoo.com

1579. Re: Great Lakes area Friday night MFSK16 net tonight @ 8e/7c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-04 01:48:10 UTC
From: kc8dei
Topic: 1569 Message: 1579

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote:

> Starting next week, I think I'll switch to Olivia for this net. The mode
> is supported in MixW and MultiPSK on windows, or gMFSK and Fldigi on
> Linux/*BSD.

Sorry I wasn't able to make the net tonight. Is Olivia known by
another name? I don't see it on the gMFSK (0.6) menu.

Mark Moss, KC8DEI

1581. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Great Lakes area Friday night MFSK16 net tonight @ 8e/7c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-04 02:06:07 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1569 Message: 1581

It wasn't implemented in gMFSK until version 0.7.

-Joe, KD8ATU

kc8dei wrote:
> Sorry I wasn't able to make the net tonight. Is Olivia known by
> another name? I don't see it on the gMFSK (0.6) menu.
>
> Mark Moss, KC8DEI

1582. Re: Technicality?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-04 04:16:27 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 1570 Message: 1582

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> "No, because the cellphone does not transmit in an amateur band. So
> you can't use it for a repeater input, even if it were technically
> possible."
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> It is technically possible with ACUs.

What is an ACU?

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little room for interpretation. Without an exception for cellular or
cordless phones it is against the ruling of 97.113.

OK Mark, how about microwave hops within the landline telephone
system? I would submit that these fall into the same category as the
cordless in your house, or cellphone RF link. If a cellphone is
illegal in a phone patch, then so is the microwave link. That would
make a great many patches illegal going back to the first day of using
microwave links for landlines, including of course domestic and
international phone patches. Then, since we cannot always know when
microwave is involved in ANY phone call, we must stop all patches.

Laryn K8TVZ

1583. Re: Technicality?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-04 04:44:53 UTC
From: kc8dei
Topic: 1570 Message: 1583

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:

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> to things such as music on the ISS for instance. Nowhere in Part 97
> is there an exception for devices that use RF 'incidental to their
> operation', which I don't think is the case for cell phones. Cell
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> those devices, not merely incidental.
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> little room for interpretation. Without an exception for cellular or
> cordless phones it is against the ruling of 97.113.

Thanks for pointing this out. I need to go buy a new keyboard before next week's MFSK net, as my current keyboard is wireless. Clearly, I'm retransmitting its 27MHz signal on the lower end of the 2m band, which goes against the rules.

Also, somebody might want to inform the HSMM guys of this rule. After all, they're using off-the-shelf wireless networking equipment under part 97, rather than part 15, but how can they guarantee that the packets their equipment fowards _never_ crossed through wireless networking equipment operating under Part 15?

The idea that passing through the ether outside the bounds of Part 97 somehow poisons a signal so that it can never be legally transmitted on an amateur frequency just doesn't pass the sniff test. To me, this seems like nothing more than FUD (Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt) rather than a real problem (unless, of course, there is some reason to believe the FCC actually interprets their rule this way).

Mark Moss, KC8DEI

1584. ACU-1000

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-04 11:16:13 UTC
From: jimk8cop@afo.net
Topic: 1584 Message: 1584

Here is the link to the ACU-1000 for those wanting to know the in's and out's of this device. It's made by Raytheon JPS Communications.

http://www.jps.com/index.asp?node=88

Jim, K8COP

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mail2web - Check your email from the web at
http://mail2web.com/ .

1587. logging question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-04 16:43:18 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1587 Message: 1587

Hi list,
I'm sitting here as I write this listening to a net on 14.22598 mhz, and there are people who are relaying qsos' for other people who I think are going
for their worked all counties award or something like that. Anyway, my question is when entering this into your log book, do you have to also include
somewhere that it was a relay that helped you and who relayed the trafic for you?
73,
Chris ab8wo

1588. Re: Technicality?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-04 16:50:20 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 1570 Message: 1588

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> "What is an ACU?"

OK, I just wasn't familiar with the particular model "ACU" that you referenced. There is one of these units in the Ottawa CO. comm. trailer. However, I don't think these connect DIRECTLY to a cellphone, do they? In other words, I can't walk up to one of these and use my cellphone to talk to the sheriff's department, for example. There is no RF connection inherent within these units that would allow my cellphone to receive service, authentication, etc. That can be done only by my carrier's system. The ACU will connect to the PBX in the trailer, and then the outside world via copper, however.

> "OK Mark, how about microwave hops within the landline telephone
> system?"
>
> I have questioned that since I first read 97.113. When cell phones came on the scene I further questioned it. Now with ACUs there may be reason to get the FCC to give us an opinion. If phones such as cells and microwave assisted land lines don't violate 97.113 how do cell phones used as an input device in an ACU violate the same rule?

My point EXACTLY. We're beating a dog that doesn't exist. If 97.113 is out of date now, it NEVER was up to date. As I posted earlier, microwave landline links have been used for what, 60+ years now? Part 97 has been re-written several times in that period. If the FCC had any intention of including microwave links in the rule as applied, they would have stated so way back then. As another poster succinctly stated, perhaps I need to get rid of my wireless keyboard?? I don't think so. That would be absurd.

I still think the word "incidental" applies here. Cellphones, wireless keys, WiFi systems, landline microwave links, etc., are not Radio Stations. They use RF only as a part of their infrastructure, incidental to their normal operation. The spirit of this rule has always applied to radio services such as police, fire, broadcasters, Joe Plumber's two way system, etc.

Think about the term "wireline" in Part 97, I don't remember which particular rule right now. As far as the FCC is concerned, this term does not necessarily mean "copper". If a segment of the "wireline" control system for an Amateur Station, for example, happens to be fiber, or microwave, it is STILL a "wireline".

Laryn K8TVZ

1590. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Technicality?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-04 22:29:19 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1570 Message: 1590

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Retransmit police/TV/broadcast/MURS/FRS frequencies through a crossbander? That's what it prohibits if you think about it in a reasonable manner.

Actually, I think it's only illegal if you have a flashing yellow light attached to the antenna of the cell phone.

----- Original Message -----
From: jason mackay
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2006 8:45 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Technicality?

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1592. Re: Technicality?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-05 04:53:12 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 1570 Message: 1592

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:

> Anyway, what I am trying to establish is if a device using a cell phone as a repeater input is in violation of Part 97 or not.
>
> If it is not (and it is as I read the law) then where is the exception that allows the other re-transmissions, such as those used in EchoLink, regular phone lines, etc.

How was 97.113 ever written into the rules if it instantly indicts hundreds of hams every day for being illegal in their operations? In other words, if no other "radio station" can be a part of any amateur transmission, then each and every autopatch could be illegal. Yet no ham has ever been fined, I'm quite sure, for simply initiating and participating in a patch, with the FCC referring to 97.113, just because there was a microwave link in the audio path somewhere. And for 6+ decades! Please clarify for me.

Laryn K8TVZ

1594. Nov.4 DRG packet training class

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-05 14:55:53 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1594 Message: 1594

If there was a fee for the class it would have been well worth it, let alone a good investment.The low numbers of hams operating Packet(Mi.) was a real eye opener.Smaller,leaner,cheaper = simplicity was a common theme mentioned more than once.Equipment,a $5.00 garage sale 486,a spare 2meter rig,and a TNC can help the local packet system (didi).Telnet(if your running microsloth you've got it),though not the best,is a no cost foot in the door.The DRG web site is a treasure trove of information.These are some personal opinions of some of what I got from the class.

73 KD8CBJ

1595. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Nov.4 DRG packet training class

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-05 16:25:42 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1594 Message: 1595

It is unfortunate that most hams do not utilize the digital modes both on HF & VHF-It is a very secure mode which cannot be readily deciphered by the general public, handle high volume record traffic and on HF need minimum power levels to get through when voice cannot.
It is interesting to note also that at least the new hams and oldies that are computer literate (which I am not) do not take advantage of this mode. Hat's off to the DRG,the DAPPER club,Ray,N8LRF & Jay,WB8TKL for a great class! DE WD8USA / Red Cross Comm. Chair,Kent County

1596. Re: [WestMichiganHams] logging question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-05 17:10:50 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1587 Message: 1596

Chris:

Most wallpaper you chase requires you to certify that your QSOs were two way conversations. This mostly means you both understood the call signs involved.

Some wallpaper will encourage you to exchange a signal report to more or less prove the QSO took place. So each station will send and receive a signal report. This is not necessary in all cases.

For example, to earn the DXCC(R) you and the dx agree on time, date, band, mode, call sign. It is not necessary to agree on signal report. You do need to have a QSL card or LoTW credit for DXCC because this is an ARRL award.

I have been chasing states on a special net for this purpose. I think the net was called the 3905 net or club. They offer wallpaper and help you earn their awards. They have a Worked All States along with wallpaper for working their officers, or YLs or things like that. For their award they require the usual stuff from above combined with a signal report. So on their nets you will hear folks sending, "Double nickels, or Speed Limit, BANG, BANG, or twenty-two" or other stuff. The signal report must agree for their awards.

You generally will not receive wallpaper using an intermediate or net control to facilitate the QSO. You will often hear stations calling the dx and saying something like, "Last heard you were 4 and 2." They are just hoping.

If you choose to chase wallpaper you will early on decide if you are going to use a net control or list operation to facilitate the QSO. It is a controversial subject that I would not brag about at your first meeting of the Big Guns. Lists are often times frowned upon in some circles. But if it gets you the card, then, hey, you make the call.

There are all kinds of ways to play the game. The bottom line is you need the card. Well, you need to have the card approved by the wallpaper issuing organization.

Bill, AB8SC

1597. nov 4 DRG training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-05 20:39:31 UTC
From: paul rocky odem
Topic: 1597 Message: 1597

i was wondering why there wasnt any advertisement for the training. i would have like to been there and i know that other hams from montcalm county would like to have been there too!!!!!!

1598. K8DAA DX Cluster

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-05 21:01:00 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 1598 Message: 1598

I have tried to reach the K8DAA DX cluster via TCP/IP and via RF, but have been unable to get it connected. Is it on the air for sure? Is it accessiable via k8daa.ampr.org or only RF?

Anyone got it working, if not any other ampr.org connected DX clusters locally?

Mike
kb8zgl

1599. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8DAA DX Cluster

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-05 21:47:23 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1598 Message: 1599

It may show how observant I am, but I have never heard of any DX cluster being run from K8DAA. I am only familiar with the one run by Jim Lamberts KC8KE, and one recently implemented by Dave Lamer WA8RSA. The latter is reachable by TCP/IP (over RF) at hamgate.ottawa.ampr.org, the former only has traditional AX.25.

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-Joe, KD8ATU (soon N8FQ)

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1600. RE: [WestMichiganHams] K8DAA DX Cluster

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-05 22:12:39 UTC
From: Dave Lamer
Topic: 1598 Message: 1600

Hi Mike,

K8daa DX Cluster is down until I get the computer up and running again. You can digi thru K8daa to kc8ke and connect to his DX Cluster on 145.07.

Dave

Wa8rsa

Holland Amateur Radio Club Trustee.

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Michael J. Wolthuis
Sent: Sunday, November 05, 2006 4:01 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] K8DAA DX Cluster

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1601. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Technicality?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-05 22:29:27 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1570 Message: 1601

thank you andrew I agree with the yellow light idea
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 04, 2006 5:29 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Technicality?

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1604. Re: [WestMichiganHams] nov 4 DRG training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-06 03:09:16 UTC
From: Don LaBrenz
Topic: 1597 Message: 1604

Paul,
I posted something on the reflector here about two weeks ago. I also had a bulletin on the hamgate at WB8I.

Don't feel too bad, I posted the bulletins and then forgot to attend. Maybe we can put some kind of packet training get together here along the lakeshore.

73 de Don, WB8I

PS Mark, DRG = Digital Radio Group. It's the group tasked by the ARRL Michigan Section with promoting and encouraging digital communications.

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> county would like to have been there too!!!!!!
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1605. Hazcollect Field Operational Demonstration

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-06 21:35:52 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1605 Message: 1605
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

To All For your infomation on Weather Radio this week. Tom KB8VEE DEC-6

All,
On Wednesday November 8th at approximately 1:15 EST there will be an operation demonstration of the HazCollect system.
HazCollect is intended to be the primary tool the NWS intends to use for delivering non-weather emergency messages (NWEMs)
to NOAA All Hazards Weather Radios. There will be a National test of the overall system between 7 and 22 November 2006.

Some of you may recall the presentations over the last couple of years on the HazCollect system as a reminder there is a flow chart
of how the system works attached. The EM will have the client software which is called the Disaster Management Interoperability Service
(DMIS) loaded on a PC in their offices or 911 centers. The DMIS will load pre-formatted for different types of emergency messages and
transmit them to the HazCollect computer in the Washington D.C area. The message will be uplinked to satellite and delivered to the Advanced
Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS) and immediately formatted for transmission on the NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio with
EAS codes and 1050 tones as appropriate.

On Wednesday there will be an administrative message (ADR) transmitted which will be transmitted with the ADR EAS code. If you would like
to receive the test please ensure the ADR tone is programmed to go off when your radio receives it. Below is a list of other codes that will be available
to EMs when the DMIS software is fully implemented. There are still a number of Test Trouble Reports (TTRs) that will require software
modification before the DMIS software will be fully functional. There will be a another message from this office informing you of where to go to
download the software when it passes the required field tests.

AWIPS NNN MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR /MND/ PRODUCT TYPE LINEADR ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE/FOLLOWUP STATEMENT
AVA AVALANCHE WATCH
AVW AVALANCHE WARNING
CAE CHILD ABDUCTION EMERGENCY
CDW CIVIL DANGER WARNING
CEM CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGE
EQW EARTHQUAKE WARNING
EVI EVACUATION IMMEDIATE
FRW FIRE WARNING
HMW HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WARNING
LEW LAW ENFORCEMENT WARNING
LAE LOCAL AREA EMERGENCY

TOE 911 TELEPHONE OUTAGE EMERGENCY
NUW NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WARNING
RHW RADIOLOGICAL HAZARD WARNING
SPW SHELTER IN PLACE
VOW VOLCANO WARNING

The National test message on Wednesday will be sent with ADRMI header.

The NWS in MI does not currently transmit CAE traffic.

If you have any questions please give me a call at 616-949-0643 ext 726
Mike

1606. Contest!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-07 01:36:06 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1557 Message: 1606

All:

Mark your calendar for November 18 and 19. That is the weekend for the ARRL's Sweepstakes contest. We'll participate in the sideband version of this annual contest. We'll use the W8ZHO call and hit the push-to-talk starting at 4:00 pm on Saturday until either 1. we run twenty-four hours or 2. we pull the plug at 10:00 pm on Sunday evening.

Everyone is welcome to drop in and operate, log, cheer, kibitz, or whatever. We'll have tons of fun. Tom, W8AMZ has offered a HUGE pot of Chile and we'll have something special for Sunday morning's breakfast. Sunday lunch and dinner will be warmed over hot dogs and stale cookies.

So grab your sense of adventure and drop into our wonderful shack at the MAARC's clubhouse. It will be tons of fun for everyone. There will always be an open band, fun, radio, fun, QSOs, fun, and great hams sharing a contest to remember.

Drop me a line with any questions. By the way, Chris, AB8WO says he can operate and log without assistance. Should be quite the sight! That is one really great reason to cheer!

Bill, AB8SC

1607. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Contest!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-07 01:50:19 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1557 Message: 1607

Well, I've operated for years, although I'm not sure just how successful I've been as I've been divorced twice. hi hi.
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2006 8:36 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Contest!

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1608. WEAVER'S WORDS - CORRECTION & MORE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-07 11:34:21 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1608 Message: 1608

> [As always, never reply to these newsletters by clicking "reply."
> Always reply to k8je@.... The ARRL reflector that distributes
> these newsletters is one-way, only.]
>
> - OOPS
> - SPEAKING OF THE BAND CHANGES
> - GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION
> - THE ARRL BUDGET IS BORN
>
> OOPS!
>
> In my comments in the last issue on FCC's drastic changes to 80M, I
> messed up the wording of one sentence. This made it sound as though
> the FCC had kicked all date and RTTY transmissions off 80. I guess I
> let my fingers go faster than my brain. What I intended to say is that
> some data transmissions were banned from 80M and that the allowed forms
> of digital and RTTY were crammed in to the lower 100 kHz of the band
> along with CW.
>
> SPEAKING OF THE BAND CHANGES
>
> Speaking of the band changes, the ARRL Bandplan committee that is
> working on new bandplans for the bands that are being changes by the
> new FCC rules has extended the time for commenting on these new plans.
> This committee is asking amateurs to tell them how the new FCC rules
> will effect current operations. They also will accept comments on what
> features the new bandplans should have. Send your thoughts to
> bandplan@....
>
> Comments for the new bandplans will be accepted until one week after
> the new rules are published in the Federal Register. The new rules
> become effective 30 days after they are published in the Federal
> Register.
>
> GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION
>
> Don't forget about the Great Lakes Division Convention on September 22,
> 2007. It is in Cleveland the day before the Cleveland Hamfest which is
> on September 23. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN is banquet
> speaker. Joel is a real go-getter and a very interesting speaker.
> You'll have ample opportunity to speak with him in person throughout
> the weekend. The details of the program will be released later;
> however, the program committee is working on a real winner. They have
> polled numerous amateurs throughout the area to learn the programs that
> are in greatest demand.

>
> THE ARRL BUDGET IS BORN
>
> Ever wonder how the budget (commonly referred to as "The Plan") for
> ARRL is set? The process for the 2007 budget is well underway. Its
> draft has just been completed by Dave Sumner, K1ZZ our CEO and his
> staff. I expect to receive a copy of this many-paged draft on
> Wednesday of this week and it will be discussed in great detail at the
> A&F (Administration and Finance) Committee on November 18 when we
> convene in Newington for our next-to-last in-person meeting of ARRL
> year 2006. During this meeting, ARRL staff managers can expect to
> answer a number of questions and challenges from the Committee. We are
> likely to suggest a number of changes. In return, the Committee will
> expect to see revisions in the draft.
>
> A&F will have its final meeting of the current year in Newington the
> day before the mid-January 2007 Annual Meeting. The Plan for 2007 will
> again be reviewed in depth prior to and at this Committee meeting.
> This last meeting of the 2006 year is critical to the budget because
> this will be when the 2007 budget is either approved or disapproved or
> changed by the Committee. Barring any insurmountable disagreement
> between management and the Committee, a budget proposal will be
> reported to the full Board of Directors with a recommendation for
> approval.
>
> At the Board meeting, the 15 Directors and only the 15 Directors have
> the power to vote The Plan as it then exists either up or down. ARRL
> Officers have no vote on the The Plan and other Board proposals. The
> ARRL staff has no vote on any Board operation.
>
> I thought you might want to know.
>
> 73,
>
> Jim
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

1609. Portable Generators on Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-08 03:53:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1609 Message: 1609

Pep Boys is having another sale on portable generators

1 KW continuous, 1.2 KW max - 2 cycle 63 cc engine - item # TG-1200 - $149.98 after rebate

2 KW continuous, 2.3 KW max - 4 cycle OHV engine -item # GG2300 - $239.99 after rebate

The brand on these says "UST" - I can't find who manufactures that brand....

I bought a 1.2 KW continuous 1.5 KW max made by Eastern Tools from Pep Boys before field day, and it has worked like a charm for Field Day, the Ohio QSO Party, and the Illinois QSO party.

Two advantages of the smaller units is, first, they are light, therefore easily carried as a part of an emergency response kit. The second is that they use very little gasoline/oil combo - I used slightly more than 2 gallons of gasoline for the Ohio QSO Party (in about 14 hours of operation - I started the thing up early to be sure it was running well) and about 1.5 gallons for the 9 hours or so of the Illinois QSO party. I typically run a computer and a 100 W output rig, plus a fan and a desk lamp on a field operation, but I've run a 1500 watt heater for over an hour to test the ruggedness of the unit The one minor downside is that one needs to remember to have 2 cycle oil, but it's available in 2 ounce bottles in many places.

Two locations in Grand Rapids for Pep Boys are:

Pep Boys Supercenter
3737 Alpine Ave NW
Comstock Park, MI
(616) 785-3122

Pep Boys Supercenter
609 28th St SW
Wyoming, MI Map
(616) 261-5701

In Kalamazoo:

Pep Boys Supercenter
5630 N Westnedge Ave
Kalamazoo, MI
(269) 388-2240

Didn't find a Pep Boys in Muskegon.

73 de n8xx Hg

1610. Re: K8DAA DX Cluster

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-08 17:26:44 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 1598 Message: 1610

Is hamgate.ottawa.ampr.org down right now? It seems I can't reach it, guess will have to stick with AX.25.

Mike
kb8zgl

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1611. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: K8DAA DX Cluster

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-08 18:02:24 UTC
From: Dave Lamer
Topic: 1598 Message: 1611

Hi Mike,

Did you try and connect to wa8rsa-1?

Then on menu line you will see DXC, just type in DXC and you will be on the DX Cluster.

If you are going to send email then you need the hamgate.ottawa.ampr.org

73 Dave

Wa8rsa

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Michael J. Wolthuis
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2006 12:27 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: K8DAA DX Cluster

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1612. Re: K8DAA DX Cluster

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-09 13:20:16 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 1598 Message: 1612

I am trying to connect via TCP/IP thought from Internet for this, not via AX.25. I am trying to use a MAC widget to read the local DXC.

So WA8RSA-1 I assume is only via RF?

Mike

Kb8zgl

1613. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: K8DAA DX Cluster

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-09 14:05:15 UTC
From: Dave Lamer
Topic: 1598 Message: 1613

Hi Mike,

You can connect to my hamgate at wa8rsa.no-ip.org

With the MAC widget you may want to connect direct to

dx.w9zrx.net

73 Dave

Wa8rsa

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Michael J. Wolthuis
Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2006 8:20 AM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: K8DAA DX Cluster

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1614. Fwd: Cyber Alert - FBI - IC3 warns new email scheme

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-09 18:40:36 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 1614 Message: 1614

Note: forwarded message attached.

Check out the all-new Yahoo! Mail beta - Fire up a more powerful email and get things done faster.

1616. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fwd: Cyber Alert - FBI - IC3 warns new email scheme

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-09 20:19:32 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1614 Message: 1616
Attachments: 6 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Did you actually get that word for word or does it have your usual humorous twist on it?

Pretty funny, but the grammar is way too good for it to be a real spoof :)

Andrew

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@k8mhz.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2006 2:17 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fwd: Cyber Alert - FBI - IC3 warns new email scheme

Although this subject has nothing to do with ham radio I would like to add a few things.

1) A business will NEVER ask you for your user name and / or password as they already have it. If they 'lose' it all they have to do is create a new one and send the new one to you so you can log in and change it if you desire.

2) Beware of any e-mail from a business you have a relationship with that does not address you by your own name. If it says 'Dear Sir', for instance, rest assured that a million other people are getting the same message.

3) Get a separate account or a debit card for online transactions. NEVER give a business your bank account info unless you are absolutely sure they won't clean you out. PayPal is guilty of this, an others are as well. READ the fine print. They can collect from any account you have given them the number for.

4) It is super easy to spoof stuff from eBAy. I will leave you with this. All one has to do is re-direct the info to another web site and it's theirs. A simple change in the html is all it takes.

(The following is NOT REAL)

Dear Ebay User,

It appears that someone has tried to access your account that did not have the correct user name and it has been locked out. Please use the form below to sign in and unlock your account. If this is not done in 72 hours your account will be deleted, your bank account will be emptied and we will post negative comments about your credit to all the bureaus. You will also never again get to use Ebay and all your positive feedback comments will be changed to negative. We will then post all your personal information on a web site and e-mail the same to millions of eBay users.

Sorry about the inconvenience. Your account will be unlocked immediately upon our receipt of the filled out form. We will notify you by e-mail at this address once your account is

re-activated.

Special Notice - As compensation for your inconvenience you will recieve a $500 PayPal cash deposit coupon and be entered into a 2 million dollar sweepstakes.

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If you want to sign in, you'll need to register first.
Registration is fast and free.

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Forgot your User ID? Fill it in here so we can scam people.

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Keep me signed in on this computer until I have no more money and my CCs are maxed out.

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1617. D-STAR Presentation, Saturday, 11/17 @ 2:15 pm, Fort Wayne Hamfest (Red Forum Room)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-09 21:52:50 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 1617 Message: 1617

The Fort Wayne Hamfest will feature a presentation on D-STAR by Mark Thompson, WB9QZB on Saturday, November 18th at 2:15 pm in the Red Forum room.

D-STAR is a digital protocol developed by the Japanese government and Japanese Amateur Radio League. Icom is the first manufacturer to manufacture D-STAR-compatible radios, although the protocol is open to anyone.

D-STAR enables simultaneous digital voice and data transmission. At present, digital voice can be sent on 144, 440 & 1.2 GHz (4800 bps) concurrently with low speed asynchronous data (950 bps) in a narrow 6.25 KHz channel. High speed data (128 kbps) can be sent concurrently using TCP/IP on 1.2 GHz in a 130 KHz channel.

D-STAR repeaters are connected via the Internet, which enables worldwide connections across the D-STAR network. Imagine having a broadband Internet connection via your mobile rig.

Among the many possible applications, D-STAR promises enhanced emergency communication handling - the efficiency of simultaneous voice and data communications, as well as graphic and other large file transfers that are difficult or impossible with current packet technology.

Mark, WB9QZB, will present the D-STAR system in detail, with an update on Icom technology, the radios currently available that support D-STAR, and what is in development. Mark has been actively involved for many years in local packet and digital radio activities, and has been featured on Hap Holly's RAIN Report.

Please join us for an informative and entertaining presentation on Saturday, November 17th at 2:15 pm at the Fort Wayne Hamfest. The hamfest is at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and Exposition Center, located at 4000 Parnell Avenue in Fort Wayne.

A free Icom hat will be available to those who attend the forum. Come early. Supplies are limited.

If you can't make the presentation visit the Illinois Digital Ham Yahoo Group for more information about D-STAR:

http://groups.com/yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

PLEASE PASS THIS ANNOUNCEMENT ON TO OTHER CLUBS & HAMS WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

1619. Re: Contest!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-10 19:39:38 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1557 Message: 1619

One week and One day. Are you ready?

Rumor has it that if YOU drop in for the contest Tom, W8AMZ will also bring along a big pot of gumbo. Incentive enough? Hope so!

Everyone is encouraged to participate in Sweeps.

Bill, AB8SC

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Bill Fries <bill_fries@...> wrote:
>
> All:
>
> Mark your calendar for November 18 and 19. That is the weekend for the
> ARRL's Sweepstakes contest. We'll participate in the sideband version
> of this annual contest. We'll use the W8ZHO call and hit the
> push-to-talk starting at 4:00 pm on Saturday until either 1. we run
> twenty-four hours or 2. we pull the plug at 10:00 pm on Sunday evening.
>
> Everyone is welcome to drop in and operate, log, cheer, kibitz, or
> whatever. We'll have tons of fun. Tom, W8AMZ has offered a HUGE pot of
> Chile and we'll have something special for Sunday morning's breakfast.
> Sunday lunch and dinner will be warmed over hot dogs and stale cookies.
>
> So grab your sense of adventure and drop into our wonderful shack at the
> MAARC's clubhouse. It will be tons of fun for everyone. There will
> always be an open band, fun, radio, fun, QSOs, fun, and great hams
> sharing a contest to remember.
>
> Drop me a line with any questions. By the way, Chris, AB8WO says he can
> operate and log without assistance. Should be quite the sight! That is
> one really great reason to cheer!
>
> Bill, AB8SC
>

1621. Re: Contest!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-11 02:22:37 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1557 Message: 1621

I'd hazard the opinion that Sweepstakes might not be the venue to introduce a non ham to radio. The stations you hear will all be less than impressive Stateside garden variety hams. The exotic corners of the globe will all be pushed off the traditional bands and will either stay off the air or play their radio on the WARC bands. We won't have the inclination to chase DX on a Sweepstakes weekend because the QSO value does not warrant the trouble.

If you were going to use a contest to wow a regular guy with the possibility then make the overtures on a big DX contest weekend. The fast pace and tons of countries will quickly give the regular guy a taste of many opportunities that present.

Working Indiana from Muskegon just won't have the same effect as working Antarctica or India. Or bring the guy in to help you catch an exotic dxpedition with a great web site and lots and lots of hams entering the fray.

My two cents.

1623. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Field Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-11 05:45:42 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1618 Message: 1623

Shows how attentive I am, just noticed this. Sounds like a lot of fun!

I just might go to the Meijer parking lot in Grand Haven and operate
from the back seat of my car, using my laptop, the 857, a 102 inch whip
and a tuner. Or, if anyone else is interested, maybe we could set up
something a little bit bigger.

Anyone else in GH (or maybe Holland) want to do it?

-Joe, KD8ATU

k8mhz@... wrote:
> The first Winter Field Day will be held from 12:00 noon on Saturday January 13, 2007 to 12:00 noon on Sunday January 14, 2007 local time. The object of the event is to set up emergency-style communications and make as many contacts as possible during the 24 hour period. The rules encourage as many contacts on as many bands and modes as possible, because during a real emergency, the most important factor is the ability to communicate, regardless of band, mode or distance.
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>
> http://www.spar-hams.org/contests/winterfd/index.php

1624. special event station on air.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-11 15:21:36 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1624 Message: 1624

There is a special event station that will be on 20 meters at 1600 UTC today. I heard him and tryed to make contact, but I wasn't exactly able to get what he's a special event for. His call is s55t, and the frequency is 14.22456 on the 20 meter band. Good luck to all that try to contact him.
73,
Chris, ab8wo

1625. Re: [WestMichiganHams] special event station on air.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-11 16:20:57 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 1624 Message: 1625

Special Event Radio Station S55T - together with the Slovenian Diabetes Association - SLODA

Fourth time - world wide

Cebration of the World Diabetes Day November 14th

Birthday of Frederic Banting who discovered Insulin in 1921

Slovenia has 2 million population and 100.000 diabetics

At least 150 million persons suffer from diabetes worldwide

This year's theme is 'Your Eyes and Diabetes'

Slovenian Diabetes Association - SLODA is a Member of the International Diabetes Association - IDF (comprises over 141 countries in over 181 organisations in seven regions)

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1626. Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-11 17:05:12 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1463 Message: 1626

Help is still needed for this run which is next Saturday. We will be using a 2m portable repeater with a 1meg offset generously supplied by Darryl AB8AZ. I will let you know what the frequencies are as soon as I find out.

The run will be held at Hoffmaster State Park in Norton Shores on Saturday November 18, 2006. In previous years the race itself started at 10AM. Due to the distances we have to travel to get in position we will be starting an hour earlier at 9AM. The event will run no later that Noon.

I am looking for at least 12 people to help me. Once again we will be using a portable repeater supplied by AB8AZ.

If you can help contact me at n8ctt@... or my cell phone 231-670-1284.

Denny N8CTT AEC/DRO Muskegon County
n8ctt@...

1628. special event new island LA102new

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-11 20:16:09 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1628 Message: 1628

Special event Island 14.266000
N4LCC

He says its cold down there. 61 degrees.

1631. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 04:54:00 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1463 Message: 1631

Mark,

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I hope you are going to be able to help.

Denny

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He did coordinate the 147.22 / 82 freq with the MARC.

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1632. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 14:15:27 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1463 Message: 1632

Usually, I have seen 146.5 and 147.5 used for the 1 MHz pair. There is one in Holland.

----- Original Message -----
From: Dennis Harriss
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2006 11:54 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

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1634. QMN Packet Radio Network

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 14:29:40 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1634 Message: 1634

Hi Tom:

Now that I am back in town, please pass this link around to those who wish to know more about the QMN Packet Net topography. This is the "official" information provided to DRG and posted on their web page.

http://mi-drg.org/QMN-map.shtml

Thanks!

Jim

James Wades, PEM

Executive Director, Michigan Net, QMN

National Radio Emergency Net

P.O. Box 457

Allegan, MI. 49010

www.michigannet.org

www.aa8vs.org/nren

Telephone: 269-650-0215

E-Mail: wb8siw@...

From: Tom VanderMel [mailto:kb8vee@...]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2006 2:33 PM
To: Jim Wades WB8SIW
Subject: QMN Packet Radio Network

Jim Can you give us all the up to date facts on the QMN Packet network. Tom

----- Original Message -----

From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)

To: KC8LCP-DIGITAL

Sent: Monday, November 06, 2006 1:56 PM

Subject: [kc8lcp-digital] QMN Packet Radio Network

What can you guys tell me about the QMN Packet Radio Network? Is this a separate network than the one that ties into the SEOC via Dave Lamer's packet station?

John JSR

1635. Sweeps Strategy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 14:44:34 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1635 Message: 1635

All:

We need to do a little preparation for Sweepstakes this coming weekend. We will have a operators willing to pound the push-to-talk and this is really GREAT.

The contest offers a few options in category or classification. We can be a single transmitter and single operator. Or we can be a single transmitter and multi operator. Or we can have multiple operators on multiple transmitters. And, finally, we can work the power levels from qrp to a hundred watts.

Since Tom, W8AMZ is putting the finishing touches on his fancy Elecraft rig and will want to give it a try I think we should have the option of using multiple rigs. We should decide if we will put the multiple rigs on the air simultaneously. This is conceivable because the clubhouse has several antenna options.

Antennas? We have the triband beam, the G5RV, a forty meter dipole, and I think there is also a seventy-five meter dipole. I'm not sure how multiple transmitters will interact with each other at the same time. I don't think we ever tried such a thing.

Here is a suggestion: I'm willing to bet that the "crowd" will be in the shack Saturday evening. It is great to have an operator and someone to help him log in the contest. The shack is rather small. If we were to try to run two transmitters from the small shack the overlap in sounds will make each one uncomfortable. Or the operator(s) will be wearing headphones. Operating with headphones is not all bad but we will also have some folks who want to participate and listen in on the action. Bottom line: I propose we run a multi single operation where we have multiple hams running a single rig. The rig can be switched in or changed but we should try to only operate a single rig at a time. I might be wrong, but hoping to keep two rigs running along at three in the morning is not likely.

The real challenge will come later in the day on Sunday when we try to populate the shack with operators. By then my old body will be tired and reinforcements will be very handy. We should try to populate the shack on Sunday afternoon and put the push in that direction. I don't think we are at the point of scheduling operators, but the thought has crossed my mind.

What would you suggest?

Bill, AB8SC

1636. What one for fun?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 14:57:19 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1636 Message: 1636

Telnet,Hyperterminal,Putty,TelMgr,WinPack telnet?

73 KD8CBJ

1637. Re: Sweeps Strategy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 15:04:58 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1635 Message: 1637

Linda is sounding like we will have lots of operators for Sweeps. That would be Huge fun. She is thinking we might encourage a schedule so we are not all in the clubhouse at the same time. But the clubhouse is big enough and I'm not real sure when THE GAME will be on the television.

Wouldn't it be great to have a lounge area near the fireplace?

Any rate, how about a schedule?

And if this works well then maybe we can get a contesting group started? Third Coast Contesters? We can hit the contests from around our West Michigan area like a crowd of visiting operators? Off thread, for sure, and an interesting thought. . .

Bill

1638. Re: Sweeps Strategy/ K2 & Collins

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 15:35:44 UTC
From: kc8zas
Topic: 1635 Message: 1638

Hello Bill and all,

It looks like the K2 should be ready for Saturday. As for being croweded I don't think that should e a problem. I don't see any reason why we can't setup one or two stations out in the main room maybe closer to the fireplace. We just have to use a coax coupler and some extra coax of which I have plenty. And for those who may wish to operate on a vintage I thought about bringing up the Collins KWM-2. Now that makes a for a lot of fun too. So we could even be running three stations.

73' Tom W8AMZ

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1639. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 15:58:54 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1463 Message: 1639

denny put me down I will see you sat at9:00 . mark dress for the weather and you will never feel the cold besides there is nothing better than walking through the woods and seeing nature first hand and playing radio at the same time73 KC8UNY
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1640. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Sweeps Strategy/ K2 & Collins

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 16:33:06 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1635 Message: 1640

Well, first of all, to answer Bill's question, the game will be on tv at 3:30, and if we are running a schedule of operators, I'd prefer to watch the game first. This might put me in a bad mood as I have serious reservations about Michigan beating Ohio State, but that's for another list.

Secondly, if we have the antenna space, we may as well use them. Let's get an exact count on what antennas we have and go from there.

Obviously the triband beam is going to be used by only one rig, so that means that the G5RV, the 75 and 40 meter antennas can be used by seperate rigs themselves. For that matter, some of those can be tuned for different bands, so we can switch bands as we opperate as conditions warrent.

A schedule and stratedgy sounds like a grate idea. I know I'm all for it. Let's get this thing rolling and populate the air waves with the club callsign and hopefully not only have fun, but make a huge splash in the contest.
73,
Chris, ab8wo

----- Original Message -----
From: kc8zas
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2006 10:35 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Sweeps Strategy/ K2 & Collins

Hello Bill and all,

It looks like the K2 should be ready for Saturday. As for being
croweded I don't think that should e a problem. I don't see any
reason why we can't setup one or two stations out in the main room
maybe closer to the fireplace. We just have to use a coax coupler
and some extra coax of which I have plenty. And for those who may
wish to operate on a vintage I thought about bringing up the Collins
KWM-2. Now that makes a for a lot of fun too. So we could even be
running three stations.

73' Tom W8AMZ

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> Bill, AB8SC

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1642. Re: Sweeps Strategy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 18:21:06 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1635 Message: 1642

You should take a moment to chase down the rules for this contest. You'll find them over on the ARRL's site. They are simple. The important thing, or interesting thing, is that we can work any call sign only once regardless of band.

The "target market" for this event are Stateside and Canadian stations. There is no real DX chasing. From a strategy standpoint the fifteen and twenty meter bands will likely be open during the day and useful for longer range stations in California, Alaska, Hawaii, and the like. These bands will close later in the afternoon.

I think activity will shift, in the evening and wee hours, to seventy-five and forty meters. And I'm thinking that these bands will fill in the sections closer to Michigan, relatively speaking. This suggests a strategy for the contest. I'm also snooping around the internet for some independent verification.

If the above is believable then a station will use two or three antennas. The G5RV might work for a station on multiple bands. We can coordinate rigs needing, say, a seventy-five meter band antenna?

This suggests that, perhaps, running more than two rigs will require extra coordination, planning, and operators. The above does suggest that maybe we can field two multi-single stations if we have the operators? Or a single and another multi-single.

Does anyone have an idea how we can get spots at the clubhouse? I do not know the status of the packet spotting station in Holland. If they are available then maybe my two meter packet station can be pressed into service. I remember seeing spots on my computer screen from this station that I was into from a local station. However the clubhouse's VHF antennas are both not operating well. Using spots is allowed in a multi-single but may be restricted in a single operator scenario.

If we choose to run two stations then we will want to have them autonomous stations meaning that each will need rig, tuner, and logging computer.

A thought?

Bill, AB8SC

1643. dx on 20 today!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 18:25:49 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1643 Message: 1643

The call of cu3aq is working on 14.25998, he gave me a 5/9, and then also with his call sign told me eu175. I take it he's looking for grid squares? I thought that was just for vhf and uhf? Anyway, for those who can do it, he's coming in about 5/5 here.
73
ab8wo

1644. Re: [WestMichiganHams] dx on 20 today!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 18:42:38 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1643 Message: 1644

Chris:

EU 175 is the IOTA designation for the island that the dx is operating from. Just imagine, you can chase garden variety dx or you can chase Islands On The Air, or all manner of other interesting things. Obelisks in Russia? Cities in Japan. It can get real fun right now!

Check out Guinea on 14160.6. I have them on cw, recently, but not ssb. And the other Guinea's QSL manager is in Russia. I'd consider my contact today to be an insurance QSO. I'm hoping.

Bill

1645. Re: [WestMichiganHams] dx on 20 today!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 18:44:47 UTC
From: Ed Summers
Topic: 1643 Message: 1645

Chris he is giving you a European Island Number

Ed KC8LBZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Chris Schulte
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2006 1:25 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] dx on 20 today!

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1646. Are You Going to Sweeps?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-12 20:06:22 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1646 Message: 1646

All:

It has been suggested that we could use a proposed head count for Sweeps. Tom and Chris are willing to help feed the masses and they want to plan for more than seven loaves and three fishes. We rather expect to have a few more folks on Saturday evening than on Sunday afternoon, but this is only a guess.

Can we all drop Bill, AB8SC a private note to suggest when we will all be available so we can get a rough head count for the event? I am not proposing an operator and logger schedule. Having this information will help answer a few questions like, "Should we have two or four dozen eggs?" Or, "Do we have operators for two rigs or one?" Or, "Will anyone be in the clubhouse after 9:00 pm on Sunday?"

Tom is proposing a late morning breakfast for all attending. This breakfast would start at 9:30 am. By the way, there has not been any talk of charging any money for this event. Folks are donating the food.

Please find some time to drop into the clubhouse and operate and log. We want this event to really be great fun for all hams. Contesting is contagious, catch it!

Bill, AB8SC
My email: bill_fries@...

1647. Sweeps Details

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-13 16:17:31 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1647 Message: 1647

Contesters:

We are working on a plan for the Sweepstakes contest this weekend. We need to set a few goals for the event. What would you think about:

The event runs from 4:00 pm on Saturday until 10:00 pm on Sunday evening.

We want to have fun with a contest. This contest is quite a bit like Field Day because the stations worked will be Stateside and Canadian hams, the exchange is similar, and there will be tons of FUN.

We think that there will be a few folks willing to assist. Our group has limited experience with contesting. We make up for some of this with enthusiasm.

Let's make this a fun contest and a social opportunity. We will introduce contesting to as many folks as possible. Bring your friends into the shack and we will all learn a few tricks and log some contacts. Everyone will have the opportunity to contest and learn.

A more serious operation would schedule operators and have the shack running nonstop. An operator would contact stations and log their contacts unassisted. It would also have another rig and operators just chasing multipliers. Not that this is bad nor impossible to accomplish. We just need a bit more time behind the mic and time in the seat. Let's coordinate and find the time for you to sit in the contesting seat.

And when the shack is quiet the hard core contesters can get serious and try a few advanced techniques.

There are two carrots dangled to the entire group contesting this weekend. When you log over a hundred QSOs you can purchase a special pin from the ARRL. And should our station log all eighty sections we have accomplished a clean sweep and we can purchase a special coffee mug. Small things. But both of these are within the realm of possible. In fact we can make these goals for individuals and our group.

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contest. The operators in the alternative shack will work bands other than the bands of the front line shack. The two shacks can coordinate efforts. This alternate shack will operate under a separate call. Everyone will be encouraged to operate each shack. There might even be some competition between this and the front line shack. Fun.

Several of our group are planning to stay at the clubhouse for the duration. Bring your sleeping bag and ear plugs (I snore, loudly) and join the fun.

Again, please drop Bill a note to suggest when you will be available for the event. With two stations running the scheduling won't be such an issue but the food and similar issues are still important. We are planning to have meals available from Saturday evening until Sunday evening. Oh, and you can bring along snacks.

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Bill, AB8SC

1648. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Sweeps Details

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-13 16:36:23 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1647 Message: 1648

Would the second station be the same as the GOTA station that was run on field day? I'm just curious on that one for clearification purposes.
Chris, ab8wo

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1649. Re: Sweeps Strategy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-13 17:32:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1635 Message: 1649

Bill:

Glad to see the activity and planning. Sorry, but I'll be in Indiana for the For Twain Hamfest, so I can't help out.

Since you're leaning toward multi-single, I suggest you get a contest logging programme. My inclination would be to pay a few bux to n3fjp for his programme (I think it's $6.00 or maybe $9.00). It has voice keying built in, all you do is record "CQ Sweepsteaks this is W8ZHO Michigan (or whatever)" and it will play it over and over again, at a timing which you provide. It's slightly tricky getting the volume of the system set up right so it doesn't overload the rig, but that can be done a-priori.

I'd figure on using headphones (in a manner which will allow the speaker to be heard, if folks want to listen in who aren't operating. Headphones are much clearer for listening, and two sets can be put in series or parallel so that an operator and a logger can hear simultaenously.

Even if you don't use the voice keying, all the programmes with which I'm familar have dupe checking, and most will keep track of the sections you've worked and the sections needed. For most of these programmes, all you need is a very basic computer - windows 95 on a 486 machine would do.

Finally, I'm not a member of your group, so take these comments for what you paid for them. :)

73 de n8xx Hg

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1650. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Sweeps Strategy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-13 18:02:57 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1635 Message: 1650

Hank:

It seems that EVERY year the Fort Wayne folks schedule their hamfest on the wrong weekend in November. I really like that show, too.

Yes, we are using the N3FJP software. Our club has a license for all the versions. And when we get that shack computer running more reliably we will put all our logs on that software. We use it a ton during Field Day.

Thanks for the tips and we'll certainly give consideration to all your thoughts. It will be great playing radio from our clubhouse.

Bill, AB8SC

1651. Re: Sweeps Details

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-13 19:20:43 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1647 Message: 1651

Chris:

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Bill, AB8SC

1652. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Sweeps Details

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-13 19:35:57 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1647 Message: 1652

Interesting, well, I'm game for anything.

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 2:20 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Sweeps Details

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1653. Please note Web page article on Red Cross issues.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-13 19:35:41 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1653 Message: 1653

All
More information on the Red Cross background issue from the ARRL. Please go to the link below and Read. Thanks Tom KB8VEE DEC-6

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/11/10/102/?nc=1

Gentlemen, please send this along to your EC's so they can read a little more on the Red Cross issues that we face.

Marty Mendelson, N8MG

From: Dale Williams
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2006 7:51 PM
To: Marty Mendelson N8MG Sec/Ec
Subject: [Fwd: Please note Web page article.]

Marty,

You may want to distribute the following link to update everyone on the Red Cross background check requirements.

Dale

-------- Original Message --------

Subject:
Please note Web page article.

Date:
Fri, 10 Nov 2006 17:45:34 -0500

From:
Ewald, Steve, WV1X <wv1x@...>

To:
Section Manager List

Hello, Section Managers,

I would like to draw your attention to the following article that was posted today on the ARRL Web page.
"American Red Cross Clarifies Background Check Policy" provides further information.
http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/11/10/102/?nc=1

Have a fine weekend and 73,

Steve, WV1X

1654. Re: Please note Web page article on Red Cross issues.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-13 20:21:56 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1653 Message: 1654

Should this be posted, also, on the MCARES site?

1655. Field Day '06 Results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-13 21:45:31 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1655 Message: 1655

Check out this address:

http://www.arrl.org/contests/results/2006/fd.pdf

We were wonderful at W8ZHO!

Congratulations to Linda, AB8QH and Jon, AB8RD for much of the credit
for a successful Field Day.

And tons of thanks to all the operators who made this possible.

We can be quite proud of our effort.

THANK YOU!!!

1657. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-13 22:55:29 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1463 Message: 1657

Some people get all the luck hihi just giving the person that posted the winter field day a hard time 73 John
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2006 11:38 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

John,

I know all about being outside. I have to do it during the winter as part of my job and I get way more of it than I care for. Some people don't like the heat, I don't like the cold. I have no desire to be outside in the cold unless I have to. You won't find me on a snowmobile, in a fish shanty or in snowshoes any time soon.

I don't need the cold weather training. I have gear that I used to work for 10 - 12 hours a day, 6 days a week in the depths of the winter did just that when I worked on the construction of the gas fired peaker power plant in Zeeland. Some days it was 10 below and windy and we still had to work outside for the entire shift. Now we contract with a company that installs and repairs outdoor Verizon tx sites. (Those grey / green boxes you see scattered all over the place.) We schedule the power to be cut weeks in advance. When that day comes we HAVE to do the job, outside, no matter what as we only have a short time window in our 'High Risk Outage' allowance with Verizon. I have installed power transfer switches the size of a small refrigerators in blizzards. Trust me, it's no fun.

I do agree about seeing nature first hand. I grew up out in the sticks. I even had a creek that flowed through our property named after me.

My sister got our road named after her. (Bambi Lane in Egelston Township).

Now I am close enough to the Park to run net control from my nice warm ham shack!

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: jtlr.fischer@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2006 15:58
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

denny put me down I will see you sat at9:00 . mark dress for the weather and you will never feel the cold besides there is nothing better than walking through the woods and seeing nature first hand and playing radio at the same time73 KC8UNY
----- Original Message -----
From: Dennis Harriss

To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2006 11:54 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

Mark,

Yes He did change the freqs. I should find out in a couple of days what they are. When I talked with Darryl Friday he couldn't remember what they were.

I hope you are going to be able to help.

Denny

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2006 15:09
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

Denny,

Did Darryl change his frequencies? He didn't have a 1 meg offset before.

He did coordinate the 147.22 / 82 freq with the MARC.

73

Mark

----- Original Message -----
From: Dennis Harriss
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2006 17:05
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

Help is still needed for this run which is next Saturday. We will be using a 2m portable repeater with a 1meg offset generously supplied by Darryl AB8AZ. I will let you know what the frequencies are as soon as I find out.

The run will be held at Hoffmaster State Park in Norton Shores on Saturday November 18, 2006. In previous years the race itself started at 10AM. Due to the distances we have to travel to get in position we will be starting an hour earlier at 9AM. The event will run no later that Noon.

I am looking for at least 12 people to help me. Once again we will be using a portable repeater supplied by AB8AZ.

If you can help contact me at n8ctt@... or my cell phone 231-670-1284.

Denny N8CTT AEC/DRO Muskegon County
n8ctt@...

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1661. Re: Please note Web page article on Red Cross issues.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-14 03:00:03 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 1653 Message: 1661

What people still need to keep in mind is that your Social Security card and number is yours to do with what you wish regardless of the issue, as a consumer or a volunteer. Period. No one can force you to give it to a service provider, but that provider can still refuse you the service which you are attempting to obtain should the provider mandate that information and you do not wish to provide it.

As a Social Security employee, I find it important to remind people of this simple fact.

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Here is what is getting people upset. Please read it carefully. This is the disclosure from the ARC background check site. Please note that although you have certain rights as a consumer, a volunteer is NOT a consumer and may or may not have those same rights.
>
> Also, take a look at your Social Security card. Please note, in all caps, the statement "FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND TAX PURPOSES - NOT FOR IDENTIFICATION"
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> The entire document can be viewed at http://www.pre-employ.com/ArcIntake/VolEmpIdentity.aspx
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> You are nonetheless entitled to request more information about the nature and scope of such reports by submitting a written request to: MyBackgroundCheck.com, Compliance Department, P.O. Box 491570, Redding, Ca. 96049 or by fax to 888-999-3839.
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> I understand that I have specific prescribed rights as a consumer under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA") and may have additional rights under relevant state laws. I hereby certify that I have read the Summary of Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act located at:
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> http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/credit/fcrasummary.pdf
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Tom VanderMel
> To: A District Group
> Cc: Loweelarc-Releases
> Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 19:35
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Please note Web page article on Red Cross issues.
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> All
> More information on the Red Cross background issue from the ARRL. Please go to the link below and Read. Thanks Tom KB8VEE DEC-6

>
> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/11/10/102/?nc=1
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>
> Gentlemen, please send this along to your EC's so they can read a
little more on the Red Cross issues that we face.
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> Marty Mendelson, N8MG
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> From: Dale Williams
> Sent: Friday, November 10, 2006 7:51 PM
> To: Marty Mendelson N8MG Sec/Ec
> Subject: [Fwd: Please note Web page article.]
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> Marty,
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> You may want to distribute the following link to update everyone
on the Red Cross background check requirements.
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> Dale
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> -------- Original Message --------
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> Subject:
> Please note Web page article.
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> Date:
> Fri, 10 Nov 2006 17:45:34 -0500
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> From:
> Ewald, Steve, WV1X <wv1x@...>
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> To:
> Section Manager List
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>
> Hello, Section Managers,
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> I would like to draw your attention to the following article that
was posted today on the ARRL Web page.

> "American Red Cross Clarifies Background Check Policy" provides
further information.
> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/11/10/102/?nc=1
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> Have a fine weekend and 73,
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> Steve, WV1X
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> Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
> Checked by AVG Free Edition.
> Version: 7.1.409 / Virus Database: 268.13.21/510 - Release Date:
11/1/2006
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1662. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-14 03:09:45 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 1463 Message: 1662

Could you please tell me what the meeting point will be for the run. Thanks Jason KC8OVS

Also repeater info. Thanks kc8ovs@...

Everyone is raving about the all-new Yahoo! Mail beta.

1663. It's official: I've got a new call!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-14 11:33:22 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1663 Message: 1663

Checked the FCC website a half hour ago and found that my new callsign
has finally gone into effect. From this day forth I shall be known as N8FQ.

I have changed the callsigns of my packet stations to reflect this,
though I am still waiting for WB8TKL to give me a new set of domains.

Just a heads-up.
-Joe, N8FQ

1664. Re: [WestMichiganHams] It's official: I've got a new call!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-14 11:49:15 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1663 Message: 1664

Joe:

Congrats on the new call. Very fine!

73 de Bill, AB8SC

1665. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-14 14:33:50 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 37 Message: 1665

> NEWSLETTER CONTEST REMINDER
>
> Is your club's/association's newsletter entered in this year's Newsletter
> Contest? The Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC) will announce the winner
> in
> December. The rules will follow later in this article and have been used
> in
> Ohio for the past nine years for their Newsletter Contest. As always with
> any type of contest "members of the advertising company and immediate
> family
> members of the ACC and judging team are ineligible to enter." Wanting to
> keep this contest aboveboard and reproach we ask anyone who is an editor
> of,
> or works for any newspaper or magazine be upfront and inform the ACC. The
> winners in each state in the Great Lakes Division will be judges and a
> Great
> Lakes Division winner announced.
>
> The rules for a newsletter contest are simple. The first rule in the PR
> book is to make sure our people know what is going on. Our newsletters
> can
> do that job very well, if we care. The contest serves to improve the
> quality
> of our Section's newsletters and to improve communications with our club
> members.
>
> A.) An eligible newsletter must be regularly published at least four (4)
> times
> per year by a Michigan Amateur Radio organization. After winning first
> place, that winner will not be eligible for the next five (5) years.
> Although past winners are still encouraged to keep us on their mailing
> list.
>
> B.) Each organization submitting a newsletter for the contest must enter
> at
> least two (2) issues starting with January 1, 2006 for judging. All
> Amateur
> organizations that have regularly been sending newsletters to the Michigan
> Section Manager are encouraged to add to your sending list Dan Romanchik
> KB6NU the Michigan ACC, at kb6nu@... who will be the Chairman of this
> contest. Deadline for entries is November 30, 2006, and all entries must
> be
> in the hands of the Michigan ACC KB6NU by that date. Dan will confirm the
> receipt of all entries, so if you do not receive a confirmation you will
> have

> time for follow-up.
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> C.) Electronic (web based) produced newsletters may also enter. However,
> they
> must represent their printed newsletter in all formats. For example, if
> photos or clip art appearing in the printed material, it must also appear
> in
> the electronic version as well. Non-amateurs, in the Public
> Relations/Media
> industry will do the judging. They will be judging on style (15%),
> content
> (35%), service to members (35%), and clarity of presentation (15%). Style
> means newsletter design of all pages. Content means amount of useful
> information contained in the newsletter. Service to members means amount
> of
> information using individual member's names. Clarity of presentation
> means
> readability of the newsletter including accuracy of English grammar.
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> D.) No entries can be returned, but a complete list of judges points will
> be
> published on the Michigan website. All decisions of the judges on content
> and eligibility are final. The Michigan ACC only serves to certify
> entries,
> to provide the judges with entries, and to announce their decisions. E.)
> The
> decision of the judges is final.
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> Don't overlook this opportunity to enter the deadline is very near.
>
> The ARRL Legislative Action Program wants you!
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> The ARRL Legislative Action Program wants League members who are willing
> to
> get directly involved in promoting and protecting Amateur Radio through
> coordinated, legitimate political action at the "grassroots level." The
> program is being staffed to prepare for the 110th Congress, which convenes
> in
> January.
>
> ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, who chairs the
> Legislative Action Committee, says members of Congress often base their
> votes
> upon their understanding of what their constituents -- the voters who put
> them in office -- want. "As a constituent, your opinion is important to
> them," Weaver says. "Constituent input helps lawmakers gauge positions on
> legislation and determine how a particular bill might affect voters in
> their
> states or districts." He says radio amateurs can be a valuable resource to
> members of Congress, who may have only a limited knowledge of Amateur

> Radio.
> "Your combination of being a constituent and a federal licensee can help
> make
> a difference by ensuring that your member of Congress and staff receive
> the
> balanced information they need to make good decisions on Amateur
> Radio-related legislation," Weaver adds.
>
> A new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the ARRL Legislative Action
> Program now is available for ARRL members and others interested in this
> ARRL
> grassroots effort. [http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/laprog-faq.html].
>
> Contact K8JE for additional information or to volunteer. There's more
> information on the ARRL Government Relations page.
> [http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/]
>
> SKYWARN Recognition Day will be held from on December 2, 2006, from 0000
> UTC
> to 2400 UTC. The object is for all radio amateur stations to exchange QSO
> information with as many National Weather Service Stations as possible on
> 80,
> 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meter bands plus the 70 centimeter band. Contacts
> via repeaters are permitted. The exchange should include call sign,
> signal
> report, location, and a one or two word description of the weather
> occurring
> at your site ("sunny", "partly cloudy", "windy", etc.). NWS stations will
> work various modes including SSB, FM, AM, RTTY, CW, and PSK31. While
> working
> digital modes, special event stations will append "NWS" to their call sign
> (e.g., N0A/ NWS).
>
> The National Weather Service will provide event information via the
> internet. Event certificates may be requested from: SKYWARN Recognition
> Day
> 920 Armory Road, Goodland, KS 67735. Simply enclose a self-addressed
> stamped
> envelope with a list of NWS stations worked. The certificate size is 8.5 x
> 11
> inches. Separate NWS stations will also issue individual QSL cards. See
> the
> Web page for a list. To learn more, check out the Web site:
> http://hamradio.noaa.gov
>
> New officers for the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA):
> President AB8ND, VP K8DMR, Treasurer KC8WBR, Secretary KC8NKA, On-air
> Director KD8CDH, Off-Air Director KA5S, Technical Director KC8WQL, W8DC
> Trustee N8DGD. The Hiawatha Amateur Radio Assn. newly elected officers:
> President KB0P, Vice President N8TEV, Treasurer KG8YT, Secretary AB8RE,

> Board
> Members WB8NJP, Ralph N8HXG and Rich N8GBA.
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> Station Activity Reports for October 2006: N8FPN 431, K8KV 296, KC8WSE
> 283,
> K8AE 80, K8AMR 72, KD8BGQ 67, K8LJG 66, W8RNQ 63, AA8SN 53, WB8RCR 43,
> WI8K
> 30, AB8WF 28, N8UN 27, WD8USA 22, W?WCH 22, KC8ZGB 12, K8ZJU 10, AB8CB 10,
> KC8MLD 7, K8YB 7, WB8TKL 2, KD8BMV 2.
>
> Public Service Honor Roll reports for October, 2006: KD8BGQ 380, WB8RCR
> 200,
> K8AMR 155, K8AE 110, N8FPN 110, K8KV 100, K8ZJU 100, K8MFK 95. October
> Official Emergency Station reports came in from KC8ULE, and W8RAE. PSHRs
> and
> SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your OES reports with WA8EFK.
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> 73, Dale WA8EFK
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> ---
> ARRL Michigan Section
> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

1666. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Field Day '06 Results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-14 23:24:02 UTC
From: Jon Plyler
Topic: 1655 Message: 1666

Many thanks also go to Debbie, KC8WSG; Rick, W8LGP; and Tom, W8AMZ. Their assistance with meal preparation and our power distribution system took us from "roughing it" to having the deluxe accomodations, as field day sites go. Thanks also to Al, KV8X for going above and beyond for the bonus points... and Jim, KC8PCJ for the satellite and digital... and Tom, N8YJT for the packet efforts... and Bill, AB8SC for a radio-active GOTA station... I could go on and on, but the point is: Field Day is definitely a team effort, and everyone's contributions are greatly appreciated.
Jon AB8RD

Bill <bill_fries@...> wrote:
Check out this address:

http://www.arrl.org/contests/results/2006/fd.pdf

We were wonderful at W8ZHO!

Congratulations to Linda, AB8QH and Jon, AB8RD for much of the credit
for a successful Field Day.

And tons of thanks to all the operators who made this possible.

We can be quite proud of our effort.

THANK YOU!!!

Cheap Talk? Check out Yahoo! Messenger's low PC-to-Phone call rates.

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1667. Re: [WestMichiganHams] It's official: I've got a new call!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-15 01:35:00 UTC
From: Don LaBrenz
Topic: 1663 Message: 1667

Joe,
Congrats on the new call
73 de Don, WB8I

Joe Veldhuis wrote:
> Checked the FCC website a half hour ago and found that my new callsign
> has finally gone into effect. From this day forth I shall be known as N8FQ.
>
> I have changed the callsigns of my packet stations to reflect this,
> though I am still waiting for WB8TKL to give me a new set of domains.
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> Just a heads-up.
> -Joe, N8FQ
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> Yahoo! Groups Links
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1668. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-15 02:23:08 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1463 Message: 1668

We will be meeting at the Day use Beach parking lot. The entrance to the park is just west of Henry on Pontaluna/Lake Harbor Rd. Once inside the park turn on the first road going to the right.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: jason mackay
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 22:09
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Help Needed

Could you please tell me what the meeting point will be for the run. Thanks Jason KC8OVS

Also repeater info. Thanks kc8ovs@...

Everyone is raving about the all-new Yahoo! Mail beta.

1674. dx on 75 meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-15 19:22:32 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1674 Message: 1674

Tonight at 0300z, Bill, zs6ccy will be on 75 meters. He says this weather permitting, so for those who really want south Africa, like I do, happy hunting, that's around ten our time for those who don't really feel like subtracting five hours. *grin*
73
ab8wo

1675. Contest!!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-15 22:43:15 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1675 Message: 1675

Coming Saturday afternoon and all day on Sunday: Sweepstakes!

Hope you can drop in, operate, log, cheer, eat, enjoy, Contest!

Bill, AB8SC

1676. Indiana's 1st D-STAR Repeater to be Announced Saturday at Ft. Wayne Hamfest

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-16 00:15:40 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 1676 Message: 1676

Indiana's first D-STAR repeater in Indianapolis will be announced on Saturday at the D-STAR forum at the Ft. Wayne hamfest.

The repeater owner will be at the forum and we look forward to seeing you. Details about the forum are in the attached email below.

73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

http://groups.com/yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Mark Thompson <wb9qzb@...>
To: IndyHamRadio@yahoogroups.com; scanindiana@...; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2006 3:52:50 PM
Subject: D-STAR Presentation, Saturday, 11/17 @ 2:15 pm, Fort Wayne Hamfest (Red Forum Room)

The Fort Wayne Hamfest will feature a presentation on D-STAR by Mark Thompson, WB9QZB on Saturday, November 18th at 2:15 pm in the Red Forum room.

D-STAR is a digital protocol developed by the Japanese government and
Japanese Amateur Radio League. Icom is the first manufacturer to
manufacture D-STAR-compatible radios, although the protocol is open
to anyone.

D-STAR enables simultaneous digital voice and data transmission. At
present, digital voice can be sent on 144, 440 & 1.2 GHz (4800 bps)
concurrently with low speed asynchronous data (950 bps) in a narrow
6.25 KHz channel. High speed data (128 kbps) can be sent concurrently
using TCP/IP on 1.2 GHz in a 130 KHz channel.

D-STAR repeaters are connected via the Internet, which enables
worldwide connections across the D-STAR network. Imagine having a
broadband Internet connection via your mobile rig.

Among the many possible applications, D-STAR promises enhanced
emergency communication handling - the efficiency of simultaneous
voice and data communications, as well as graphic and other large
file transfers that are difficult or impossible with current packet
technology.

Mark, WB9QZB, will present the D-STAR system in detail, with an
update on Icom technology, the radios currently available that
support D-STAR, and what is in development. Mark has been actively
involved for many years in local packet and digital radio activities,

and has been featured on Hap Holly's RAIN Report.

Please join us for an informative and entertaining presentation on Saturday, November 17th at 2:15 pm at the Fort Wayne Hamfest. The hamfest is at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and Exposition Center, located at 4000 Parnell Avenue in Fort Wayne.

A free Icom hat will be available to those who attend the forum. Come early. Supplies are limited.

If you can't make the presentation visit the Illinois Digital Ham Yahoo Group for more information about D-STAR:

http://groups.com/yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

PLEASE PASS THIS ANNOUNCEMENT ON TO OTHER CLUBS & HAMS WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

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1678. Fw: Re: [RTTY] FCC "Omnibus" rules published in Federal Register

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-16 01:49:43 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 1678 Message: 1678
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Here's the latest on the new FCC Report and Order.

Thanks to Jim Orlowski, (N8PUG), for bringing this to my attention.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

----- Original Message -----
From: "jim orlowski" <n8pug01@...>
To: "Tom Behler" <tbehler@...>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 1:41 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: [RTTY] FCC "Omnibus" rules published in Federal Register

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> Note: forwarded message attached.
> _____
> Do You Yahoo!?
> Tired of spam? Yahoo! Mail has the best spam protection around
> http://mail.yahoo.com

1679. A question for debate

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-16 16:36:46 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1679 Message: 1679

Greetings all,
I'm sitting here listening to a qso here on the twenty meter band, and a gentleman is talking here in the states to someone in the netherlands. He was saying that would rather be near the ocean then on a mountain top.

Now, since the take off angle of a beam antenna decreases as the slope increases, and salt water increases radio wave propigation, which would be better. Would it be more beneficial to be on a mountain top, or near the ocean? Just something to consider here on the list and something to have a little friendly discussion about.
73,
Chris, ab8wo

1681. Re: [WestMichiganHams] A question for debate

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-16 17:59:10 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1679 Message: 1681

That's an interesting thought, considering that the signals have to travel basically on a reverse path to get to earth, but that being said, we talk to them on vhf/uhf all of the time, and there is moon bounce, so that would be interesting to see.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@k8mhz.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006 12:34 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] A question for debate

Interesting question.

I have to say that a fairly large portion of my DX contacts were near the ocean. Many of my cards have pictures of the ocean on them, mostly the Atlantic.

Does salt water bounce signals back to the ionosphere well? It seems so. I have made very few contacts to stations high in the mountains but that just may be due to the difficulties of having a station there and the consequent lack of proliferation of those stations.

It would be much easier to construct a station near the ocean than on a mountain top, that's for sure.

I wonder what HF would be like coming from the ISS? Just think of the huge beams they could have!

----- Original Message -----
From: Chris Schulte
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006 16:36
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] A question for debate

Greetings all,
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73,
Chris, ab8wo

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Version: 7.1.409 / Virus Database: 268.14.6/535 - Release Date: 11/15/2006

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Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.409 / Virus Database: 268.14.6/535 - Release Date: 11/15/2006

1683. Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-16 20:38:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1683 Message: 1683

Is there a way to get formal traffic to a packet BBS via the Internet in Western Michigan? That's the question for the traffickers around here. If I dropped some messages onto a BBS, would it be picked up and sent on its way?

Why do I ask? It's a long story.

I got onto the QMN frequency last evening at 0030Z, no Michigan stations heard. There was a QSO going on near Detroit, a VERY LOUD signal from there, so it seems that no one was around. I did a few QMN? calls, and a VE3 answered, saying he hadn't heard any stations on either. He also said there had been some difficulties on the MITN earlier in the evening (a Phone net, I suppose). But, I was hearing lots of stations in Northern Illinois, on the ILN, and the fellow in Detroit was bursting the front end of my rig to pieces.

Anyway, at 0045z I listened to 8RN, no Michigan rep, so I checked in, saying I'd take traffic for Michigan, but there was nil. I listened to the Eastern Area Net, they were having some difficulties in the Northeast and had to get relays from 4-land.

When 0230Z came around I listened for 8RN, the NCS was in West Virginia, quite loud, and there was another person in Ohio who was quite readable. Between them they had 7 messages for Michigan, which I took. At 0300 QMN came up, but the NCS was very watery and he couln't hear me, nor could any other station hear me.

I sit here, stuck with 7 messages for several parts of Michigan. They aren't all that important, but I'm of the olde school and would like to forward them along. I can't be around for the 0030Z session of QMN, nor the 0000Z session of MITN, and the western Michigan traffic net doesn't meet until tomorrow. I suspect by 0300Z tonight propagation will be long on 80, and I don't have my tuner scraped together for 160 at the present......

If I can't figure a way to get the messages into a Michigan net, I'll just call the people and deliver them by telephone, because I have cheep/zero cost long distance. But, it would be nice to get the messages closer to the destination.

Any info will be cordially appreciated.

73 de n8xx Hg

1684. For Sale ICOM 2100H

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-16 20:41:46 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 1684 Message: 1684

I have four ICOM IC-2100H 2 Mtr Mobile for sale. All radios are in working/good condition. Selling them for $100.00 each. Pls contact me direct at k8cop@...

Thanks,

Jim

1685. Re: [WestMichiganHams] A question for debate

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-16 19:49:24 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1679 Message: 1685

This is true, but you also have to think about the fact that the mountain top station may have other taller mountains at a close proximity to it as well.
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006 2:28 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] A question for debate

Something else to consider is that the mountain top station will have omnidirectional capabilities whereas the oceanside station only has an advantage with stations on the ocean side of them.

Unless they are on a small island, of course.

----- Original Message -----
From: Chris Schulte
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006 17:59
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] A question for debate

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006 12:34 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] A question for debate

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006 16:36
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] A question for debate

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1686. New Member KD8EOO

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-16 20:32:07 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1686 Message: 1686

All

Lets welcome George Brewster KD8EOO to our group. He is a new Ham that I meet in Holland at the Hamfest. Geouge studyed on his own and went to a Grand Rapids testing, and got his licence. He should have a radio soon and you will hear him on the air. What a GREAT call sign too. Tom KB8VEE DEC-6

Tom

Ok I joined the group and just waiting to hear back. Looks like I had better get my self a radio so I can get a taste of just how the repeaters work.

George P Brewster Sr. KD8EOO

1687. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Member KD8EOO

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-16 21:31:53 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1686 Message: 1687

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Welcome to both!

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1688. Re: [WestMichiganHams] For Sale ICOM 2100H

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-16 21:01:05 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1684 Message: 1688

Good radio for George KD8EOO

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim, K8COP
To: 6disEClist@yahoogroups.com ; keith_johnson@... ; MCARES@yahoogroups.com ; mcaresstaff@yahoogroups.com ; oceanacares@yahoogroups.com ; Deater, Tim ; westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006 3:41 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] For Sale ICOM 2100H

I have four ICOM IC-2100H 2 Mtr Mobile for sale. All radios are in working/good condition. Selling them for $100.00 each. Pls contact me direct at k8cop@...

Thanks,

Jim

1689. Re: A question for debate

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 00:00:21 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 1679 Message: 1689

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Scott

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Chris Schulte" <ab8wo2006@...> wrote:
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> This is true, but you also have to think about the fact that the mountain top station may have other taller mountains at a close proximity to it as well.
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: k8mhz@...
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006 2:28 PM
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] A question for debate
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> Something else to consider is that the mountain top station will have omnidirectional capabilities whereas the oceanside station only has an advantage with stations on the ocean side of them.
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> Unless they are on a small island, of course.
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1690. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Member KD8EOO

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 01:14:28 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1686 Message: 1690

To the new 2,Welcome aboard.
KD8CBJ N.W. Holton

1691. Info for Hoffmaster Trail Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 02:19:52 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1691 Message: 1691

Hi All,

Here is the information for those of you that will be helping out Saturday the 18th on the Hoffmaster Trail Run. We can still use a few more helpers so if you're inclinded to help you are welcome.

We will be meeting at 9am at the Beach Parking lot of the Day use area. This parking lot is the first right after you enter the park.

The repeater we are using has a frequency of 147.220 with a standard PLUS offset (147.820) and a PL/CTCSS of 94.8. This will make it easier to setup your radios.

Directions to Hoffmaster State Park.

For those using the US-31 Expressway get off at the Pontaluna Rd exit. Go west on Pontaluna RD approximately 2 miles and when the road starts to curve to the right the Entrance to the park will be on the Left. If you need assistance talkin will be on the Muskegon 94 repeater.

Thanks to all for volunteering to help.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

1692. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Member KD8EOO

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 03:14:23 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1686 Message: 1692

Bill i met Josh at the Hamfest in holland when he took his test he is a tech with code he had a very good teacher for his code his copy was 100% of the full 5 min qso no mistakes. 73 and good luck in the contest KC8UNY
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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Welcome to both!

Bill, AB8SC

1693. MCARES yahoo group changes?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 14:05:30 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1693 Message: 1693

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WestMichiganHams groups were, hand in hand, my resourses for
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KD8CBJ

1695. Re: A question for debate

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 15:15:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1679 Message: 1695

Salt water is a great conductor of electricity, and a body of water is very flat, so it "looks" like a great reflector to HF radio waves. Low angle reflection would be enhanced if the antenna were erected near the ocean. Low angle radiation is what DXers always are seeking.

Did you ever see a water rheostat demonstration in your grade school science class or high school general science class? It is made of two electrodes, one which is fixed in a container of water, the other can be raised or lowered into the water. A circuit can be made by connecting a 110 Volt lamp cord in series with a light bulb. If you start with distilled water in the container, the lamp will hardly light up (sometimes it's hard to see the light.) Add a pinch of salt, and you'll get some brightness with the variable electrode fully immersed. Add a teaspoon or two more of salt, and you can have an effective light dimmer switch. (of course, it won't meet building codes nor OSHA specifications, but makes a good demo for an elementary or secondary school science class on parent's day.)

The oceans have a fairly high level of salt - probably more than a couple teaspooos in a gallon of water. Sea water would make a good mediu for the water rheostat.

73 de n8xx Hg

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1697. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MCARES yahoo group changes?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 15:35:00 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 1693 Message: 1697

i am comfused MCARES is Montcalm County ares group, and i have not removed anybody from the yahoo group. montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com but i will check into it. thanks paul.

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1698. Re: MCARES yahoo group changes?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 15:40:36 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1693 Message: 1698

Did you ask the moderator of the mcares group for an explantion?

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1699. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MCARES yahoo group changes?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 15:13:56 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1693 Message: 1699

Hey Paul ,

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1700. MCARES

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 16:06:47 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 1700 Message: 1700

OOPS SORRY WRONG COUNTY YAHOO'S GROUP. THANKS PAUL

PAUL ODEM KC8ZMO/AAR5WG
412?E. FORREST ST.
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1701. Sweeps at clubhouse Saturday and Sunday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 16:39:49 UTC
From: kc8zas
Topic: 1701 Message: 1701

Hello folks,

I would like to remind all to please let me know if you might or will be coming up to the clubhouse this weekend on either day. Also you might be there for breakfast on Sunday. All are welcome No Fee (FREE) to eat. Would like to get a rough head count.

Tom W8AMZ

1702. Re: Sweeps at clubhouse Saturday and Sunday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 18:00:08 UTC
From: birdpriestess
Topic: 1701 Message: 1702

Hey, Tom:

I'll likely drop in for the Saturday evening feast. AB8SC says that the dinner bell rings at about 6 p.m.? If I can't get 5A7A there, at least I can get a free meal, ha, ha!

See you all then, 73,
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1703. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MCARES

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 18:47:29 UTC
From: ayoung@chartermi.net
Topic: 1700 Message: 1703

I am glad WMHams is here (thanks to Don M. and Mark D.) because I would have no idea what's going on in West Michigan if not. I too have been removed from both Muskegon and Ottawa county ARES groups, despite being an Ottawa County Skywarn spotter.

I was told it was because of too many duplicate e-mails, but the only dupes I see are in my e-mail box, not every one else's.

I am sure there is a good reason for the "housecleaning" on the groups and, as such, I am not questioning the leadership skills of anyone. That decision is the prerogative of the group moderators/owners and I have accepted that it's really none of my business why I was removed. I do know my frequency of volunteering has decreased. I am not really sure if it has to do with my perceived "exclusive" attitude in the community or not. It may just be that I am too busy.

You're all welcome to join the W8CSO reflector whether you're a club member or not. It's at least a connection to Ottawa County specifically, but many of the posts are duplicated on WMHAMS anyway.

I guess what I am trying to say is that you're not alone. Perhaps we should start up a WM LIDS Support group so we can feel better.

Andrew
N8ARY

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1704. Re: Parochialism and Red Tape

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 18:58:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1693 Message: 1704

Mark:

I've found a lot of parochialism and much more red tape since I moved to Michigan from Ohio. Red Cross wants permission to search your financial records along with a criminal background check. Locally RACES demands that a ham participates, on the air an in person, in many activities in order to stay in their good graces.

I can see why Red Cross would like their folks screened for criminal activity after some glitches in Hurrican Relief along the gulf coast. But, no one has given anyone (me, or any of the ARRL officials I know) a clue as to why they need a credit check along with that criminal background check.

As for demanding a large chunk of time for training for RACES, there doesn't seem to be any slack for a person who has been active in disaster relief operations for almost 60 years, and could write the training manuals for many of the required study courses. I'll probably submit to these courses after we get our home built here in Michigan, but right now I'm tied up with house plans, etc.....

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1705. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Sweeps at clubhouse Saturday and Sunday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 19:25:44 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 1701 Message: 1705

Thanks Linda

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1706. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: A question for debate

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 19:25:12 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1679 Message: 1706

Why are you all on the computer and not on the air? Makes one wonder the reason we cannot get folks on the air and using RF! DE WD8USA ...-.-

1707. Re: MCARES

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 19:28:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1700 Message: 1707

I did a quick check on QRZ.com, and find that W8LID, WB8LID, K8LID, etc., aren't assigned. I don't know if FCC has a ban on issuing these calls, but, if not, they'd be a nice vanity call for the new club

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1710. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MCARES

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 20:05:53 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1700 Message: 1710

Too funny.

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1711. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MCARES

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 20:08:12 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1700 Message: 1711

I say we start a Myspace LID page because it would be all in fun. I think some of us need a creative/humorous outlet like that.

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1712. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 19:54:23 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1683 Message: 1712

The MITN Phone traffic Net you speak of is the Michigan Traffic Net which meets at 7pm local time. It is desperately short of NCS's and stations to go and pick up traffic. Perhaps they are all on the Internet and cannot be bothered! Yes, the MITN is in trouble. We simply need replacements for the burned out few and soon or this net will fold up! The MITN FREQ is 39.52 LSB. DE WD8USA ...-.-

1714. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 20:19:25 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1683 Message: 1714

Maybe you should stop hollering about how many hams happen to have broad enough horizons to be able to have more then just radio in their lives and consider recruiting other people to help with the traffic net? It would seem to me that might be a better outlet for all of the pent up energy that you appear to have. Just a thought mind you, but something that you might want to consider nonetheless.
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1715. Re: MCARES yahoo group changes?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 20:23:22 UTC
From: James Duram
Topic: 1693 Message: 1715

An e-mail was sent to KD8CBJ explaining why he was removed from the list. Only Muskegon County ARES/RACES members are currently on the list. Paul was also directed to contact me if he had any questions on this, and how to become a member of the Muskegon ARES/RACES group.

Jim Duram, K8COP
Muskegon Co EC/RACES Officer.

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Hank Greeb" <n8xx@...> wrote:
>
> Did you ask the moderator of the mcares group for an explantion?
>
> --- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "kd8cbj" <KD8CBJ@> wrote:
> >
> > I have been removed from the MCARES yahoo group.MCARES,and
> > WestMichiganHams groups were, hand in hand, my resourses for
> > local "Ham" activeties.Did I do somthing wrong and get on the
> > "LID" black list?Am I going to log on later and find that I
> > have been removed from WestMichiganHams also?
> >
> > KD8CBJ
>

1716. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MCARES

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 20:36:17 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1700 Message: 1716

How about we find some guy named "Bill" and ask him for a twelve step program. Then we could meet in someone's church basement and commiserate.

Bill, AB8SC

I did a quick check on QRZ.com, and find that W8LID, WB8LID, K8LID, etc., aren't assigned. I don't know if FCC has a ban on issuing these calls, but, if not, they'd be a nice vanity call for the new club

"Amateur Radio Lids of West Michigan, Inc."

Someone else might come up with a name which has a catchy acronym. ARLoMI doesn't spell anything!

:)

1718. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 21:10:31 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1683 Message: 1718

I have been for many years-As a matter of fact I yelled and pleaded for years both on the WMTN and on various HF nets. The result? NOTHING! If that is whining then so be it! DE WD8USA ...-.-

1719. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Parochialism and Red Tape

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 20:40:46 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1693 Message: 1719

Hank ,

I'm also an active member of the American Red Cross and have went through extensive training to get to the level that I am at within the organization . My brother and I are also involved with the Red Cross Emergency Communications Team and are planning on going to Chicago for training and classes in that area . I have also taken numerous courses through the ARRL , which I am a member . And have taken many Fema Courses online and at seminars . I have also went to college for Emergency Management learning , Mitigation , Preparation , Response and Recovery . Issues and problems that emergency planners, emergency responders, corporate safety and environmental managers and government managers face in a variety of crisis situations including natural and technological disasters, as well as issues of Homeland Security are addressed.
So I do have some knowledge of how things should operate .

As far as the back ground checks that everyone seems to be concerned about I can only tell you what I have learned through a letter I got from our local chapter .

The letter reads :

Volunteers are the most valuable asset the Red Cross has . It is because of the work you do that the Red Cross is able to serve the community as we do .

To ensure that we maintain the highest level of integrity of our volunteers and employees . The National Red Cross now requires background checks . These background checks must be completed by December 10th 2006 .

Background checking Red Cross employees and volunteers benefits everyone . When a victim of a house fire or a hurricane needs help , they know they can trust a Red Cross volunteer. Donors can rest assured that when they give to the Red Cross , their blood or money is protected . And when an individual makes a decision to a volunteer or work for the Red Cross , he/she knows they are in trusted company .

What dose this mean to you ?

*All volunteers and employees must perform a self-administered background check .

*You do this background check on the Internet at no cost to you .

* This background check will search the National Criminal File and verify your Social Security Number .

* All Social Security Numbers are encrypted immediately so that no one can view them .

* There will NOT be any credit checks .

Disaster Services Human Resources (DSHR) volunteers who have already completed the mandatory DSHR background checks and youth under the age of 18 do not have to complete this check .

Thank you for your cooperation and continued valuable service to and support of the American Red Cross .We value you and all the work you do for us .

Sincerely ,
Frank . P Marczak
Chapter Chairman

That is the letter I received from the Red Cross . I hope it answers your question . I know the Red Cross got a black eye due to the way things were handled during the Katrina volunteer efforts . This maybe one way they are trying to prevent further embarrassment . I encourage everyone to call there local chapter and express there concerns or ask questions .

73s ,

Big Mark "KD8BIG"

-------------- Original message --------------
From: "Hank Greeb" <n8xx@...>
Mark:

I've found a lot of parochialism and much more red tape since I moved to Michigan from Ohio. Red Cross wants permission to search your financial records along with a criminal background check. Locally RACES demands that a ham participates, on the air an in person, in many activities in order to stay in their good graces.

I can see why Red Cross would like their folks screened for criminal activity after some glitches in Hurrican Relief along the gulf coast. But, no one has given anyone (me, or any of the ARRL officials I know) a clue as to why they need a credit check along with that criminal background check.

As for demanding a large chunk of time for training for RACES, there doesn't seem to be any slack for a person who has been active in disaster relief operations for almost 60 years, and could write the training manuals for many of the required study courses. I'll probably submit to these courses after we get our home built here in Michigan, but right now I'm tied up with house plans, etc.....

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, StraitMD4@... wrote:
>
> Hey Paul ,
>
> Do not feel bad about being removed from MCARES. I got the axe last
> year because I helped out Ottowa county durning an emergency. I'm a
> member of West Michigan Search and Rescue. I was paged out. I
> never got a membership app. from MCARES after a year of service.
> Just a lot of "we will get you one". Someone got mad because I
> helped out another county and pulled me off MCARES. Thats fine.
>
> 73s

>
> KD8BIG

1721. Re: A question for debate

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 22:31:14 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 1679 Message: 1721

Hank,

Yes, now that you mention it, I do remember this demonstration and it makes perfect sense. Initially I was thinking along the lines of the density in that the salt water would absorb fewer of the radio waves and reflect more back into the atmosphere and not be such a good wave absorber material.

Scott

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Hank Greeb" <n8xx@...> wrote:
>
> Salt water is a great conductor of electricity, and a body of water
> is very flat, so it "looks" like a great reflector to HF radio
> waves. Low angle reflection would be enhanced if the antenna were
> erected near the ocean. Low angle radiation is what DXers always are
> seeking.
>
> Did you ever see a water rheostat demonstration in your grade school
> science class or high school general science class? It is made of
> two electrodes, one which is fixed in a container of water, the other
> can be raised or lowered into the water. A circuit can be made by
> connecting a 110 Volt lamp cord in series with a light bulb. If you
> start with distilled water in the container, the lamp will hardly
> light up (sometimes it's hard to see the light.) Add a pinch of
> salt, and you'll get some brightness with the variable electrode
> fully immersed. Add a teaspoon or two more of salt, and you can have
> an effective light dimmer switch. (of course, it won't meet building
> codes nor OSHA specifications, but makes a good demo for an
> elementary or secondary school science class on parent's day.)
>
> The oceans have a fairly high level of salt - probably more than a
> couple teaspooos in a gallon of water. Sea water would make a good
> mediu for the water rheostat.
>
> 73 de n8xx Hg
>
> --- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Scott Pawlowski"
> <srpawski@> wrote:
> >

> > I didn't think much about the fact that propagation would be
> > greater off of salt water instead of fresh water. Is this due
> > to the greater density salt water has over fresh water?
> >
> > Scott
>

1722. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 22:46:13 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 1683 Message: 1722

the men and women of the mitn net deserves alot of credit from us hams for the hard work that they put in what they do. if it wasnt for them, passing messages the nts net would not happen. it is sad to see that they need help, if i could i would help them out. i would like to say thank you for the hard work. paul.

k8mhz@... wrote:
It is unfortunate that the MITN net is hurting for help.

Kudos to the NCS operators that have hung in there. There is more to it than what we hear on the radio.

For one thing they have to pass on accurate information. A simple thing like a decimal in the wrong place could change the entire meaning of the message.

To that effect, isn't the net on 3.952 MHz, not 39.52? :))

Sorry, I couldn't resist that!!

mhz --- ...- - .-. --..-- --- ..- - - ... --.- -.- -

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2006 19:54
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Question for the traffickkers

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1724. Re: Parochialism and Red Tape

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 23:05:27 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1693 Message: 1724

All:

I'll weigh in on the issue with a question, "Why would an ARES member submit an application for a Red Cross background check?" I'm not a member or volunteer with the Red Cross. Why does the MOU between Red Cross and the ARRL not allow the ARRL communicators autonomous authority in an emergency? I suggest that the ARRL folks find out what is so valuable about a Red Cross membership tag that is so deficient with an ARES membership tag. If I want to be a volunteer for the Red Cross then fine. I choose to volunteer my effort to the local ARES group.

Bill, AB8SC

1725. Anyone need a cheap TNC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 23:15:28 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1725 Message: 1725

http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&rd=1&item=270054088124

AEA PK-232 that isn't showing up in the search results for some reason.
$30 + $11.57 shipping, no bids, ends today. I would take it myself but I
already have a bid on another TNC and can't afford both!

-Joe, N8FQ

1726. Re: Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-17 23:22:21 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1683 Message: 1726

Hi everyone.
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1727. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 00:48:28 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1683 Message: 1727

The comment that I was making on this point Doc was that Joe has no right to accuse us of sitting around clicking a mouse, or punching a keyboard when he doesn't know who half of us are, or what our radio habits are. For saying that some of us should recruit more, I am sorry, because I honestly shouldn't have made that comment, but considering that there was an accusation made that was very much baseless, I was angry and defended myself and others who write to this list on a regular basis and still find time to enjoy this hobby that we all love. Some even combine the two, which is something that once I get a little more cash, I wish to do. Again, for offending you and the other good people who handle traffic on the mitn, I appologize, but I also am just a bit offended that I and others have been accused of something without real proof.
Now, in the words of so many who have gotten into tiffs before us, "Can't we all just get along?" *grin*
73,
Chris, ab8wo

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1730. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 01:45:50 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1683 Message: 1730

People too often forget the role that hams played in the early
development of the Internet. Callsign e-mail addresses predate the "@"
delimiter.

Anyway, I would imagine that one of the biggest reasons why there is so
little participation in the NTS nets is that there's no traffic to
handle other than "spam" that people neither want to deliver nor
receive. If there was more real, meaningful traffic, there'd be more
participation. I know I'd check in more often if that were the case.

-Joe, N8FQ

k8mhz@... wrote:
> I feel the Internet is an adjunct to ham radio and not a replacement for it. Actually, I feel that ham radio cannot be replaced by anything, period, and am very happy to be among the ranks of folks with such a wide array of interests and knowledge. We are all very fortunate to have each other.

1731. ARISS Contingency Network Activated

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 02:26:49 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1731 Message: 1731

from the amsat-NA news web page

News Release October 30, 2006

On Thursday, October 26, NASA Johnson Space Center asked that the ARISS Ops Team enable its ISS Ham Contingency Network and go into standby mode as a resource for NASA. ARISS volunteers immediately swung into action.

Russian Flight Controllers were experiencing difficulties completing the docking of a Russian Progress cargo vehicle. Its antenna would not retract properly as it neared the ISS. It is a requirement for the antenna to be retracted before the last step of the physical docking is executed to avoid a collision between the antenna and the docking port. The ISS was put into a free-drifting mode, which aids the crew with docking maneuvers. Free-drifting results in the ISS solar arrays not being pointed directly toward the sun. This causes decreased power generation for the ISS, and the crew is required to slow down or shut down some ISS systems to conserve power.

During free-drift mode, a loss of TDRSS (Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System) coverage can occur; TDRSS is the system that handles communications between astronauts and Mission Control (MCC) in Houston. The ARISS Team was asked to ready its ISS Ham Contingency Network so that MCC could feel secure in having solid communication coverage while their staff took care of the docking issue.

The docking problem was solved, and the ARISS contingency network wasn't used by NASA for actual communications. NASA's request and the ensuing ham activity served as a great drill for the ARISS Team. MCC (Houston) was impressed with how quickly the ARISS Team had its system up and running. The MCC staff's concern about the possible TDRSS problem was lessened, knowing of the hams' ability to act as a back-up resource in the case that it is ever needed.

Kenneth Ransom, N5VHO, generated a procedure for the ISS crew on the operations of the ARISS contingency network. The fact that the ARISS Team was asked to be on standby was known by anyone listening to the NASA communications channel. MCC Houston transmitted a message to the crew that information would be uplinked about the ham network and the procedure for it if they needed to invoke it.

It was the first time in the six-year history of ARISS that NASA had asked the hams to bring up the contingency network. Within 15 minutes of receiving the call from NASA, ARISS Ops Team member Kenneth Ransom, N5VHO, reported the ARISS Ops Team ready to communicate. ARISS Team member Tony Hutchinson, VK5ZAI, of Australia, was awakened at 2 AM, and got on-line to make a blind call up to the crew, although they did not need to answer at that point.

Within the 3.5 hours from the time the initial phone call came, until the team got word to shut down, Tony Hutchison, VK5ZAI, was as his mike, and these additional stations were on standby to cover later passes: Gerald Klatzko, ZS6BTD, in South Africa; Gaston Bertels, ON4WF, at the Belgian ON4ISS station; Dick Flagg, AH6NM, and Nancy Rochelau, WH6PN, at

Sacred Hearts Academy in Honolulu, Hawaii; and Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, and Mark Steiner, K3MS, at the Goddard Space Flight Center ham station, NN1SS. The ARISS teamwork was very effective; its members learned a great deal, and they impressed NASA with how quickly the system was brought up.

1732. Re: Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 06:24:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1683 Message: 1732

I wonder what would have happened if a neophyte ham had come into this newsgroup and had asked the question which I asked.

They'd probably have been so discouraged by the sniping, etc., that they might have dropped all interest in traffic.

I very clearly stated that I had some traffic from the Eighth Region, for various part of Michgan, and I was unable to make the MITN, West Michigan Traffic Net, Wolverine Net, or QMN sessions because of other personal obligation. I had tried the late QMN session, and it was washed out due to long skip. I don't have my packet station set up yet. I couldn't quite figure out how to get into the packet BBS's on Telnet. THAT was my question. Personally, whether the message is life or death EMERGENCY traffic, or a message from the N1 who sends reminders to anyone and everyone that their license might expire in the next EON is NOT of concern to me. If someone starts a message, and I accept that message, I try my best to relay it along, be it via CW, Phone, VHF, telnet, or whatever. I ask a simple question of how to get into a pcket bbs via telnet.....

I ask a question here in the conference, get no reply - just a bunch of folks p.....g and moaning about factors of no relevance to the question I asked.

This is very real comaradarie - very helpful. If I weren't so thick skinned after some 57+ years of hamming I'd probably fold my tent and stop handling traffic.

I trust I haven't offended anyone, but I'd counsel folks to engage brain before pounding the keyboard.

73 de n8xx Hg
(currently in For Twain, IN getting ready to visit the Hamfest)

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1733. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 12:12:51 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 1683 Message: 1733

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1735. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 14:20:13 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1683 Message: 1735

The question that I have after looking at this is does the traffic have to be passed via net, or could you find someone who is on the traffic net and e-mail t to them? I know this isn't necessarily by the book, but it is what I was saying before, combining the resources of ham radio and the internet to get a job done. I know that at least two people who participate in the net are on this list, so wouldn't that be something that could be done? I'm not trying to violate the ARRL rules of handling traffic, but is that ultimately something that is allowable. That's the end of my long, drawn out and redundant question,
73,
Chris, ab8wo

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 18, 2006 8:09 AM
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1736. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Question for the traffickers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 15:48:12 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1736 Message: 1736

I tried passing Traffic when I first got my ticket . Seemed like all Traffic was , Happy B-Day , Have a nice day , Good to hear you on the net . Good luck on .... , etc . Nothing with any meaning or of importance . That is why I stepped back /out of it . It was like sending , "spHam " ?
I know they need help and volunteers etc . But there isn't anything with meaning . Someone mentioned that in another post . Some of the Traffic reappears often .
I think they are doing a good job with what they have , But they refuse to change there Net times and insist on doing Traffic Net at 9pm . I do not know how the rest of the world works but for me having children , family obligations , work and other responseabilities 9pm dose not work for me as well with many others . Think of those who would but work 2nd and 3rd shift jobs . Nonetheless, I guess it would be a great way to get in some practice . A little more time consuming but cheaper than a Hallmark .

I do not wish to take away from what they are doing . They do pass very important traffic at times and it takes a lot of Practice and Skill to be a good traffic handler . It is not something you just do . Those on the traffic net welcome all to join and are there to help those who never have taken traffic . It is better to learn on a B-Day wish than an emergency situation .

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1737. Re: Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 17:25:56 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1683 Message: 1737

Howdy Chris
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1738. Re: Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 17:54:13 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1683 Message: 1738

Hi Joe. Congraduations on the new license level and call sign! Way to go!

You are right about one of the reasons why there is so little participation in the NTS is due to the lack of quality messages. I have heard this from many operators. I would say over 95% of the traffic we handle is what I call "spam-o-grams." It is frustrating to say the least. Rarely do we have people bring messages forward that are personal in nature. Many messages that used to be sent via Radiogram are now sent via email, blogs, reflector groups, text messages and cell phones.

One things I have requested of all the WMTN regulars is to begin bringing non spam-o-gram traffic to the nets. Not doing so is kinda like going to a potluck and not bringing a dish to pass. I think as traffic handlers, ORSs, NCSs and NMs that we need to set the example and bring decent traffic to the nets and not just check-in to take traffic for delivery. Does that mean a person checking in needs to bring a message each time? No. It would be great if they did but that is not always possible. Forcing that onto others will result in more spam-o-grams. We want the messages to be personal. Perhaps once a week or every couple of weeks if individuals check-ins would bring a personal message that would be nice. I know I send NTS radiograms on a personal level every month. I send messages to military buddies, friends and families in other states. I think sending radiograms to our non-amateur radio friends it becomes a great way to promote amateur radio.

We need people to bring more meaninguful traffic to the nets without a doubt. Question is, whom will start it and will others join in and continue to use the NTS? Why not send an ARL SIXTY, ARL SIXTY ONE or ARL SIXTY THREE instead of the holiday card or in addition to that Holidy Card.

Thank you for your good observation and feedback.
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> handle other than "spam" that people neither want to deliver nor
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1739. Re: Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 18:13:08 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1683 Message: 1739

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 18:08:00 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1683 Message: 1740

Good day Hank.
I apologize for not answering your question prior to my other posts.

In the event that you have traffic to list and are unable to get
onto the nets, please email it to me. I will get it onto one of the
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 18:28:56 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1736 Message: 1741

Hi Mark
The WMTN is at 9pm is for a few reasons.
It allows the various net liaisions the ability to get to the various state and region nets to pick up inbound and send outbound traffic. At 7pm there is the MITN and at 8:30pm is the GLETN. After the WMTN is the QMN (CW) net. I would like to have a liaisoin for that net so that we can begin putting outbound traffic there instead of waiting until the next day to list it on one of they daytime HF NTS nets. The times of ALL nets are coordinated to produce timely and efficent traffic handling. The goal is to get that message delivered as quick as possible.
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As for the issue of the spam-o-grams,it is like I told Joe V. There would be decent non-spam-o-gram messages if amateur radio operators would bring them to the net. Read the rest of reply to Joe for further on that.

Have a great day!
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Practice and Skill to be a good traffic handler . It is not
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1742. New poll for WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 18:34:36 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 9 Message: 1742

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
WestMichiganHams group:

Would you participate in a daytime session of the West Michigan Traffic Net (WMTN)?

o Yes. At any time of the day.
o Yes, but only if it is in the morning.
o Yes, but only if it is in the afternoon.
o No. I am not into NTS.
o No. I have other obligations during the day.

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/surveys?id=1732833

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

1743. DAYTIME WEST MICHIGAN TRAFFIC NET POLL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 18:44:40 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1743 Message: 1743

I created a poll to find out if there is any and/or enough support to create a West Michgian Traffic Net daytime session.

The time and day the session would meet will be based on:
1.If there is enough interest.
2.Permission from the repeater's governing body.
3.Coordination with the Michigan STM.

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1744. Was able to get on and vote

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 21:10:25 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1744 Message: 1744

Got on and voted even though I am "Lidonese" Hi Hi

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1745. Re: Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-18 21:18:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1683 Message: 1745

Chris:

Thanks for your question.

Surely, traffic can be passed by any means - e-mail, telephone, etc. I could have delivered the messages by telephone, and certainly would have done so if there was any time value in them. Or, I could have looked up WD8USA or others I know in the phone book or in my e-mail address book and sent them via telephone or e-mail. But I knew that many packet BBS's had telnet access, so I figured I'd give this means a try. I couldn't find the info - I had forgotten to bookmark the web page with that info. I did find, from an unrelated source, how to check into a BBS via Telnet, and was able to get the messages sent along in a reasonable time.

I was a bit amazed that the question was never answered by anyone, but the thread turned into an almost flame war about whether the traffic being handled on nets is worthwhile.

I hope my previous "rant" didn't turn folks off. Over the years I've found that traffic handling is a lot of fun and quite rewarding.

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Date: 2006-11-18 23:46:48 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1736 Message: 1746

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Hello to the rest of WestMichigans Hams ,

Isn't it amazing how simple things turn into a major drama . Seems to be the West Michigan way . I sense frustration in many Hams and it dose seem there are many who don't stand up for what they believe in . They simply shuffle along and are involve just enough for their call not to be forgotten .
I know these feelings because of comments that were made to me over the air and not to my face . That is why a majority of my rigs and interest went deep into the closet for a period of time .
It took Hams such as AB8SC, K8MHZ , my brother KD8BGQ and a few others , to help me understand to keep an open mind and hang in there . Then a friend of mine got me into working satellites and the bug was back . I listen more than I talk . It seems that the last several months my voice has more bad days than good . I wish the only problem was my voice .

Your comments and none of the others offended me . It is nice that there are those out there who will let the rest of us know how as individuals where we stand with certain issues . That we all have a passion for what we do . It is also nice to know that when the going gets tough , we all seem to work together to get the job done .

I also agree we all need to engage our brain before pounding the keyboard . It is hard to retrieve once the send button has been hit . I have made that mistake myself . Now I read my post several times before I look for that send button .

I myself have not been very active do to health problems and will be off to Mayo Clinic this December to see if there is any hope for this ham . Many know my situation and I thank those of you who have stopped in to check on me .

73s ,

Big Mark " KD8BIG"

-------------- Original message --------------
From: "Hank Greeb" <n8xx@...>
I wonder what would have happened if a neophyte ham had come into
this newsgroup and had asked the question which I asked.

They'd probably have been so discouraged by the sniping, etc., that
they might have dropped all interest in traffic.

I very clearly stated that I had some traffic from the Eighth
Region, for various part of Michgan, and I was unable to make the
MITN, West Michigan Traffic Net, Wolverine Net, or QMN sessions
because of other personal obligation. I had tried the late QMN
session, and it was washed out due to long skip. I don't have my
packet station set up yet. I couldn't quite figure out how to get

into the packet BBS's on Telnet. THAT was my question. Personally, whether the message is life or death EMERGENCY traffic, or a message from the N1 who sends reminders to anyone and everyone that their license might expire in the next EON is NOT of concern to me. If someone starts a message, and I accept that message, I try my best to relay it along, be it via CW, Phone, VHF, telnet, or whatever. I ask a simple question of how to get into a pcket bbs via telnet.....

I ask a question here in the conference, get no reply - just a bunch of folks p.....g and moaning about factors of no relevance to the question I asked.

This is very real comaradarie - very helpful. If I weren't so thick skinned after some 57+ years of hamming I'd probably fold my tent and stop handling traffic.

I trust I haven't offended anyone, but I'd counsel folks to engage brain before pounding the keyboard.

73 de n8xx Hg
(currently in For Twain, IN getting ready to visit the Hamfest)

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "ravennaelectronics" <ravennaelectronics@...> wrote:
>
> Hi everyone.
> This is Doc Strait. I am the Net Manager for the West Michigan
> Traffic Net (WMTN). I took over for Joe, WD8USA, in August 2006.
> The WMTN meets every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evening
> at 9pm local time on the W8HVG Linked repeater system.
> If you have traffic to pass, you can bring it to the WMTN and we
> can get it passed. If helped is needed with the formatting of
> traffic, we will gladly provide it.
>
> The WMTN is in need of more NCSs, Liaisons for the HF nets and
> various ARES groups, another Digital Representative and an
> Assistant Net Manager. If you are interested in any of those
> positions or would like to know more abou the WMTN or NTS,
> please email me at kd8bgq at arrl.net The time to decide to
> learn how to do NTS is not once the disaster has struck or
> about to.
>
> Some say to stop complaining and whinning and go recruiting...
> Well... Joe has been recruiting for at least three years and
> I have been recruiting since June 2006. We have been visiting
> clubs and various VHF, UHF and HF nets in efforts to recruit
> members into NTS. We have done presentations at these clubs.
> We have had NTS booths set up at numerous HamFests and Swaps.
> To date, no takers from the recruiting. Those that have joined
> just happened to come across the net when it was in progress.
> They came back and then decided to get involved. We will get

> a new check every so often and 99% of them do not return for
> reasons unknown to me. There is less than ten of us that will
> deliver or relay traffic for the entire west side of the lower
> peninsula. From Traverse City all the way down to Michigan
> City.
>
> Sooo....come on out and join us! Learn how to do NTS. We provide
> FREE training!!
>
> 73
> Doc, KD8BGQ
>
>
> --- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Chris Schulte"
> <ab8wo2006@> wrote:
> >
> > Maybe you should stop hollering about how many hams happen to
> have broad enough horizons to be able to have more then just
> radio in their lives and consider recruiting other people to
> help with the traffic net? It would seem to me that might be
> a better outlet for all of the pent up energy that you appear
> to have. Just a thought mind you, but something that you might
> want to consider nonetheless.
> > 73,
> > ab8wo
> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: wd8usa@
> > To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> > Sent: Friday, November 17, 2006 2:54 PM
> > Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Question for the traffickkers
> > >
> > >
> > > The MITN Phone traffic Net you speak of is the Michigan
> > > Traffic Net which meets at 7pm local time. It is desperately
> > > short of NCS's and stations to go and pick up traffic. Perhaps
> > > they are all on the Internet and cannot be bothered! Yes, the
> > > MITN is in trouble. We simply need replacements for the burned
> > > out few and soon or this net will fold up! The MITN FREQ is
> > > 3952 LSB. DE WD8USA ...-.-

1748. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Question for the traffickkers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-19 07:50:28 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 1683 Message: 1748

Hank,

80 meters has gone very long in the early evenings as of late. QMN always meet at 7:30pm and 10:00pm local time, every day. BUT, when the band goes real long, you may not hear anyone, or hardly hear anything. Tonight at 7:30, section wide signals were their normal very strong.

Currently, the net still meets on 3663 but because of the ridiculous FCC changes that will take place around Dec 15, it will probably be moving to 3563. As a point of interest, QMN has been on that frequency since 1935!

QMN has alternate frequencies, 7068 and 1812, but I’m not sure when they are used. It also has a packet net with local access on VHF, but I’m not sure how that works, yet.

If you need to “dump” time dependant traffic, I will take it off your hands, any time. You can email me, call me on the phone or we can do it over the air.

73

John Wehmer WB9JSR
Ottawa County EC
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home2 616-604-0510
cell 616-502-4800
pager 800-218-4083
wb9jsr@...

----- Original Message ----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@arrl.org>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006 3:38:32 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Question for the traffickkers

Is there a way to get formal traffic to a packet BBS via the Internet
in Western Michigan? That's the question for the traffickers around
here. If I dropped some messages onto a BBS, would it be picked up
and sent on its way?

Why do I ask? It's a long story.

I got onto the QMN frequency last evening at 0030Z, no Michigan
stations heard. There was a QSO going on near Detroit, a VERY LOUD
signal from there, so it seems that no one was around. I did a few
QMN? calls, and a VE3 answered, saying he hadn't heard any stations
on either. He also said there had been some difficulties on the MITN
earlier in the evening (a Phone net, I suppose). But, I was hearing
lots of stations in Northern Illinois, on the ILN, and the fellow in

Detroit was bursting the front end of my rig to pieces.

Anyway, at 0045z I listened to 8RN, no Michigan rep, so I checked in, saying I'd take traffic for Michigan, but there was nil. I listened to the Eastern Area Net, they were having some difficulties in the Northeast and had to get relays from 4-land.

When 0230Z came around I listened for 8RN, the NCS was in West Virginia, quite loud, and there was another person in Ohio who was quite readable. Between them they had 7 messages for Michigan, which I took. At 0300 QMN came up, but the NCS was very watery and he couln't hear me, nor could any other station hear me.

I sit here, stuck with 7 messages for several parts of Michigan. They aren't all that important, but I'm of the olde school and would like to forward them along. I can't be around for the 0030Z session of QMN, nor the 0000Z session of MITN, and the western Michigan traffic net doesn't meet until tomorrow. I suspect by 0300Z tonight propagation will be long on 80, and I don't have my tuner scraped together for 160 at the present..... .

If I can't figure a way to get the messages into a Michigan net, I'll just call the people and deliver them by telephone, because I have cheep/zero cost long distance. But, it would be nice to get the messages closer to the destination.

Any info will be cordially appreciated.

73 de n8xx Hg

1749. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Portable Generators on Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-19 07:56:21 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 1609 Message: 1749

Hank,

How loud (or quiet) is your 1KW generator? Many 3600rpm generator are a bit on the loud side while 1800rpm generators tend to be quieter.

73

John WB9JSR

----- Original Message ----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@arrl.org>
To: West Michigan Hams <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2006 10:53:29 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Portable Generators on Sale

Pep Boys is having another sale on portable generators

1 KW continuous, 1.2 KW max - 2 cycle 63 cc engine - item # TG-1200 - $149.98 after rebate

2 KW continuous, 2.3 KW max - 4 cycle OHV engine -item # GG2300 - $239.99 after rebate

The brand on these says "UST" - I can't find who manufactures that brand....

I bought a 1.2 KW continuous 1.5 KW max made by Eastern Tools from Pep Boys before field day, and it has worked like a charm for Field Day, the Ohio QSO Party, and the Illinois QSO party.

Two advantages of the smaller units is, first, they are light, therefore easily carried as a part of an emergency response kit. The second is that they use very little gasoline/oil combo - I used slightly more than 2 gallons of gasoline for the Ohio QSO Party (in about 14 hours of operation - I started the thing up early to be sure it was running well) and about 1.5 gallons for the 9 hours or so of the Illinois QSO party. I typically run a computer and a 100 W output rig, plus a fan and a desk lamp on a field operation, but I've run a 1500 watt heater for over an hour to test the ruggedness of the unit The one minor downside is that one needs to remember to have 2 cycle oil, but it's available in 2 ounce bottles in many places.

Two locations in Grand Rapids for Pep Boys are:

Pep Boys Supercenter
3737 Alpine Ave NW
Comstock Park, MI
(616) 785-3122

Pep Boys Supercenter
609 28th St SW
Wyoming, MI Map
(616) 261-5701

In Kalamazoo:

Pep Boys Supercenter
5630 N Westnedge Ave
Kalamazoo, MI
(269) 388-2240

Didn't find a Pep Boys in Muskegon.

73 de n8xx Hg

1751. Indiana D-STAR Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-19 18:11:59 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 1751 Message: 1751

D-STAR Enthusiasts in Indiana -

The D-STAR forum at the Fort Wayne hamfest was well attended yesterday, Saturday. In fact, it was standing room only with nearly 70 in attendance. After the presentation an extensive set of literature about D-STAR was made available to everyone who wanted it as were free Icom hats.

Dale, WB9YCZ from Indianapolis brought his new 440 D-STAR repeater to the hamfest and had it running out in his vehicle in the parking lot so we used the repeater with our Icom 91AD D-STAR HTs instead of simplex. Dale introduced his new repeater at the forum and it will be located on the northwest side of Indianapolis at 700 feet.

I would like to thank Gene, K2KJI of KJI Electronics for bringing a full complement of D-STAR HTs, mobiles and even repeaters to the hamfest. I know some hams got on D-STAR for the first time at the hamfest because Gene brought D-STAR equipment to the fest. His store can be reached at: www.kjielectronics.com

If you missed the D-STAR forum at the hamfest you can find out more information about D-STAR at the Digital Ham group at the link below. We know have over 400 members on the group and look forward to your participation.

On Saturday, January 13th I plan to present a D-STAR introduction / overview at the Southwest Ohio Digital Conference at the Middletown Campus of Miami University, Middletown, Ohio. More information about the forum is at: http://www.swohdigi.org/

Happy Holidays and look forward to seeing you on D-STAR.

73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

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1752. Thanks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-19 23:44:36 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1083 Message: 1752

Thanks to all who helped out with yesterdays Hoffmaster Trail Run. Bob N9AUY, John N8YQD, Chuck KC8MDL, John KC8UNY, Jon AB8RD, Mike KC8MYG, Jason KC8OVS, Keith KD8CJX and Mark K8MHZ. Also thanks to Darryl AB8AZ for allowing us to once again use his portable repeater.

The weather was nice for this time of the year with tempatures in the high 30s at 9am and ending in the low 40s by the time we were done by 11:30am. The fastest runner took just 0:28:05 to finish and the slowest runner finished in just under 1 hour, The only casuality was an ankle injury which unfortunaley occurred very close to the start of the run.

The race officials expressed their thanks for our help in making the run go smoothly. They are looking forward to using us again next year.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

1754. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Coolest sweeps contacts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-20 04:56:40 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1747 Message: 1754

I worked 48 qso's 28 different sections and 12 of the were licensed in the fifty,s 3 of them the year I was born. My 45th contact, I was his contact number 1793, Thats a lot of contacts. Hope the next time I will have more time to participate. 73s

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@k8mhz.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 18, 2006 11:17 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Coolest sweeps contacts

So far the sweeps have been a blast.

Part of the info sent is the first year of license. There are some very old and cool calls in the sweeps. While I was at W8ZHO they worked W1AW. I came home and worked a station with a 09 check, meaning the license was 97 years old. The call was W1MX from MIT in Cambridge.

Anyone else work a cool station or an old call?

I would love to see them posted here.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

1755. Re: Portable Generators on Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-20 06:59:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1609 Message: 1755

I have the 1200 W nominal, 1500 W peak, 2 cycle 62 cc gasoline powered generator which is a bit louder than similar ones made by Honda, but it cost me $129 vs >$400 for the Honda. I can work phone or CW with it within about 15 feet of the operating table. It would still be a bargain at $149 - they had a $20 rebate coupon when I bought mine. Mine was made to Eastern Technologies, but the picture of the one made by UST looks like a carbon copy of mine.

It burns about a gallon of gasoline every 4 to 6 hours when it's hooked to a 100 watt transceiver, a computer, and a couple lights. I fiddled with my generator for a couple hours during field Day - because it was brand new and I wanted to get the carburetor "just right." We hooked up a 5 KW generator for that period, and it burned over a gallon of gasoline in the 2 hours it was running.

After that, it ran 22 straight hours on Field Day, 14 hours on Ohio QSO party, and 9 hours during the Illinois QSO party. For the price, it cannot be beaten.

The thing I like about it is that it is small and light weight. I toss it in the trunk of my car, and can still get a rig, some antenna masts, and a tent or dining canopy in the trunk of my Mazda Protege.

The club to which I belonged in Ohio had a 10 KW 1800 RPM generator, but it was so heavy that it required a separate trailer to tow it. It burned around 1 gallon of gasoline per hour - seemingly regardless of the load on it.

73 de n8xx Hg

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> 73
>
> John WB9JSR

1756. Re: Coolest sweeps contacts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-20 12:13:03 UTC
From: Mark Brooky
Topic: 1747 Message: 1756

My wife made me go QRT with 311 QSOs and 75 sections under A power. Last year, I claimed 301 QSOs and 78 sections, but the scorer took about 15 QSOs away.

I've tried to op in every Nov SS since I was licensed in 76. It's my favorite weekend of the year! While most other guys in the state are out killing Bambi, I'm zapping the ether.

KE8FO

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1757. Sweeps Thanks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-20 12:25:51 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1757 Message: 1757

All:

We had a wonderful experience with Sweepstakes this weekend. I'm still sleep deprived so will not yet comment in the verbose.

I do want to thank YOU for dropping in and helping. There were so many folks to thank and so many nice things accomplished for the good of the group.

A special Thank You to the MAARC for the use of their fine clubhouse. We enjoyed the experience so much more as a group working toward the goals of friendship and competition.

We ended with 250+ QSOs and 77 of the eighty sections in the log. A most worthy accomplishment.

And, without YOUR help it would not have been half the success. A special Thank You to all who helped in so many ways.

Bill, AB8SC

1758. Re: Coolest sweeps contacts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-20 16:07:53 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1747 Message: 1758

Coolest Contact? Maybe you had to be there. With three or so hours left the folks @ W8ZHO decided to go for the sweep. We needed eight or nine sections. We pounded on the Alaska door for forty-five minutes before success. Tried the YL, the kid, the experienced guy, the novice guy, the blind guy with great ears, EVERY trick. Called late, called early, called twice, etc.

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1759. Re: Sweeps Thanks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-20 16:19:26 UTC
From: birdpriestess
Topic: 1757 Message: 1759

I arrived and stayed for a few hours to socialize on Saturday night of Sweeps. I was pleased to see around 20 people, kids and adults, hanging out at the clubhouse. It was heartening to see more new folks and their children coming around the club. I remember, not all that long ago, when there were only a few folks showing up for contesting. It shows how perseverance, persistence, and belief in what you are doing will produce results over time. Most of all, I am pleased that this is a POSITIVE group of individuals. Negative hams are like radios ☐ they are only powerful if you supply them with energy, left alone, they are just annoying QRM. Folks are thinking about better ways to do contesting and activities at the club. Others are Elmering and encouraging their fellow hams. I'm excited about where our club is going and what it is building. Congratulations, RF warriors!

73 from AB8QH,
Linda

1760. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Coolest sweeps contacts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-20 15:18:40 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1747 Message: 1760

I guess from what I had heard in the post contest discussion, The Puerto Rico station worked over 2500 contacts in the thirty hours of the contest.
There was only one station from what I understand in the continental United States that worked 2000 contacts. Talk about burning the candle at both ends. *grin*
73,
Chris, ab8wo

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2006 7:13 AM
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1761. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Coolest sweeps contacts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-20 16:17:33 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1747 Message: 1761

Bill:
You need to stop saying things like that about me, my head might get too big to fit through the door, and speaking as someone who has bumped his head on a few door frames all ready, that's painful. *laughs*

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2006 11:07 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Coolest sweeps contacts

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1762. Re: Coolest sweeps contacts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-20 18:05:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1747 Message: 1762

It's the difference between "many to one" or "one to many." Also, current sunspot activity propagation favors longer distances, like continental Untied States to Puerot Rico. Plus, there were very few Puerto Rico hams on the air, so PR was a rarity.

Back in 1978 when "N" prefixes were brand new, and so were "X" suffixes the local radio club borrowed my call for a DX contest. It was a phone contest, so I didn't participate much, but folks told me the pileups they endured were like being on the DX end of a DXpedition.

73 de n8xx Hg

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1763. Re: Coolest sweeps contacts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-21 02:20:59 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1747 Message: 1763

Its great to here that so many had a great time. Weather it was from home or out to the club house.I know I, did even though I did not get in much time. I am planning on doing it again. I am not sure if contesting is my thing to do with ham radio, but it is just one more of many fun things to can do in this hobby.

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1764. Re: Question from a trafficker

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-21 14:52:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1764 Message: 1764

This is all fine, but I still have questions:

First of all: PLEASE look on your BBS and see if the 9 or so messages I sent to it late last Thursday or very early Friday got there and were forwarded to something other than the bit bucket!

When I do a ST <zipinMichigan> on the WB8TKL BBS, finish the message with a ^Z, how do I get a listing of the message so I can be sure it actually got there? The BBS responded with a prompt that said the message was "in queue" but I couldn't find it with either a "L" or "LT" to see if I had entered the form correctly. The last time I did a ST was in the early 1990's, so I wanted to be sure I had done things correctly. I used the info which was in the help file, so I assumed that information was correct. IF it is incorrect, BUT I followed that info, it SHOULD BE INCUMBENT on the sysop to fix whatever I screwed up in following the listed procedure..

Why doesn't a private email message to the sysop get a timely response?.

And, how do I join the drg-users@...? I've never heard of lugwash.org. I cannot find information on drg-users on the http://www.mi-drg.org/ web page.

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Those are the questions from a person who was assistance SYSOP for some 10 years and a TCC member for some 20 years before that. Now, some commentary.

It seems to me that the computer gurus write help files and communicate in a language which resembles Egyptian Hieroglyphics, designed to frustrate newcomers and olde tymers alike. I also seems that the "growing pains" of the Sysops shouldn't be transferred to the users by changing the actual routing procedures before changing the HELP files.

I'm sending this to the QMN group as well as the West Michigan group because these places are where my question was originally placed. Sending the info off to what appears to me to be a private users group seems a bit bizarre.

73 de n8xx Hg

Jay Nugent wrote:

> Greetings, I'm moving this thread to the DRG mailing list because
> everyone needs to know how to move NTS traffic through the
> AMPRnet/Hamgate network. Since we do not support 'hierarchical'
> routing, we are running into some user education issues that need to

> be sorted out. Everyone's input is welcomed on this discussion.
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>
> On Tue, 21 Nov 2006, John J. McDonough wrote:
>
> > ----- Original Message ----- From: Hank Greeb Sent: Monday,
> > November 20, 2006 11:40 PM Subject: Re: Question from a trafficker
> > >
> > >
> >> I found the links, and was able to get the messages to WB8TKL's
> >> JNOS bbs. I was and still am concerned that the BBS claims to
> >> have received the messages, but when I did a "LT" or "L" there
> >> was no traffic messages on the bulletin board. I hope they
> >> disappeared somewhere for relay immediately.
> > >
> > > Jay has indicated this works, and some of the documentation
> > > indicates that it should, but I have seen no evidence that it
> > > actually does.
> >
> >
> > It *DOES* work *IF* you address the messages as normal SMTP mail
> > (i.e. callsign@...). The callsign would be that of the
> > known NTS traffic handler at the destinationnode who has made it
> > known to the NTS networks that s/he will check mail there regularly
> > and will deliver any NTS traffic dropped in his/her box.
> >
> > It *DOES NOT* work if you address the messages following the old (and
> > no longer supported) "heirarchical" routing method (i.e. st 48198 @
> > ntsmi).
> >
> > I see 14 pieces of traffic stuck on the Washtenaw Hamgate that were
> > misaddressed to ZIP CODES using the heirarchical system. Looks like
> > they were posted on November 16th. Sorry, they will sit there 'till
> > hell freezes over if addressed that way :(
> >
> > Looks like we will need to remove the "st 72081 @ ntsar" reference
> > from the HELP files on *ALL* Michigan Hamgates as this is misleading.
> > We will also need to begin an educational campaign to teach NTS
> > traffic handlers how to ascertain where their traffic needs to go and
> > place it on the appropriate Hamgate that has an outlet for that
> > traffic (i.e. a pre-arranged station who will check and take traffic
> > off the node when it appears).
> >
> > We will be going through some 'growing pains' as we work some bugs
> > out, develop the operating procedures, improve the Help files, and
> > get some NTS traffic handlers on-board to pickup the traffic at each
> > Hamgate.
> >
> > --- Jay WB8TKL

1765. Re: Coolest sweeps contacts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-21 15:39:52 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1747 Message: 1765

All:

Best SS contact?

It is early Sunday morning, local time. We are dialing around fifteen meters and the signals are really great with very little background noise. AB8SC is telling another of his insufferable tales of how to work a contest or how best to pass the contest exchange or some other nonsense. We are dialing up around the dx window where AB8SC goes, again, on the topic of the dx window and how we should not contest there.

We hop above the window and immediately hear, on 21.305, a 5A7A calling cq. I am amazed. Four hams are in the guy's log, quickly, and without incident. The 5A is working simplex. He is begging for QSOs. It is easy! Well, easy if you discount another long winded story about rare dx from AB8SC.

Later in the week the on line logs from the 5A operation are posted. In there are four call signs you will recognize. And thirty thousand other call signs, too.

Bill, AB8SC

1767. WEAVER'S WORDS -- GOBBLE, GOBBLE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-22 02:01:20 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1767 Message: 1767

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2006 8:38 PM
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- GOBBLE, GOBBLE

> [As always, send replies to k8je@.... Do not click on REPLY. The
> ARRL reflector that gets this newsletter to you is one-way, only.]
>
> - Red Cross Again
> - What the Elections Changed for Amateur Radio
> - Legislative Action Program
> - Frustration
> - Low Profile Amateur Radio
> - W1AW Changes Digital Frequency
> - Change the New Rules
> - Tentative Travel Schedule
> - Happy Thanksgiving
>
> RED CROSS, AGAIN
>
> I want to make it clear that I support the Red Cross and have supported
> it since I first became a volunteer through the Queen City Emergency
> Net in early 1964. However, in answer to questions I've received from
> members, I unhesitatingly say I will not give the Red Cross or its
> agent, Mybackgroundcheck.com, permission to run a credit check or
> lifestyle check on me. It isn't that I have anything to hide; it is
> simply that they have no business prying into these matters.
> Unfortunately, whenever a volunteer authorizes Red Cross to do
> background checks, Mybackgroundcheck.com on behalf of Red Cross is
> automatically authorized to do these irrelevant types of background
> checks. This is true even though Red Cross insists they don't
> typically receive credit and lifestyle checks. Why is the Red Cross
> acting in this schizophrenic manner?
>
> I am writing the Cincinnati Area Chapter of the Red Cross to authorize
> them to do a criminal check on me. This is all they need. I
> simultaneously am denying permission to do the other checks. The
> letter is addressed to the CEO and the Chairman of the Chapter. I am
> copying the Chapter Disaster Chairman and the Disaster Communications
> Chairman, both of whom are personal friends. I have great appreciation
> for the people in the Disaster Office of the local Chapter.
>
> Provided the National officers of the Red Cross do not intend to obtain
> credit and lifestyle checks on volunteers, they should not require us
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> to authorize these checks. If you disagree, I have this bridge to sell
> . . .
>
> It is neither my, nor ARRL's business to tell you what you should do if
> the Red Cross (or anyone else) asks you to complete the form at
> Mybackgroundcheck.com. This is your business. My only reason for
> sharing my comments on this is to ensure you are aware of the extent of
> information being demanded at Mybackgroundcheck.com, so that you will
> read the disclosure form carefully and do what is best for you.
>
> WHAT THE ELECTIONS CHANGED FOR AMATEUR RADIO
>
> Not much. Let me explain.
>
> In reading the following information, please do not interpret it to
> represent partisan (political party vs. political party; candidate vs.
> candidate) political thinking. The only part that relates to Democrat,
> Republican, Socialist and similar parties or non-parties is the simple
> comment that the Democratic Party picked up control of both the US
> House and the US Senate in November. For Amateur Radio, the only thing
> this proves is that a few seats in each of house Congress changed from
> one party to another
>
> Let me point also that Federal agencies such as the US Food & Drug
> Administration, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission . . . and the
> US FCC . . . are managed by appointees made by the President, not
> Congress. With possible exception, the appointed committees or boards
> have Republican majorities. Of specific interest to us, the FCC will
> continue to be controlled by the same, pre-election,
> Republican-appointed majority until one or more Commissioner leaves the
> Commission. Until there is a change in control of the White House, any
> new appointees to the FCC can be expected to be made so that Republican
> control of the Commission continues.
>
> ARRL's task as it continues its long-standing policy of advocating on
> behalf of Amateur Radio remains unchanged. We have never and will
> never become involved in partisan politics; therefore, we will continue
> to tell the Amateur Radio story to whoever holds the elected positions.
> We will continue this approach through our Washington Congressional
> relations firm and also through the new ARRL Legislative Action
> Program.
>
> LEGISLATIVE ACTION PROGRAM
>
> You've seen my appeals for help with this Program. We still need help.
> A number of members have stepped forward to volunteer and have been
> appointed to very important, although not highly demanding, positions.
> We still need additional to join the fight to preserve Amateur Radio.
> Please read www.arrl.org/govrelations/laprog.faq.html for brief
> questions and answers about the Program. If you are interested in

> learning more or volunteering to help in your own Congressional
> District, please contact Val Rose, N8EXV at n8exv@... or me
> (k8je@...). Val is the Division Legislative Action Chair (DLAC)
> for the Great Lakes Division.
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> We need two members to help in each Congressional District in our three
> states.
>
> FRUSTRATION
>
> Every few weeks, I receive E-mail that asks a question, but when I
> attempt to reply the questioner's Spam setting or ISP blocks my reply.
> This happened just recently when a good member from Grand Rapids wrote
> twice. My two attempts to reply were rejected. I could not find a
> telephone number to call him, so I asked Michigan SM Dale Williams',
> WA8EFK, to try to forward my message. He was blocked, also. I gave
> up, admittedly without trying the USPS.
>
> If you want an answer from me and don't get one, it is nearly certain
> that my E-mail to you is being blocked somewhere along the line. In
> this situation, please give me a telephone call or send me an E-mail
> that contains your phone number.
>
> LOW PROFILE AMATEUR RADIO
>
> Speaking of frustration, many of members are frustrated over being
> unable to operate Amateur Radio because of spousal or local homeowner
> regulations that ban antennas. A book published by ARRL might be the
> answer to these frustrations. Just as the US Military has developed
> large naval vessels and airplanes that are virtually invisible to
> RADAR, the second edition of Low Profile Amateur Radio might have the
> answers to hams' need for stealth. For information, go to
> www.arrl.org, type Low Profile Amateur Radio into the Search Site blank
> near the top of the opening screen and click on GO. The cost is
> $19.95.
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> W1AW CHANGES DIGITAL FREQUENCY
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> In response to the expansion of the 75-meter phone band down to 3600
> kHz, W1AW will shift its 80-meter digital bulletin frequency down to
> 3597.5 kHz, effective Friday, December 15, 2006. The new frequency
> will be in use beginning with the regularly scheduled 6 PM EST (2300
> UTC) digital bulletin on Friday December 15, 2006.
>
> CHANGE THE NEW RULES
>
> The need for many nets to change frequency has generated a lot of heat.
> As a supporter of NTS and other net operations, I am very sympathetic,
> but there isn't anything anyone can do about this . . . at least in the
> near term.

>
> A few people have suggested petitioning FCC to change its new rules.
> These will go into effect on December 15. We could start a fight over
> the new rules, but we wouldn't win; at least yet. FCC is not going to
> consider changing the new rules until there has been a reasonable
> amount of experience with them. There are other avenues for achieving
> changes, but these are pretty drastic.
>
> Although there would seem to be little chance for changes to be made at
> this time, the ARRL Board has begun to review the situation. The first
> thing that must be demonstrated is that parts of the new rules impose
> an undue hardship and damage. Although many amateurs believe it is
> very apparent that they do cause tremendous hardship and damage, not
> all amateurs agree. Many amateurs support the rules changes fully.
> This makes it even more difficult to demonstrate hardship and damage.
> At the same time, it makes it less likely that pursuing any avenues to
> achieve change in the new rules will be successful.
>
> We are, nonetheless, looking at the situation to see where we are.
> This does not mean we intend to try to change the new rules, or that we
> don't intend to do this. We are merely evaluating the issues at this
> time.
>
> TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR K8JE
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> Jan. 9: 20/9 Meeting, Canfield, OH.
> Jan. 13: SW OH Digital Symposium, Middletown, OH.
> Jan. 18: A&F Meeting, Newington, CT.
> Jan. 19-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
> Feb. 11: Mansfield Hamfest, Mansfield, OH.
> Apr. 14: QCWA Meeting, Cleveland, OH.
> Apr. 20: KY Colonels ARC, Lexington, KY.
> Apr. 26: SUMCO ARES, Stow, OH.
> May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH.
> Jul.18-19: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
> Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH.
> Sep. 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH.
> Sep. 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH.
>
> HAPPY THANKSGIVING
>
> Have a very happy Thanksgiving. Janice and I wish each of you and your
> family the very best in this joyful season.
>
> 73,
>
> Jim, K8JE
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division

> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
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> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

1768. fcc is work on the error for omnibus rules

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-22 18:01:16 UTC
From: paul rocky odem
Topic: 1768 Message: 1768

http://www.arrl. org/?artid= 6962

FCC Working to Correct Error in Omnibus Rules Change Order (Nov 22, 2006) -- In the recently released R&O 04-140 -- the "Omnibus" rules changes affecting the Amateur Radio Service -- the FCC inadvertently limited J2D emissions to 500 Hz bandwidth. We are happy to report that the FCC is working on an erratum to correct the J2D error. While nothing is certain until the erratum is actually released, it is fair to say that the FCC recognizes the problem and intends to fix it prior to the December 15 effective date of the new rules. We will post further information on the erratum as it becomes available.

1770. Re: ARC issues

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-22 21:40:35 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 1769 Message: 1770

Maybe this will help clear up some things, at least for us here in Ottawa County. This was seen on another reflector:

-----Original Message-----
From: Sindee Maxwell [mailto:SMaxwell@...]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2006 4:24 PM
To: svanderhill@...
Subject: RE: American Red Cross - Tulip Time

Hi Steve,

You are correct. We do not need to do a background check on the radio guys who work side by side with the Red Cross during Tulip Time. It's just like last year

Let me know if you need anything else.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and Bev.

Sindee Maxwell

Executive Director

American Red Cross of Ottawa County

270 James Street, Holland, MI 49424

phone 616-396-6545

fax 616-396-3921

cell phone 616-836-9600

email smaxwell@...

website www.ottawaredcross.org

Posted here by: Laryn K8TVZ

1771. Re: ARC issues

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-22 22:04:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1769 Message: 1771

In several instances over the years my experience has been that the only way to get into a disaster area was to show a Civil Defense or Red Cross ID. The local police would turn anyone with an ARES ID, for example, away from checkpoints around the disaster areas. For some 40 years I carried both Red Cross and RACES ID - which got me through to where communications was needed.

All the skills in the world won't trump bureaucracy in the field - the local PD will follow their orders. I don't know how often natural or man made disasters occur in Western Michigan, they occurred, on average, every 3 to 7 years in SW Ohio - often enough to keep me interested in helping out with disaster relief.

I can see from whence the criminal background checks come - there were scam artists with Red Cross and EMA credentials who took FEMA and the Red Cross for lots of $$'s during the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Contracting with an "all in one" background check agency might hav been the most expedient and perhaps even the least costly. However, if enough folks think through all the ramifications and object to the far reaching blanket authority which is being requested by their contractor, the bureaucracy at Red Cross National may have 2nd thoughts on what folks must sign vs what Red Cross says they need.

Folks like our ARRL Director, K8JE, should be able to have enough "clout" to bring resolution at the national level.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Emergency communications folks,
>
> The issue with the ARCs request for a background check that seems unreasonable for many, myself included, has got me to thinking....
>
> Let's try to solve the problem with our skills. Let's look at a way to use our knowledge of technology to still provide support in a means that does not require us to be in a position that requires a background check.
>
> I don't think anyone is wishing ill on the ARC. I think that the defensive attitude that is very prevalent about the issue is just. But we still need to provide communications support as we are charged with or all of our time and training has been wasted.
>

> I am currently working on a solution for this problem and may be on
to something,
>
> Stay tuned.....
>
> Mark K8MHZ

1772. FW: [QMN] Michigan - Change Early Net Time

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-23 03:31:01 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 1772 Message: 1772

December 9th (see Dec 8 below) QMN net will meet at 3563 instead of 3663.

73

John WB9JSR

-----Original Message-----
From: QMN@yahoogroups.com [mailto:QMN@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of James Wades
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2006 7:44 PM
To: QMN@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [QMN] Michigan - Change Early Net Time

Hello Everyone:

This evening, I checked-into a Navy MARS net at 7:00 PM. By 7:20 PM, everyone was unreadable. It's amazing how fast conditions shift after sunset.

I think Stan has a good suggestion. We had this problem last year, and had to temporarily move back to 630 for a few months. With the tighter band coordination, it makes sense to maintain the same time throughout the year. Unless others object, this is a good time to revise our QMN net schedule to accommodate these winter shifts in propagation. Unless objections are heard, this will be a permanent change to prevent confusion during the net migration process. Therefore:

97 R K8SIW 31 ALLEGAN MI NOV 24
QMN QNC

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 26 UTC QMN EARLY WILL MOVE BACK TO
2330Z 630 EST X THIS WILL BE A PERMANENT RETURN
IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION DURING THE NET MIGRATION PROCESS
73

JIM K8SIW

98 R K8SIW 27 ALLEGAN MI NOV 24
QMN QNC

THE COMMEMERATIVE NET SESSION MARKING THE ABONDONMENT OF OUR 3663
KHZ FREQUENCY WILL BE HELD AT 2330Z 630PM DECEMBER 9
X PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD X 73

JIM K8SIW

Please transmit these QNC in my absence to insure wide circulation.

73,

James Wades, PEM
Executive Director, Michigan Net, QMN
National Radio Emergency Net
P.O. Box 457
Allegan, MI. 49010

www.michigannet.org
www.aa8vs.org/nren

Telephone: 269-650-0215
E-Mail: wb8siw@...

1773. Fw: [illinoisdigitalham] New DStar 2m Repeater in Muskegon, Mi Area

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-23 15:13:41 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 1773 Message: 1773

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: kc8lbz <EDCS2@...>
To: illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2006 7:05:35 AM
Subject: [illinoisdigitalham] DStar in Muskegon, Mi Area

DStar voice only is now available in the Muskegon, Mi area.

WD8MKGD
147.320 + Dup
I/O = C

For IC 2200H users please remember to include the C at the end of the
repeater callsign. This is Michigans first DStar repeater.

Ed

Yahoo! Groups Links

Do you Yahoo!?
Everyone is raving about the all-new Yahoo! Mail beta.
http://new.mail.yahoo.com

1775. New DStar 2m Repeater in Muskegon, Mi Area

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-23 17:42:42 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 1775 Message: 1775

D Star voice only is now available in the Muskegon, Mi area.

WD8MKGDC
147.320 + Dup
I/O = C

For IC 2200H users please remember to include the C at the end of the repeater callsign. This is Michigan's first DStar repeater.

Check out the updated web page which should occur this afternoon with photos of the unit and the Ham's that made it happen.

Web page: www.wd8mkg.com

Jim, K8COP

1776. Re: [WestMichiganHams] ARC issues

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-23 23:11:25 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 1769 Message: 1776

Mark,

In Ottawa County it is simple, you want to work in the EOC, enter county training facilities, use county equipment (communication trailers), enter Central Dispatch, go into EOC's of some of the sub-units (Cities and Townships), you will have a background check! End of Message, no choice.

I am talking only about criminal background checks, not credit checks and the like. Having a criminal record does not disqualify a person from participating, but might. It's up to the discretion of the whatever organization is requiring the check.

As Laryn's email suggests, we can help the Ottawa County Red Cross at Tulip Time without signing their waivers and getting yet another background check. But, we also do not wear Red Cross tags or the like. We are not representing Red Cross at the parades. In the pasts we used to wear Red Cross name tags and wear Red Cross reflective vests. We have not for the last two years, we wear our own vests.

But, it is getting a little silly. Let's see, Races, county, SAR, Central Dispatch, Red Cross, ... And all of these checks (at least the criminal ones) are essentially the same. Seems a little redundant.

By the way, I believe that similar discussions were going on right after 911. At least here in Ottawa it did.

73

John WB9JSR
EC Ottawa County

----- Original Message ----
From: "k8mhz@..." <k8mhz@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2006 1:10:41 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] ARC issues

Emergency communications folks,

The issue with the ARCs request for a background check that seems unreasonable for many, myself included, has got me to thinking....

Let's try to solve the problem with our skills. Let's look at a way to use our knowledge of technology to still provide support in a means that does not require us to be in a position that requires a background check.

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Stay tuned.....

Mark K8MHZ

1778. 160 metre band openings

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-24 20:24:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1778 Message: 1778

Did anyone get on the 160 metre opening to Europe two evenings ago around 0300z and later? The pileups around 1823 to 1830 KHz were deafening. The DX stations weren't very strong on my wet noodle antenna, but the DX seemed to be working simplex, not split. My 160 metre tuner is still in pieces in a box, so I couldn't even try competing in the fray.

Funny thing - W1AW was only s-2 or s-3, while stations in Pennsylvania were S9++ I heard a FO8 once, but most of the DX were below the ambient noise.

73 de n8xx Hg

1779. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 160 metre band openings

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-24 20:54:55 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 1778 Message: 1779

Hank,
No but thanks for the heads up. I will check it out. BTW not to change the subject too much, but has anyone particiated in the stupendous VHF band opening the last two days? Into Greenville PA at 0535Z on the KE3JP repeater (146.445 + 1mhz offset). Also made simplex contacts in Westland MI, Ohio, and Indiana. Also talked to several stations on the KA8OFE (146.82) repeater in Bryan Ohio.
N8YJT

Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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1780. Re: 2-meter band openings

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-24 21:42:14 UTC
From: birdpriestess
Topic: 1778 Message: 1780

Bill, AB8SC, popped onto the 146.92 (Fremont) repeater this morning. Within 30 seconds or so, KC4ITU, announced his call. Bill came back to him, it's great to hear a new call on the local repeater. The ham, whose call belongs to a Dwight Behm of Lincoln Park, did not respond after a couple of hails from Bill. He was there and gone. We quickly figured out the 2-meter opening when Bill switched to the .94 repeater and discovered a Lansing net in progress, coming through clear as the blue skies of this day. What fun!

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Tom Porritt <jtporritt@...> wrote:
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> N8YJT
>

1781. Re: 160 metre band openings

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-24 21:58:23 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1778 Message: 1781

Hi Tom.
There have been about a half dozen or so check-ins to the WMTN from out of state the other night. We had Canada, Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin. This morning I heard a guy on the Linked system from Fort Wayne Indiana. I talked with a guy earlier this morning from Chicago on their 82 repeater. I was over in Kent City at the time.

It has been great!
73
Doc, KD8BGQ

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> Did anyone get on the 160 metre opening to Europe two evenings ago
> around 0300z and later? The pileups around 1823 to 1830 KHz were
> deafening. The DX stations weren't very strong on my wet noodle
> antenna, but the DX seemed to be working simplex, not split. My 160
> metre tuner is still in pieces in a box, so I couldn't even try
> competing in the fray.
>
> Funny thing - W1AW was only s-2 or s-3, while stations in Pennsylvania
> were S9++ I heard a FO8 once, but most of the DX were below the ambient
> noise.
>
> 73 de n8xx Hg
>

1782. 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 13:28:37 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1782 Message: 1782

So is the "Holton"repeater,as far as analog,gone?Is the analog equipment going to be put back into service on a different freq.?

73 KD8CBJ

1783. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 13:52:33 UTC
From: Ed Summers
Topic: 1782 Message: 1783

The Holton repeater is now DStar digital voice. There are no plans to move the analog equipment to another frequency.

Current Repeater settings:

147.320 +Dup
Repeater callsign WD8MKGDC
Digital Voice only
Gateway coming soon.

Ed
KC8LBZ
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From: kd8cbj
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 8:28 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

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1785. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 15:57:15 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 1782 Message: 1785

Ed:

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Just curious.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

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1786. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 16:11:39 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1782 Message: 1786

Tom:

Yep, try to hit the machine with an old fashioned radio and nothing happens. I did hear the machine ID on the top of the hour, using an old fashioned analog radio.

Bill, AB8SC

1787. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 16:11:22 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1782 Message: 1787

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 10:57 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

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1789. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 16:28:50 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1782 Message: 1789

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Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 10:57 AM
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1790. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 16:44:38 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 1782 Message: 1790

Ok, Bill. ... This is good to know. ...

Thanks, and 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

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From: "Bill Fries" <bill_fries@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 11:11 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

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> Bill, AB8SC
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1791. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 16:44:43 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1782 Message: 1791

Aes has a 2meter ic-2200 for 159.00 plus a rebate bringing it to 139.00 pretty cheap for d-star capable KC8UNY
----- Original Message -----
From: Chris Schulte
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 11:11 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

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1792. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 17:14:42 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1782 Message: 1792

Yes, $140 is cheap. But if you want the D-Star digital stuff you will add a $190 board. That's where the "double the cost of the radio" part comes into play.

Read the fine print.

It is a great rig, though.

Is this why Jim, K8COP sold off a few Icom 2200 radios, recently?

Bill, AB8SC

1793. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 16:53:47 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1782 Message: 1793

I don't know about all the features and compatibility. I just tried to hit the Holton repeater. No joy. And N8HE has said he has moved to the Hart machine because he does not own the D-Star hardware.

It looks like you buy a regular but upgradeable rig and insert the D-Star chip. I see the chip costs $190 and has the same part number for the ht or mobile rigs.

Must be some incentive in there, somewhere? Progress? Doubles the cost of the rig. I think you can program a twit filter and only hear those stations passing the twit test. And you pass call signs easily. Interface with gps, too. Sounds great until you double the cost of the rig to play.

Bill, AB8SC

1794. Re: 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 17:27:22 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1782 Message: 1794

Why? On the surface, in the current configuration, the two are incompatible. Seems like making a repeater D-Star makes the user's club more exclusive. Fun to experiment, though.

And when was the last time anyone linked any repeaters? I know the Holland and Grand Haven machines have been linked, in the past. It often worked?

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1796. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 18:10:09 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 1782 Message: 1796

Hi, all.

If what Mark is saying here is correct, it sure would be nice if the repeater could still be accessed with analog equipment.

The repeater is useful for those of us outside the Muskegon area who may need to get messages into the Muskegon area.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 11:32 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

From an Icom brochure it is stated that D-Star repeaters can handle both analog and digital voice.

http://www.tapr.org/pdf/DStar_brochure.pdf

I also read that D-Star radios have the same capability and they are advertised as such.

mhz

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 11:11
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

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1797. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 17:26:35 UTC
From: Ed Summers
Topic: 1782 Message: 1797

HI ,

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The two modes (digital and Analog) will not coexist on the same frequency.

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Ed KC8LBZ

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From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 12:14 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

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Bill, AB8SC

1798. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 18:29:11 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1782 Message: 1798

If an analog repeater was linked to a d-star repeater, it would be a good opportunity to try both modes and still have someone to talk to or even to listen to the dstar audio to see if there is a difference.

Many repeaters are linked. There is an entire system covering most of Michigan comprised of linked repeaters.

Grand haven has a satellite receiver that is actually a crossband repeater linked through 440 to the main site. There is also still a means to link GH to Holland. It works well.

As for making a club more exclusive? Maybe that's D-star's goal. I don't really know. I can't see why that would be a benefit unless you want "private" conversations with only a few members. I don't want to say anything else about exclusivity lest I risk going into another rant.

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From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 12:27 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

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1799. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 18:00:15 UTC
From: Ed Summers
Topic: 1782 Message: 1799

OK, easy guys.

Bill get a radio and even you can get in. Don't start your holier than know remarks. The repeater has always been open and it is still open to whoever wishes to use it.

The comments you are making where spoken years ago when SSB was introduced over AM. How much AM have you really done lately. Not so long ago all contest logging was done by written log. Correct me if I am wrong but do't you use a computer? Please don't confuse progress with erroneous statements.

Ed
KC8LBZ

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1801. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 19:09:16 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1782 Message: 1801

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Now, if we could get everyone doing digital hf. . .

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1802. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 19:31:22 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1782 Message: 1802

You might find this useful?

http://www.icomamerica.com/amateur/dstar/

Talks about D-Star. Lots.

Also, eham has lots of stuff reviewed. I checked the eham reviews of the ID-800H radio. Three reviews with lots of good information. Maybe the same with the IC-2200H? I'll see.

Bill, AB8SC

1803. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 19:05:43 UTC
From: Ed Summers
Topic: 1782 Message: 1803

The problem of coexistance is that those with analog can not tell when the digital side is being used. Transmission then on the analog side will cause interference to the digital side.

Ed

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 1:52 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

"The two modes (digital and Analog) will not coexist on the same frequency."

Why not? I understand that no two signals, regardless of mode, can be on at the same time, but why must a frequency be exclusively digital? (Or exclusively analog for that matter?)

mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: Ed Summers
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 12:26
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

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1804. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 19:28:53 UTC
From: Ed Summers
Topic: 1782 Message: 1804

Bill, you make comments that are completely false and then you try to back peddler when someone calls you on it.This is exactly what you said, "Seems like making a repeater D-Star makes the user's club more exclusive." why do you nake comments like this if you don't mean it? You are implying that someone is trying to cut others out of the repeater.

You stated "The repeater that was once open to folks is now closed to the analog folks." The repeater has received minimal, at best, usage in the past. More hits have been on the repeater in the last 3 days than in the last 3 months.

Your next quote "Bill's repeater has wonderful coverage. Now it has 25% greater coverage? Where is the down side? Wonderful for Bill." Bill has put a lot of his own resources into this project. Who benefits, not so much Bill, but I suggest all the hams in at least 4 counties so far that have been able to experience DStar on a repeater.

I would suggest you could be a better supporter if you are truly interested.

Ed

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From: Bill Fries
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Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

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1805. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 20:44:05 UTC
From: Don LaBrenz
Topic: 1782 Message: 1805

So the 147.32 repeater had gone digital. Way to go Bill. I was wondering when we were going to see a digital voice repeater crop up around here. Nice to see.

Now I have been watching the posts over the last couple of days. Yes this is progress, and a fine step, in the right direction I might add.

A couple of thought before anyone gets up in arms about the new mode on this repeater.

1. Bill has spent an unimaginable amount of time and resources to provide this machine (I know I have been in his shoes), so if he wants to take it technologically to the next step, we should all give him our wholehearted support.

2. As for making this repeater exclusive by virtue of it's new operating mode, I highly doubt that. I can imagine that many of these same conversations took place in the coffee shops back in the days when those infernal FM repeaters first started cropping up (Mobile work and repeaters used to be AM. That's right AM) I am sure that there was some grumbling about FM with all that AM stuff in use. Well we all adapted, and we will again. Heck, I was thinking about buying a D-star capable rig when I was in Ft. Wayne. Now I have a reason to.

73 all de Don, WB8I

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1806. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 21:33:07 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1782 Message: 1806

Ed:

I did a search on yahoo for: "define 'exclsive'" and offer these results:

1. Excluding or tending to exclude/ /
2. Not allowing something else; incompatible/ /
3. Not divided or shared with others

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Wow, sounds like I've been doing one of of those things, today. Lots.
Hmmm . . .

Bill, AB8SC

1808. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 21:58:33 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1782 Message: 1808

Did somebody say, "Amber lights?"

1812. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 22:21:19 UTC
From: Ed Summers
Topic: 1782 Message: 1812

Mark,

You are correct. I was mistaken. There are no plans to run both repeaters on the same Frequency.

Flame has been doused.

Ed

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From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 4:58 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

"The problem of coexistance is that those with analog can not tell when the digital side is being used."

This is just not true. I am sitting here right now listening to the digital noise on the 32 repeater and am getting it 60 over S9.

The opposite may be the case, the digital users won't be able to tell when an analog QSO is in process unless they listen in the analog mode. To that effect, digital and analog can, and will, co-exist on the frequencies. They must in order to share simplex frequencies.

I think the addition of a digital 2 meter repeater is a great way to get to learn, first hand, the answer to not only the above questions, but many others that will certainly come about. It will also give folks a reason to get into digital. I would bet that once people go digital they will wonder how they ever lived without some of it's features. Take the art of 'kerchunking' for instance. Every time you key up a digital repeater your call sign will be diplayed. Looking for someone with a D-Star and you don't know which repeater they are on? I think you will be able to enter a call sign and be able to connect with them wherever they are. Only want to hear from one station? That can be set up in your rig, and if you don't want to hear certain stations they can be excluded. Short text messages can be sent from your mike's keypad directly to the screen of a D-Star rig.

The list will surely continue to grow. Bill H. will surely be thought of as a local pioneer in the new digital realm.

73,

mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: Ed Summers
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 14:05
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

The problem of coexistance is that those with analog can not tell when the digital side is being used. Transmission then on the analog side will cause interference to the digital side.

Ed

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From: k8mhz@k8mhz.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 1:52 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

"The two modes (digital and Analog) will not coexist on the same frequency."

Why not? I understand that no two signals, regardless of mode, can be on at the same time, but why must a frequency be exclusively digital? (Or exclusively analog for that matter?)

mhz

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1813. Fw: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 22:27:45 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 1813 Message: 1813
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1818. WD8MKG Web Site

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-25 23:51:24 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 1818 Message: 1818

West Michigan HamsHere is the web site to the WD8MKG Repeater page. It tells the story from when it was first put on the air back in the early 1980's.

www.wd8mkg.com

Jim, K8COP

1819. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 00:01:39 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1782 Message: 1819

Its new tech and Muskegon is the first in the state. I think that a plus for Muskegon. In time it will not be a big deal. In time the prices will come down. I will not have one right away but I am sure in time I will. This is just one more mode to play with in ham radio. I sure it is ot the last...

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 5:18 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

If the Morse doesn't make any sense it's because a character got split and part of it went on the next line.

Of course all you CW hotshots probably figured that out anyway, right?

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 17:09
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Down, boy!

No amber flames, either! :)

Have you seen the new digital amber lights? Instead of rotating they blink " ..-. .-.. .-... ...." over and over.

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 16:58
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

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1820. Illinois digitial lham

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 00:02:03 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 1820 Message: 1820
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This short cut takes you to the Illinois Digital Ham group. It has a lot of information on D STAR:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham

Jim, K8COP

1821. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 00:07:00 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1782 Message: 1821

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 12:26 PM
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1822. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 00:11:12 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1813 Message: 1822

That's MS Publisher

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...m
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 5:53 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

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1823. Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star recording

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 00:10:45 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1817 Message: 1823

The Audacity of some programs...

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 6:43 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star recording

Attached you will find a recording of a D-Star QSO as heard on an analog FM reciever. Listen close for the initialization beep at the beginning of each exchange and the faint signal modulation just under the noise level.

I used a program called Audacity and my PC to make the recording.

73,

mhz

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1824. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 00:08:40 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1782 Message: 1824

It sound like someone is using it...

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 00:16:54 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1782 Message: 1825

Honestly, I agree that it is a wonderful new piece of technology for us to play with. It's the repeater owner's decision on what to do with the equipment and how it's used. You could say the same thing about using PL tones to keep unintentional signals from keying a repeater. If you want to use it, get the technology. If not, use another repeater.

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Ed:

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 00:18:16 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1782 Message: 1826

Well, I can see the advantages of using this mode, but as for me, being a blind ham, the text stuff is kind of something that is nice for some, but not for others. *grin*

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From: Jim KC8PCJ
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 00:03:25 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 1813 Message: 1827

Mark:

The Marshall ham fest document is apparently done with Microsoft Publisher.

I have tried saving it in Word, and as an RTF file, but the file seems to come out with a lot of extra junk in it.

It doesn't seem like I have a PDF option here for saving this particular type of file.

Keep in mind, though, that I'm a blind ham, so my speach screen reader may not be telling me everything.

If the Microsoft Publisher info helps you figure out how to open the file, go ahead and scan it for the good of the group if you'd like.

I appologize for sending this in an unusable format.

Actually, when I open it myself, my speach screen reader program can't read it either because of the graphics.

Oh well, this new technology isn't perfect, is it? HI! HI!

Maybe I'll go down to the shack now and use some old technology (i.e. CW) to participate in the CQ World-wide DX contest that is being held this week-end.

Would be curious to know if anyone is doing that contest.

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1828. Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star recording

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 00:05:57 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 1817 Message: 1828

Thanks for this recording, Mark.

Now, we'll all know what to listen for if we are trying to figure out what's coming across our analog receivers.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 6:43 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star recording

Attached you will find a recording of a D-Star QSO as heard on an analog FM reciever. Listen close for the initialization beep at the beginning of each exchange and the faint signal modulation just under the noise level.

I used a program called Audacity and my PC to make the recording.

73,

mhz

1829. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 00:17:30 UTC
From: Ed Summers
Topic: 1782 Message: 1829

Not sure.?

Ed

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 7:07 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

is there a way to decode the audio using your computer and a sound card ???
----- Original Message -----
From: Ed Summers
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

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The two modes (digital and Analog) will not coexist on the same frequency.

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The Icom ID-800 is dual band and dual mode. There is also a dual band mode handhels.

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Ed KC8LBZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 12:14 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yes, $140 is cheap. But if you want the D-Star digital stuff you will
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comes into play.

Read the fine print.

It is a great rig, though.

Is this why Jim, K8COP sold off a few Icom 2200 radios, recently?

Bill, AB8SC

1832. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 02:16:22 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 1782 Message: 1832

Chris:

As another blind ham, I agree with you. ... We're going to have to wait a while before the technology becomes usable for us.

On the other hand, I certainly can understand the advantages of this for some, so I'm willing to hang in there.

We live our lives being patient, I guess.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

----- Original Message -----
From: "Chris Schulte" <ab8wo2006@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 7:18 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Well, I can see the advantages of using this mode, but as for me, being a blind ham, the text stuff is kind of something that is nice for some, but not for others. *grin*

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1833. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 02:06:44 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 1813 Message: 1833
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Here's the file as a PDF.

T Behler <tbehler@...> wrote:
On a lighter note: Here's a post that gives us all something to look
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73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

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1834. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 02:20:43 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 1813 Message: 1834

No problem, Mark.

Let me do some checking about that PDF file maker, and if it looks like it'd be something I can use, I'll let you know.

As for Chris, I have never had the pleasure of meeting him, but hope to do so someday.

Don't know what he uses as his screen reader, but I use something called Jaws.

It has made an amazing difference in what I can do independently both as a ham, and as a college professor at Ferris State.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 8:06 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

Hi Tom,

I use a program that sets up a PDF maker as a printer. Any file I can print I can turn into a PDF file. Actually, I think the program is called Primo PDF Maker. It was free on the Internet.

I don't have Microsoft Publisher and that is probably why I can't open the file.

I understand your issues with your screen reader. My friend Chris AB8WO has one and he let me listen to it. I don't know how you guys make any sense out of it! I do know that graphic files can't be read though. If something comes across the list your screen reader can't de-code just give a yell and we will let you know what it is about.

If you think you can use PDF Maker I will try to find a link to the site. The install file is almost 10 megs so it is too large to attach to a group post.

Thanks for your contribution,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: T Behler
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 19:03
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

Mark:

The Marshall ham fest document is apparently done with Microsoft Publisher.

I have tried saving it in Word, and as an RTF file, but the file seems to come out with a lot of extra junk in it.

It doesn't seem like I have a PDF option here for saving this particular type of file.

Keep in mind, though, that I'm a blind ham, so my speach screen reader may not be telling me everything.

If the Microsoft Publisher info helps you figure out how to open the file, go ahead and scan it for the good of the group if you'd like.

I appologize for sending this in an unusable format.

Actually, when I open it myself, my speach screen reader program can't read
it either because of the graphics.

Oh well, this new technology isn't perfect, is it? HI! HI!

Maybe I'll go down to the shack now and use some old technology (i.e. CW) to participate in the CQ World-wide DX contest that is being held this week-end.

Would be curious to know if anyone is doing that contest.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 5:53 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

What program is used to open the file? I have nothing for a .pub extension.
How about a re-send in a common format like PDF? I have their flyer and will scan it if you don't have a PDF.

mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: T Behler
To: west michigan hams
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 17:27
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

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1835. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 02:32:44 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 1813 Message: 1835

Thanks for taking care of this, Tom.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tom Porritt" <jtporritt@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 9:06 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

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1837. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 00:13:49 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1782 Message: 1837

I'll get the fire extinguisher.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 4:34 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Flame off, OK?

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Ed Summers
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 14:28
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Bill, you make comments that are completely false and then you try to back peddler when someone calls you on it.This is exactly what you said, "Seems like making a repeater D-Star makes the user's club more exclusive." why do you nake comments like this if you don't mean it? You are implying that someone is trying to cut others out of the repeater.

You stated "The repeater that was once open to folks is now closed to the analog folks." The repeater has received minimal, at best, usage in the past. More hits have been on the repeater in the last 3 days than in the last 3 months.

Your next quote "Bill's repeater has wonderful coverage. Now it has 25% greater coverage? Where is the down side? Wonderful for Bill." Bill has put a lot of his own resources into this project. Who benefits, not so much Bill, but I suggest all the hams in at least 4 counties so far that have been able to experience DStar on a repeater.

I would suggest you could be a better supporter if you are truly interested.

Ed

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 2:09 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

I'm not going off on exclusivity. The repeater that was once open to folks is now closed to the analog folks. I did not say that WD8MKG made the change to somehow close his repeater. Nothing further from the truth. I did say it was a great way to experiment with radio. D-Star seems to have lots of potential and some really great things to try and play with. If any one is wound too tight, I suggest we look elsewhere.

If anything I'm excited that we have the option of trying D-Star.
Locally. Great! The rigs have been available for years. Maybe this
will be the incentive to get a rig and try the mode? Bill's repeater
has wonderful coverage. Now it has 25% greater coverage? Where is the
down side? Wonderful for Bill.

I hope that all repeaters don't go that direction. Lots of folks around
here can just scrape together the cash to get on regular analog radio.
Not all changes are for the better and all D-Star machines will
certainly leave some hams without repeater access.

Now, if we could get everyone doing digital hf. . .

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1839. Lettuce have a reel flame war!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 04:44:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1839 Message: 1839

Actually, we should all be using spark gaps, that's the only mode that
will ever be worth anything. :)

Choip de choip choip, choip choip de choip . :)

--------------------------- Original Message follows ---------------------
1g. Re: 147.32 analog?
Posted by: "Jim KC8PCJ" kc8pcj@... kc8pcj_1
Sat Nov 25, 2006 4:08 pm (PST)

Its new tech and Muskegon is the first in the state. I think that a plus
for Muskegon. In time it will not be a big deal. In time the prices will
come down. I will not have one right away but I am sure in time I will.
This is just one more mode to play with in ham radio. I sure it is ot
the last...

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 5:18 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

If the Morse doesn't make any sense it's because a character got split
and part of it went on the next line.

Of course all you CW hotshots probably figured that out anyway, right?

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 17:09
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Down, boy!

No amber flames, either! :)

Have you seen the new digital amber lights? Instead of rotating they
blink " ..-. .-.. .- ... ." over and over.

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 16:58
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 147.32 analog?

Did somebody say, "Amber lights?"

1840. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 04:53:59 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1813 Message: 1840

Thanks Tom
----- Original Message -----
From: Tom Porritt
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 9:06 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

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73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

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From: <SQJUMPER@...>
To: <purplerose@...>; <Info@...>; <w8um.info@...>;
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<spotters@...>; <carc_in@...>; <tars@...>;
<president@...>; <w9bjj@...>; <w9yj@...>;
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<wa9lgq@...>; <ke9ya@arrlnet>; <mgoode@...>;
<w9kqd@yahoo.com>; <kc9cyk@...>; <w9c@...>; <w9ly@...>;
<wm9m@...>; <w9bzi@...>; <ddolfon@...>;
<wa9ema@henrycountyhamteam.org>; <w9rsr@...>; <n9hc@...>;
<kc9gkf@...>; <w9uuu@...>; <kb9kri@...>;
<dlstoneking@...>; <dawnme99@...>
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 4:41 PM
Subject: MARSHALL HAMFEST 2007

> HAMFEST CHAIRMAN 2007
> Billy Booth KD8CDS
> 4 Cinderella Circle
> Springfield, MI.

> 49015
>
> Home Ph. (269)965-1415 (AFTER 4 PM)
> Email: _SQJUMPER@..._ (mailto:SQJUMPER@...)
>
> Hamfest 2007 is just around the corner. Our Hamfest will be held on
> March 17th, 2007 at Marshall High School, Marshall Michigan. We are
hoping to
> have a record turn out. I have attached the Hamfest Flyer to this Email.
Please
> feel free to print out as many as needed. Bring your family and friends
to
> our Hamfest for fun day out to see what is new on the market in radio
> equipment. Hope to see you on March 17th, 2007.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> BILL BOOTH KD8CDS
> HAMFEST CHAIRMAN 2007
>
> Attached
> Hamfest Flyer
>

1842. Re: Lettuce have a reel flame war!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 07:10:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1839 Message: 1842

Doesn't it take a spark to start a flame? :)

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Did somebody say spark?
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Hank Greeb
> To: West Michigan Hams
> Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 23:44
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Lettuce have a reel flame war!
>
>
>
> Actually, we should all be using spark gaps, that's the only mode
> that will ever be worth anything. :)
>
> Choip de choip choip, choip choip de choip . :)
>

1843. ARGYL HAMFEST, Lowell, MI, 16 Dec 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 07:08:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1843 Message: 1843

Talking about hamfests, how about one run by youngsters?

ARGYL(AMATEUR RADIO GROUP of Youth in Lowell) HAMFEST
Saturday, 16 December, 2006 - 0900 to 1200 EST

Lowell High School
11700 Vergennes Street
Lowell, MI 49331

for further info see http://www.argyl.org/hamfest.html

Nice bunche of younger hams - great winter hamfest! Come on out and
support the youth!

1844. re:147.32 analog

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 15:20:42 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1844 Message: 1844

69 e-mails in my mailbox this morning.I only wanted a simple yes/or no answer.Digital,or analog.Good bad or otherwise I really don't care either way.I just wanted to know if I should delete 147.32 from my rigs memory.I was going to ask for a good UTC program,but I don't think I have enough Ram for the e-mails.

73 KD8CBJ

1847. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 16:15:35 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1782 Message: 1847

As far as it goes, with the advances that are being made in voice technology, I don't see it being too awful long before the chips that you can get to read certain things on the kenwood and icom rigs being able to read the text that is put out on a digital radio. Have you seen what the VS-3 will read on the Kenwood ts-2000 and tmv-708a? It's almost everything that a blind person could ask for.
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From: Ed Summers
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 5:21 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Mark,

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Flame has been doused.

Ed

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mhz

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Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 14:05
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

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Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2006 12:26
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1848. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 16:31:54 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 1782 Message: 1848

Chris:

I agree. ... The VS3 chip for the TMD700A, which we have at our county's EOC, is great.

Almost wish I had one of my own. HI! HI!

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ: Big Rapids, Mecosta County

----- Original Message -----
From: "Chris Schulte" <ab8wo2006@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2006 11:15 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

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1849. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 147.32 analog?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 16:29:48 UTC
From: Ed Summers
Topic: 1782 Message: 1849

Just amazing.

Chris Schulte wrote:
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> *From:* Ed Summers <mailto:EDCS2@...>
> *To:* WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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> *Sent:* Saturday, November 25, 2006 5:21 PM
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1852. Re: [WestMichiganHams] re:147.32 analog

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 21:09:50 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 1844 Message: 1852

On 11/26/06 11:09 am k8mhz@... wrote:

> The discussion about digital comms is important. I think that we are looking at the inevitable future when it comes to digital. Analog will eventually become more of an archaic mode that we will still play with.

You mean... Like CW?

Alan NV8A

1853. DStar

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 22:46:05 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1853 Message: 1853

I think digital will remain a neat toy/alternative mode for a while to come. Heck, we still barely use our UHF band on dual band rigs. FM analog still has a great sound quality. Digital is fine, but not so much better that we all are going to trash our rigs and buy new D-Stars within 5 years.

I will probably look for something compatible so I can play a little, but as long as there are analog repeaters and equipment out there, I believe it will remain the dominant mode on the bands above 50 MHz.

----- Original Message -----
From: Alan NV8A
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2006 4:09 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] re:147.32 analog

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1854. Re: [WestMichiganHams] re:147.32 analog

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-26 22:46:54 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1844 Message: 1854

Oh well...I'll get my fire extinguisher out again.

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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1855. Skywarn Recognition day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-27 12:32:57 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1855 Message: 1855

All Last chance this week.
If anybody want to work at Skywarn Recognition day at the Weather Service in GR sign up at this sight.
www.kcest.org/srd.php

To see what it is all about go to this websight

http://www.crh.noaa.gov/hamradio/index.php

1856. Re: Skywarn Recognition day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-27 14:27:38 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1855 Message: 1856

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Tom VanderMel" <kb8vee@...>
wrote:
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> http://www.crh.noaa.gov/hamradio/index.php
>
Checked both web sites,any other info?
73 KD8CBJ

1857. CQWW CW N8XX SOAB LP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-27 14:54:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1857 Message: 1857

Anyone else on this reflector active during the CQ WW DX Contest? It turns out you don't need to have a BIG signal to get some great DX when such a contest is being held. I went into the fray with little expectation of doing anything, because I've just a wire between two trees, about 35' up in the air. However, many times, with a bit of good luck, I managed to snag a DX station on the first or second call, even in a pile up, by figuring out the best timing to beat the crush. Last time I remember that N8XX was in a DX contest was during the ARRL phone DX contest in 1978, when "N" prefixes were new, and "X" suffixes had just be issued. The local radio club borrowed my call for the event, and were subjected to pileups because prefix hunters were looking for "N" prefixes, and quite a few double letter suffix hunters were trying to contact us.

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: SOAB LP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 8

Summary:
Band QSOs Zones Countries

160:
80: 26 9 11
40: 26 12 19
20: 43 14 25
15: 39 15 23
10:

Total: 134 50 78 Total Score = 38,808

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments: First DX contest in memory except for occasional club multi. Was surprized that my peanut whistle 100 W to a wet noodle (40 meter dipole fed with 450 ohm open wire line at 35') managed to snag as many as I did. Couldn't compete with the "BIG" pileups, but surprized myself in getting through some of the smaller ones in competition to some very loud US signals.

1858. Re: [WestMichiganHams] CQWW CW N8XX SOAB LP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-27 15:36:48 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1857 Message: 1858

Hank:

I chase dx for wallpaper. This contest is a great opportunity to fill in some entities, and since I'm relatively new, lots of new ones are offered.

I did not enter the fray except for chasing the occasional spot. And I was not so successful. Chasing dx on cw is interesting, rewarding, challenging, and a great opportunity to rub elbows with some really great cw operators. In no way do I feel part of the fraternity of cw folks.

Glad to hear you entered and had such fun and success.

Bill, AB8SC

1860. Re: re:147.32 analog

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-27 16:07:24 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 1844 Message: 1860

To this point, PLEASE take a few seconds to cut the un-needed test
when replying. Keeping enough to retain the general idea of the post
is sufficient.

Nomex suit has been put on. flame away.

Greg, KC8HXO

<SNIP>
I don't think I have enough Ram for the
> e-mails.
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> 73 KD8CBJ
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1861. RE: [WestMichiganHams] CQWW CW N8XX SOAB LP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-27 17:15:12 UTC
From: Dave Lamer
Topic: 1857 Message: 1861

Hi Hank,

I also worked the contest and had a great time. Good way to get DX and my code speed up.

73 wa8rsa

Dave

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Hank Greeb
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2006 9:54 AM
To: West Michigan Hams
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] CQWW CW N8XX SOAB LP

Anyone else on this reflector active during the CQ WW DX Contest? It turns out you don't need to have a BIG signal to get some great DX when such a contest is being held. I went into the fray with little expectation of doing anything, because I've just a wire between two trees, about 35' up in the air. However, many times, with a bit of good luck, I managed to snag a DX station on the first or second call, even in a pile up, by figuring out the best timing to beat the crush. Last time I remember that N8XX was in a DX contest was during the ARRL phone DX contest in 1978, when "N" prefixes were new, and "X" suffixes had just be issued. The local radio club borrowed my call for the event, and were subjected to pileups because prefix hunters were looking for "N" prefixes, and quite a few double letter suffix hunters were trying to contact us.

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW

Call: N8XX
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8XX

Class: SOAB LP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 8

Summary:
Band QSOs Zones Countries

160:
80: 26 9 11
40: 26 12 19

20: 43 14 25
15: 39 15 23
10:

Total: 134 50 78 Total Score = 38,808

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments: First DX contest in memory except for occasional club multi. Was surprized that my peanut whistle 100 W to a wet noodle (40 meter dipole fed with 450 ohm open wire line at 35') managed to snag as many as I did. Couldn't compete with the "BIG" pileups, but surprized myself in getting through some of the smaller ones in competition to some very loud US signals.

1863. Yes, CW

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-27 19:30:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1844 Message: 1863

Yes, Alan. We're talking of CW, that very ancient mode of operation which some folks say is a "dying art."

I doubt that I could have gotten through the pileups through which I successfully made contacts during the CQ-WW-SS contest this last weekend. It amazed me to hear the cacophony of loud signals, and then, just as they died down, I'd interject my peanut whistle call from my low power rig to a wet noodle dipole, and about 50% of the time the operator on the other end would come back to me. Some of the DX stations were very kind - they'd only get part of my call, but would insist on NOT working anyone else until they workd the "N8" or "X" or some other fragment of my call.

I do think some of the operators must have gotten my call incorrectly, because they'd come back with w8xx, or n9xx, or some other permutation, but since I was in the contest just for the fun it really didn't matter to me.

On a different subject, I've been checking into the HF nets when possible, and after 7 p.m. or so propagation has been long to very long. On the Eighth Region Net, for example, the West Virginia stations can generally hear me, they have loud signals, but the Ohio stations are sometimes a bit weak - just at or slightly above the ambient noise. If I'd be using SSB, with 2.5 KHz bandwidth, I probably couldn't drag the traffic out of the mud. But, with CW, and 500 Hz bandwidth the copy is a bit challenging, but doable.

So, for me, at least, CW seems to be a very valuable tool, both for fun of a DX Contest, and for the ability to get traffic through under adverse conditions.

As far as D-* goes, I'm a "wait and see person". It might offer a bit more signal to noise ratio than FM, because it works in a smaller (2.5 KHz??) bandwidth (at least on 2 metres) vs 10 or 15 KHz for FM, but it's not 500 Hz of CW. Lots more bellzandwhistles are possible than with CW, but I'm not sure what happens when the signal gets down to only a few dB above the ambient noise.

73 de n8xx Hg

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> Q: You mean... Like CW?
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1864. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Yes, CW

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-27 19:56:21 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1844 Message: 1864

I agree, cw is still the best form of communication when it absolutely has to be sent. Think of what happens to radio signals when there is an arorah, (forgive the poor spelling of that) and when there are other natural or even man made noises on the air waves. Voice is unreliable during those times, but CW will always get through, if not always, more then voice, as there is really no truly one hundred percent reliable form of communication.
73,
ab8wo

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1865. Re: [WestMichiganHams] re:147.32 analog

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-27 19:21:07 UTC
From: ED
Topic: 1844 Message: 1865

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1866. Re: [WestMichiganHams] re:147.32 analog

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-27 21:20:17 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1844 Message: 1866

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73,
ab8wo

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2006 2:21 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] re:147.32 analog

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1868. Re: [WestMichiganHams] re:147.32 analog

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-27 22:39:37 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1844 Message: 1868

It sounds like it would work similar to a "direct connect" system like Nextel, but a little simpler.

----- Original Message -----
From: Chris Schulte
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2006 4:20 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] re:147.32 analog

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1869. Re: [WestMichiganHams] re:147.32 analog

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-27 22:38:06 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1844 Message: 1869
Attachments: 5 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

That is really neat. It is not so much a mode, but a system. It is very much like a cellular phone system without the "cells."

Your mobile phone checks in and the system remembers what tower (repeater) it was on last.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2006 5:05 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] re:147.32 analog

Here is some info from the Icom site about D-Star repeaters. In addition to what is described below, D-Star has also been used with EchoLink.

Repeaters and repeater systems

D-STAR gateway protocols and software support linking repeater systems over a few miles or around the world. A regional group of repeaters create a D-STAR zone, shown in figure 4, working together and addressable in the D-STAR system as a unit. Whether you live in the wide-open spaces or a densely populated area, D-STAR repeaters can be tied together to make up the repeater system you want using either Internet or microwave links.

Repeaters linked with D-STAR can also share information using the same D-STAR link. This information includes repeater operating information and statistics. System designers can add entirely new functions, sharing weather and control information, for example. Another possibility is "smart systems" that track interference or user location.

If you've tried to coordinate a repeater channel on 2-meters or 440 MHz in any metropolitan area, you know how crowded the bands are! The D-STAR voice and low-speed data signal offers a significant improvement in spectrum efficiency, requiring only a 6 kHz channel instead of the 20, 25, or even 30 kHz of analog wide-band FM. As shown in figure 5, D-STAR repeaters can be interleaved between existing channels or multiple repeaters deployed in the spectrum of only one analog FM repeater.

As authorized users make their initial transmission to a D-STAR system, the call sign information attached to the digitized voice packets is recorded by the repeater controller. The controller then shares the information with other D-STAR systems through the D-STAR gateway registry. The registry is maintained on gateway servers located around the world as shown in figure 6 -- currently Japan, the United States, and the UK. When an authorized D-STAR user makes a call to a call sign not currently registered on that repeater system, the registry allows the repeater controller to route the call to the repeater on which the targeted user was last registered.

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Monday, November 27, 2006 16:20
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1870. Re: [WestMichiganHams] re:147.32 analog

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-27 21:43:01 UTC
From: Ed Summers
Topic: 1844 Message: 1870

Yes, From DStar repeater to DStar repeater via Internet.

Ed

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1871. It's the Jingle Bell Parade and we need your help .....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-28 00:37:53 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 1871 Message: 1871

Hello Everyone ? Once again it is time to welcome Santa Claus to Grand Haven for this Christmas season ? yes it is the Jingle Bell Parade and it is this coming Saturday evening at 7:00 pm and we have been asked to help guide Santa and all his fans large and small safely along the parade route by GHPS and the Grand Haven Chamber Of Commerce. We will be meeting starting at 6:15pm at the Grand Haven Public Safety Parking lot so we are on the route by 7:00 and should be done by 8:00 if his sleigh makes it on time. If you can help please come out, we will be communicating on the 145.49 repeater ? please send me a email reply if you can or catch John Fisher or myself on the repeater ? bring your family along too as this is a real nice winter time event lots of floats with lots of lights ? hope to see you there ? 73 Don
kb8odb@... or phone 616-846-7307

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

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e-mail:kb8odb@...

1873. Re: CQWW CW N8XX SOAB LP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-28 15:51:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1857 Message: 1873

Bill:

When you start thinking in CW, and have to translate what is said from English to CW before you recognize what is said, then you'll REALLY be a CW nut. This happened to me after 20+ hours of a CW Sweepstakes. It felt wierd for a few hours after waking up on Monday morning - like I was in a foreign country.

If I'm copying higher speed CW I often have to read what I've just copied because things go from my brain to the keyboard without registering (in English) what I've just copied.

But, the strange calls, like T40, 9Y5, P57, etc., make things very interesting, especially in a contest when they zip through their call letters at a very high clip. I've thought about using a multi speed tape recorder to record and then play back what the folks are saying, but haven't gotten around to it.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Bill Fries <bill_fries@...> wrote:
>
> Hank:
>
> I chase dx for wallpaper. This contest is a great opportunity to
> fill in some entities, and since I'm relatively new, lots of new
> ones are offered.
>
> I did not enter the fray except for chasing the occasional spot.
> And I was not so successful. Chasing dx on cw is interesting,
> rewarding, challenging, and a great opportunity to rub elbows
> with some really great cw operators. In no way do I feel part
> of the fraternity of cw folks.
>
> Glad to hear you entered and had such fun and success.
>
> Bill, AB8SC

1874. ARRL Straight Key Night, Dec 31 - Jan 1 (EST)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-28 15:53:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1874 Message: 1874

One thing where many/most hams should be comfortable with their CW would be ARRL's Straight Key Night. SKN 2007 begins at 7:00 p.m. EST December 31 and runs for 24 hours through 7:00 p.m. EST January 1 (0000 -2400 UTC January 1, 2007). Details at

http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2007/skn.html

1875. Re: re:147.32 analog

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-28 16:00:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1844 Message: 1875

I trust the problems of audio levels, audio passbands, etc., are minimized when linking repeaters.

Also, the wider the range and larger the number of repeaters in a group, the more tempting the collection is to squirrels who send trash and otherwise interfere with conversations on the linked systems. The the call signs imbedded in "registered" rigs, this should be considerably harder for the squirrels.

Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Here is some info from the Icom site about D-Star repeaters. In addition to what is described below, D-Star has also been used with EchoLink.

> Repeaters and repeater systems
>
> D-STAR gateway protocols and software support linking repeater systems over a few miles or around the world. A regional group of repeaters create a D-STAR zone, shown in figure 4, working together and addressable in the D-STAR system as a unit. Whether you live in the wide-open spaces or a densely populated area, D-STAR repeaters can be tied together to make up the repeater system you want using either Internet or microwave links.
>
> Repeaters linked with D-STAR can also share information using the same D-STAR link. This information includes repeater operating information and statistics. System designers can add entirely new functions, sharing weather and control information, for example. Another possibility is "smart systems" that track interference or user location.
>
>
> If you've tried to coordinate a repeater channel on 2-meters or 440 MHz in any metropolitan area, you know how crowded the bands are! The D-STAR voice and low-speed data signal offers a significant improvement in spectrum efficiency, requiring only a 6 kHz channel instead of the 20, 25, or even 30 kHz of analog wide-band FM. As shown in figure 5, D-STAR repeaters can be interleaved between existing channels or multiple repeaters deployed in the spectrum of only one analog FM repeater.
>
> As authorized users make their initial transmission to a D-STAR system, the call sign information attached to the digitized voice

packets is recorded by the repeater controller. The controller then shares the information with other D-STAR systems through the D-STAR gateway registry. The registry is maintained on gateway servers located around the world as shown in figure 6 -- currently Japan, the United States, and the UK. When an authorized D-STAR user makes a call to a call sign not currently registered on that repeater system, the registry allows the repeater controller to route the call to the repeater on which the targeted user was last registered. <snip>

1876. Needed: TNC firmware

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-28 17:02:41 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1876 Message: 1876

I bought a PacComm TNC-200 off Ebay a week ago, and it arrived today. Sure enough, it doesn't work. It powers up, the front panel lights come on and the serial port goes "online", but it doesn't "boot". Seeing as it gets that far, I imagine that most of the hardware is OK. I have, of course, tried disconnecting the battery to clear the NVRAM.

My best guess is that either the firmware or the RAM chip is bad. Most likely the firmware. By any chance, does anyone have a known-good TNC firmware chip in their junk drawer? Any "generic" firmware will do, though I don't think the firmware from a multi-mode unit would work. (If it would, I do have the old firmware from my MFJ 1278 sitting on the shelf in front of me). It must support KISS operation, as that is what I will be using this TNC for, aside from that I'm not too picky about it.

If anyone has one, I'll give you $4 for it. I will be at the HARC mini-swap, or we can get together at any of the other weekly functions around the area.

Thanks!
-Joe, N8FQ

1877. Re: Needed: TNC firmware

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-28 19:38:49 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1876 Message: 1877

You can ignore that last post. I decided to go ahead and try plugging in the aforementioned old MFJ 1278 firmware, and it did in fact work. The exact form of functionality, however, came as a complete surprise.

When I turned the PacComm TNC-200 (a TNC-2 clone) with the firmware from the MFJ 1278 (a multimode unit) installed, it started up just fine. Though the 1278 has significant parts copied from the TNC-2, it is in fact a different animal. So it was a bit of a surprise that it worked like this. But here's where it gets weird: the sign-on message, instead of saying "MFJ Enterprises Model 1278 multi-mode controller" and giving a build date of April 1988, said "Digital Radio Systems, Inc" and gave a build date in 1992. There's no sign of the commands specific to the MFJ's features, but all of the "basic" commands work, including the essential KISS mode (which didn't work when I was using this firmware in the 1278!).

I had a chat with Ernie W8EL and Chuck WB8WHN on the Holland .06 repeater, and of all the theories that were floated, the most plausible one is that the PacComm has a "hard" firmware stored somewhere else on the board, which it loaded upon finding and rejecting the MFJ firmware.

So how 'bout that?
-Joe, N8FQ

1878. Re: It's the Jingle Bell Parade and we need your help .....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-28 20:47:14 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1871 Message: 1878

Howdy Don.
I will be there again this year to help out. I may even be able to get the the XYL to come out and put her radio to work as well. I will let you know if she is able to come out later.

Enjoy!
Doc, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Don Meyer <kb8odb@...>
wrote:
>
> Hello Everyone Once again it is time to welcome Santa Claus to
Grand Haven for this Christmas season yes it is the Jingle Bell
Parade and it is this coming Saturday evening at 7:00 pm and we have
been asked to help guide Santa and all his fans large and small
safely along the parade route by GHPS and the Grand Haven Chamber Of
Commerce. We will be meeting starting at 6:15pm at the Grand Haven
Public Safety Parking lot so we are on the route by 7:00 and should
be done by 8:00 if his sleigh makes it on time. If you can help
please come out, we will be communicating on the 145.49 repeater
please send me a email reply if you can or catch John Fisher or
myself on the repeater bring your family along too as this is a
real nice winter time event lots of floats with lots of lights
hope to see you there 73 Don
> kb8odb@... or phone 616-846-7307
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>
> Donald Meyer - KB8ODB
>
> Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County
>
> e-mail:kb8odb@...
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1879. Packet related question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-28 20:45:22 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1876 Message: 1879

Talking about TNC's - I have at least two TNC-2 types, a Kantronics something or the other (KPC-2 I think), and perhaps a Kantronics data engine and maybe a 19.2 K modem. Is there a market for this kind of thing in Western Michigan? Would a Holland mini swap be a possible outlet for these things?

Also, I'd like to get a packet station going for things like DX cluster spotting, etc. but I need 9 pin DIN plug for the TNC-2 versions. One used to be able to get these at Rat Shack, but a couple weeks ago I perused the shelves of the local emporium and didn't find those connectors. Any idea where I might find such a connector? (I tried the For Twain hamfest and didn't run across any of the things, though I didn't scour every possible vendor or flea marketer.)

73 de n8xx Hg

1880. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Packet related question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-28 21:08:27 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1876 Message: 1880

E-bay is your best bet, but you could probably sell them almost anywhere, including on this reflector.

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2006 3:45 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Packet related question

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73 de n8xx Hg

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.409 / Virus Database: 268.14.19/555 - Release Date: 11/27/2006

1881. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Yes, CW

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-28 21:11:44 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 1844 Message: 1881

I have no doubt that under some conditions CW will get the message through when SSB will not.

HOWEVER, I wonder whether some of the more modern modes would not do as well as or better than CW. E.g., has anybody run any tests of CW vs. PSK31 or other digital modes? I have seen Ham Radio Deluxe's PSK31 module "lock onto" and produce intelligible text from signals whose presence I could not detect by ear.

Of course Morse Code has other advantages, such as not needing a computer at each end, and in fact for short distances it doesn't even need a radio: flashing lights or tapping on the walls of one's cell work too.

Does anybody still use CW except hams? I don't know.

73

Alan NV8A

On 11/27/06 02:30 pm Hank Greeb wrote:

> Yes, Alan. We're talking of CW, that very ancient mode of operation
> which some folks say is a "dying art."
>
> I doubt that I could have gotten through the pileups through which I
> successfully made contacts during the CQ-WW-SS contest this last
> weekend. It amazed me to hear the cacophony of loud signals, and
> then, just as they died down, I'd interject my peanut whistle call
> from my low power rig to a wet noodle dipole, and about 50% of the
> time the operator on the other end would come back to me. Some of
> the DX stations were very kind - they'd only get part of my call, but
> would insist on NOT working anyone else until they workd the "N8"
> or "X" or some other fragment of my call.
>
> I do think some of the operators must have gotten my call
> incorrectly, because they'd come back with w8xx, or n9xx, or some
> other permutation, but since I was in the contest just for the fun it
> really didn't matter to me.
>
> On a different subject, I've been checking into the HF nets when
> possible, and after 7 p.m. or so propagation has been long to very
> long. On the Eighth Region Net, for example, the West Virginia
> stations can generally hear me, they have loud signals, but the Ohio
> stations are sometimes a bit weak - just at or slightly above the
> ambient noise. If I'd be using SSB, with 2.5 KHz bandwidth, I
> probably couldn't drag the traffic out of the mud. But, with CW, and

> 500 Hz bandwidth the copy is a bit challenging, but doable.
>
> So, for me, at least, CW seems to be a very valuable tool, both for
> fun of a DX Contest, and for the ability to get traffic through under
> adverse conditions.
>
> As far as D-* goes, I'm a "wait and see person". It might offer a
> bit more signal to noise ratio than FM, because it works in a smaller
> (2.5 KHz??) bandwidth (at least on 2 metres) vs 10 or 15 KHz for FM,
> but it's not 500 Hz of CW. Lots more bellzandwhistles are possible
> than with CW, but I'm not sure what happens when the signal gets down
> to only a few dB above the ambient noise.

> --- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:

>> Q: You mean... Like CW?

1883. Re: Yes, CW

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-28 21:59:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1844 Message: 1883

There are digital modes which have error correction and computational methods which can dig down under the average noise level. If it were life or death, and absolute integrity of the messages must be verified, then this type of transfer would be the mode of choice. The modes used for communication with submarines, for example, where signal levels are very low due to absorption from water, must use these techniques, though exact methods are classified secrets.

For experimenting, such as with the experimental 136 KHz VLF band, where the ERP is limited and the ambient noise level is high, baud rates of less than 0.1 with start and stop syncronized with WWV, have been used to communicate between Australia and Europe for example. It takes up to several hours to send the bare essentials of a complete contact.

Coherent CW, at less than 1 WPM, was described way back in the 1960's. In those days discrete parts, perhaps even tubes, were used. The techniques are much simpler with computers and sound cards.

Several of these techniques were described in QST a few years ago. I haven't searched the index recently. A simple index is available to non members at http://www.arrl.org/files/infoserv/qst/ or a searchable index is available to members at the main arrl.org web site.

Hg

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> through when SSB will not.
>
> HOWEVER, I wonder whether some of the more modern modes would not
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> of CW vs. PSK31 or other digital modes? I have seen Ham Radio
> Deluxe's PSK31 module "lock onto" and produce intelligible text
> from signals whose presence I could not detect by ear.
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> Of course Morse Code has other advantages, such as not needing a
> computer at each end, and in fact for short distances it doesn't
> even need a radio: flashing lights or tapping on the walls of
> one's cell work too.
>
> Does anybody still use CW except hams? I don't know.
>
> 73

>
> Alan NV8A

1884. Sgt. Preston Foot Race

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-28 23:27:02 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 1884 Message: 1884

It's that time of year again for the Sgt. Preston Foot Race.
Frank Towsley, WA7VLH, is handeling the communications for the run.
Pls contact him to sign-up @ 722-8264. Frank's e-mail is currently
being repaired.

Jim, K8COP

INFO:

Muskegon State Park's Sgt. Preston Yukon King Run
11 a.m. Monday, January 1, 2007.

More than 200 runners are expected at the 32nd annual event, the
longest yearly running race in Muskegon. This fundraiser provides
financial support for the Muskegon High School Athletic Booster Club.

1885. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Packet related question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-29 00:40:49 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 1876 Message: 1885

I agree with Andrew - ebay is good for such trading - both buy & sell.

On Tue, 2006-11-28 at 20:45 +0000, Hank Greeb wrote:
>
> Talking about TNC's - I have at least two TNC-2 types, a Kantronics
> something or the other (KPC-2 I think), and perhaps a Kantronics data
> engine and maybe a 19.2 K modem. Is there a market for this kind of
> thing in Western Michigan? Would a Holland mini swap be a possible
> outlet for these things?

Not a bad alternative - need to arrange it to be "seen" easily.

>
> Also, I'd like to get a packet station going for things like DX
> cluster
> spotting, etc. but I need 9 pin DIN plug for the TNC-2 versions. One
> used to be able to get these at Rat Shack, but a couple weeks ago I
> perused the shelves of the local emporium and didn't find those
> connectors. Any idea where I might find such a connector? (I tried
> the For Twain hamfest and didn't run across any of the things, though
> I
> didn't scour every possible vendor or flea marketer.)

Like most other things - alternatives abound.
USB is emerging as the favored computer connection - I have one USB port
with a converter trouble free so far.
TNC is perhaps better but less flexible than sound interface.
RS-232 adapters are plentiful (a million varieties) at Computers & More
in Holland.

>
> 73 de n8xx Hg

73
de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

1886. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Packet related question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-29 01:50:09 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1876 Message: 1886

www.buxcomm.com (http://www.buxcomm.com) for your DIN,as for the TNC's I am researching/shopping that very subject.But Santa issues put off me being able to do anything about it right now.

73 KD8CBJ

1887. Stamp Collecting?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-29 10:07:20 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1887 Message: 1887

From the recent "Contester's Rate Sheet" a paragraph you might find interesting or useful. It is an unusual issue that arrives without one or two fun places to wander into on the internet. I recommend you subscribe.

Another fascinating sideline of ham radio, particularly DXing, is stamp collecting. There are quite a few "radio stamps" and Merri AB0MV has put together quite a Web site (http://www.qsl.net/ab0mv/stamps.htm) with many pictures of stamps with radio and electrical themes. The site loads slowly, so be patient. (Thanks, John W0UN)

1888. Wednesday Packet Training Net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-29 12:32:44 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 1888 Message: 1888

All,
I will not be available to run the packet training net tonight, but I believe N8FQ has said he will do it. Once again I owe Joe a big thankyou. Thanks Joe.
Tom

1889. Fwd: [VOIP-WXNET] SKYWARN Recognition Day 2006 and VoIP Operations Update #3

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-29 13:06:29 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 1889 Message: 1889

Note: forwarded message attached.

Everyone is raving about the all-new Yahoo! Mail beta.

1890. Re: [MIDSTAR] D STAR Video

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-29 15:57:11 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 1890 Message: 1890

This video is also available directly on the Icom America web site at:

http://fp8.adhost.com/icomamerica/d-star_introduction.wmv

I also have a link to it from the Illinois Digital Ham Yahoo Group.

I suspect someone downloaded from Icom site and uploaded it to YouTube.

Be aware that when this video was done at Dayton in 2005 only 1.2 GHz D-STAR equipment was available. As many of you know, subsequently Icom has introduced HTs, mobiles & repeaters for 2m & 70cm.

73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

----- Original Message ----
From: "Jim, K8COP" <jimk8cop@...>
To: MIDSTAR@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2006 7:11:57 AM
Subject: [MIDSTAR] D STAR Video

A short video on D STAR.

Jim, K8COP

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:
Shortcut to: http://www.youtube. com/watch? v=x1XpiR9- WWM&mode=related&search=

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http://new.mail.yahoo.com

1891. Fwd: ARLB028 FCC corrects error in "Omnibus" Report And Order

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-30 14:06:39 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 1891 Message: 1891

Note: forwarded message attached.

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1892. Winter Storm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-30 14:06:15 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1892 Message: 1892

All
Help the NWS out with this storm coming Friday. Tom

Hello Everyone: Please be prepared to provide winter storm measurements via the QMN-NWS Rain Gauge Network. A copy of the forecast discussion is provided below. Until the forecast firms-up, we will not set an observation and net schedule. However, this is a good time to review the reporting procedures. If we do not call for special net sessions, routine snowfall observation may be submitted in the normal way. Please follow these guidelines: 1. When checking-in, list the traffic as one routine NWS.2. NCS operators should request a QMN or NWS liaison.3. An example of message format is as follows: 11 R K8SIW 5 VALLEY TWP MI 2330Z DEC 1NWS-GRR ALLEGAN SNOW 350/350 LIQUID 035 WADES Place of origin: Location where the observation was made. This is not your mailing address, but rather the city or township in which you are located. These do differ, sometimes by ten miles or more, so please be sure to accurately indicate your location. Time of origin: Time at which you made the observation. Address: NWS CWA in which you are located (e.g. APX, DTX, GRR, IWX, MQT) Text: County in which the observation was made, followed by precipitation type, amount of snow measured as falling in past 24-hours, amount of snow on ground at time of observation, and liquid equivalent (melted). Please note, the liquid equivalent is optional. If you are one of the observers equipped with a standard 8-inch government gauge, we would appreciate the liquid amount. Routine reports may be listed on QMN-Early, MITN, or on the QMN K8QMN-14 high-profile packet radio BBS. Emergency Observations If subsequent forecast models indicate the likelihood for a major event, we may call for observations at 3, 6, or 12-hour intervals. In this case, the message format alters to: 12 P K8SIW 3 VALLEY TWP MI 1200Z DEC 2NWS-GRR ALLEGAN SIX HOUR SNOW 570/1020/1020 WADES The same rules apply here, except the measurements, in order, indicate the amount of snow that has fallen in the past six hours (5.20 inches), the amount of snow on ground (10.20 inches), and the storm event total (10.20 inches). The message is also "priority" precedence. Routine reports need not be submitted during emergency operations. Nets Messages may be submitted via HF-SSB, the VHF Link Repeater System (W8HVG West Michigan), the QMN CW Nets, or the QMN Packet Radio Network.In the later case, please follow these directions: 1. Use the ST command, followed by the general QMN call sign "K8SIW" (e.g. ST K8SIW). Do not simply use "S", as this will indicate a personal message and it may not be accessible for delivery! 2. For the subject line, indicate QTC, followed by quantity, precedence, and NWS office (CWA) of destination. For example: QTC 1 P NWS-GRR 3. At the message prompt, please enter your message in standard NTS format, all capitals, imitating the format above. 4. Using /EX on a separate line, exit from the BBS. 5. When using packet radio, if possible, please try to format your message in a buffer first for upload, so as not to tie up the BBS. Disconnect promptly using the "B" (bye) command at the command prompt. The procedures on the "manual mode" traffic nets are identical to all other NTS traffic. As stated previously, we will announce the net times, frequencies, and related information when we know more about this potentially significant winter storm. Thank you, Jim Wades, K8SIW 000FXUS63 KGRR 300848AFDGRR AREA FORECAST DISCUSSIONNATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GRAND RAPIDS MI350 AM EST THU NOV 30 2006 .SHORT TERM...A MAJOR EARLY SEASON WINTER STORM WILL IMPACT OUR AREA BEGINNINGLATE THURSDAY NIGHT THROUGH FRIDAY AFTERNOON. THIS STORM WILL BRINGTHE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT SNOWFALL ACROSS OUR ENTIRE CWA. THEREIS ALSO A THREAT FOR FREEZING RAIN

WITH SIGNIFICANT ICING POTENTIALFOR OUR SOUTHERN CWA FRIDAY MORNING PRIMARILY SOUTH OF I-96. POST FRONTAL RAIN WILL CONTINUE EARLY THIS MORNING ACROSS MOST OFOUR CWA AND THEN SHIFT EAST TO AFFECT OUR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN CWAFROM MID TO LATE MORNING. CAA WILL CONTINUE WITH SLOWLY FALLINGTEMPERATURES THROUGH THE DAY CAUSING ANY LINGERING SHOWERS TOBECOMING MIXED WITH THEN CHANGE OVER TO LIGHT SNOW SHOWERS ORFLURRIES FROM NW TO SE. HOWEVER... I BELIEVE THAT BY THE TIME IT ISCOLD ENOUGH FOR SNOW THE TIMING WILL BE SUCH THAT THE STEADIER PCPNWILL ALREADY BE OUT OF OUR AREA. THEREFORE I EXPECT NOTHING MORETHAN A FEW FLURRIES OR LIGHT SNOW SHOWERS THIS AFTERNOON WITH NOSNOW ACCUMULATION. TEMPS WILL CONTINUE TO FALL STEADILY THROUGH THE30S ACROSS OUR CWA THIS AFTERNOON. AN INTENSIFYING LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM WILL MOVE FROM NE ARKANSAS THISEVENING TO NEAR IND BY 12Z FRIDAY. THIS LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM WILLTHEN MOST LIKELY CONTINUE TO TRACK NE TO NEAR TORONTO CANADA BY 18ZFRIDAY. THIS SYSTEM HAS POTENTIAL TO PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT SNOW ACCUMSACROSS MUCH OF OUR AREA FROM EARLY FRIDAY MORNING THROUGH FRIDAYAFTERNOON. VIGOROUS PVA WILL DEVELOP BETWEEN AROUND 10Z AND 18ZFRIDAY. VERY STRONG UPR DIVERGENCE IS PROGGED AND OMEGA VALUES AREREALLY IMPRESSIVE... ON THE ORDER OF 25-40 MICROBARS/SEC! IN FACT WECANNOT REMEMBER THE LAST TIME SHORT RANGE GUIDANCE PROGGED THESETYPE OF OMEGAS AND JUST A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF LIFT. DEEP MOISTUREAND VERY STRONG UPWARD VERTICAL MOTION WILL EXTEND UP THROUGH THEFAVORED MAX DENDRITIC SNOW GROWTH REGION OF THE ATMOSPHERE (ROUGHLY-12 TO -18 C). MID LEVEL INSTABILITY AND IMPRESSIVE 700 MB F-VECTORCONVERGENCE IS ALSO PROGGED PARTICULARLY ACROSS OUR NORTH CENTRALAND NORTHERN CWA. THIS SYSTEM WILL TAP EXTENSIVE GULF MOISTURE AND ATROWAL WILL ALSO DEVELOP AS AN AXIS OF WARMER AIR ALOFT NUDGES INFROM THE ESE. SHORT RANGE GUIDANCE ALSO SHOWS QUITE CLEARLY THAT ALINGERING DEFORMATION ZONE BAND WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO IMPACT(MAINLY) OUR NW AND NORTHERN CWA THROUGH FRIDAY AFTERNOON ON THEBACK SIDE OF THE SYSTEM AS A RESULT OF TILTING/STRETCHING OF UPRLEVEL VORTICITY. IN ADDITION TO HEAVY SNOW POTENTIAL THERE IS ALSO POTENTIAL FORSIGNIFICANT ICING ACROSS PORTIONS OF OUR AREA (MAINLY OUR SE ANDSOUTHERN CWA FRIDAY MORNING). 00Z NAM GUIDANCE FCST SOUNDINGS ANDBUFKIT DATA CLEARLY SHOW A FAIR AMOUNT OF WARM AIR (> 0 C) ALOFTWITH SHALLOW COLD AIR RIGHT NEAR THE SFC FROM ROUGHLY I-96 SOUTH. IFNAM GUIDANCE IS CORRECT A FULL FLEDGED ICE STORM IS NOT BEYOND THEREALM OF POSSIBILITY ACROSS THAT AREA. 00Z GFS MODEL DATA PAINTS ADIFFERENT PICTURE. EVEN THOUGH IT HAS THE SFC LOW PRESSURE SYSTEMFURTHER WEST AND CENTERED NEAR SBN BY 12Z FRIDAY... A LOOK AT GFSFCST SOUNDINGS SHOWS THAT THEY ARE SIGNIFICANTLY COOLER WITH TEMPPROFILES ACROSS OUR SOUTHERN CWA BETWEEN 12Z AND 18Z. AS A RESULT OFDYNAMICAL AND EVAPORATIONAL COOLING AND VERY HEAVY PCPN IN THAT TIMEFRAME... I WOULD LEAN TOWARD BELIEVING THE COOLER GFS FCST SOUNDINGSWHICH SEEM MORE REALISTIC. THIS THINKING COULD OBVIOUSLY CHANGEHOWEVER IF THE GFS CONTINUES IT/S TREND FURTHER WEST WITH THE SFCLOW TRACK. THE BOTTOM LINE TO ALL THIS IS THAT WE BELIEVE A SIGNIFICANT SNOWEVENT IS PROBABLE FOR MUCH OF OUR CWA WITH SNOW TOTALS OF ANYWHEREFROM 6 TO 12 INCHES EASILY ATTAINABLE FROM AROUND 10Z FRIDAYTHROUGH FRIDAY AFTERNOON. SEVERAL LOCATIONS COULD EASILY HAVESNOWFALL TOTALS FROM THIS STORM EXCEED A FOOT AND EVEN APPROACH AFOOT AND A HALF. THE HEAVIEST SNOW WILL LIKELY FALL FROM AROUND 10ZTHROUGH 18Z WHEN SNOWFALL RATES OF ANYWHERE FROM 1 TO AS MUCH AS 3INCHES PER HOUR ARE CERTAINLY POSSIBLE. DEFORMATION ZONE SNOW WILLCONTINUE THROUGH MID TO LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON (MAINLY NORTH) BEFOREGRADUALLY TAPERING OFF TO SCATTERED SNOW SHOWERS FRIDAY EVENING.ACROSS OUR SOUTHERN CWA I BELIEVE A PERIOD OF FZRA IS CERTAINLYPOSSIBLE FRIDAY MORNING WHICH WOULD ALSO OBVIOUSLY LIMIT SNOW TOTALSFROM I-96 SOUTH. HOWEVER GIVEN CURRENT GUIDANCE AND TRENDS ANDFINDING THE GFS FCST SOUNDINGS MORE BELIEVABLE THAN THE NAM DATA...I SUSPECT THE FZRA WOULD CHANGE OVER TO SNOW RATHER QUICKLY LATEFRIDAY MORNING AND EARLY FRIDAY AFTERNOON ACROSS OUR SOUTHERN CWA. I EXPECT SCATTERED LAKE EFFECT SNOW SHOWERS FRIDAY NIGHT ANDSATURDAY IN A WESTERLY LOW LEVEL FLOW REGIME FRIDAY NIGHT WHICH WILLBECOME SW SATURDAY. DELTA T/S IN THE MID TEENS WILL RESULT INCONDITIONAL INSTABILITY. HOWEVER MOISTURE PROFILES IN THAT TIMEFRAME ARE NOT TOO IMPRESSIVE FOR LES PARTICULARLY ON SATURDAY.FURTHERMORE INVERSION HEIGHTS WILL BE DOWN

AROUND 4 TO 5 KFT SO THEOVERALL SETUP FOR LES IS NOT REALLY IMPRESSIVE FRIDAY NIGHT THROUGHSATURDAY. AS FOR HEADLINE DECISIONS... A WINTER STORM WARNING WAS STRONGLYCONSIDERED BUT AFTER COORD WITH SURROUNDING OFFICES IT WASDETERMINED THAT THE DAY SHIFT COULD MAKE THAT CALL AFTER REVIEW OFALL THE LATEST COMPUTER MODEL GUIDANCE AND TRENDS. THE DAY SHIFTWILL ALSO STILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO GET WARNINGS OUT WITH PLENTY OFLEAD TIME SINCE THE EVENT WILL NOT REALLY GET GOING UNTIL THE EARLYMORNING HOURS FRIDAY. WE FELT THIS COURSE OF ACTION WAS WISEST.WE DECIDED TO EXPAND THE WINTER STORM WATCH HEADLINE TO INCLUDE OURNORTHERNMOST ROW OF COUNTIES. THIS SINCE GUIDANCE HAS BEEN TRENDINGA BIT FURTHER NW WITH THE SFC LOW TRACK AND THERE IS ALSO SOMEPOTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT DEFORMATION ZONE SNOW TO LINGER ACROSSTHAT AREA. FINALLY... I AM CONCERNED THAT A POTENTIAL DRY SLOTWORKING IN FROM THE SOUTH COULD LIMIT SNOW/ICE ACCUMS ACROSS OURSOUTHERN CWA. HOWEVER AT THIS POINT A WINTER STORM WATCH WHICHINCLUDES OUR SOUTHERN COUNTIES DEFINITELY SEEMS VERY JUSTIFIED. .LONG TERM...MODELS ARE IN DECENT AGREEMENT IN SHOWING THE UPPER TROUGH PIVOTINGTHROUGH SOUTHWEST LOWER MI SUNDAY INTO SUNDAY NIGHT. THECOMBINATION OF DEEP MOISTURE...DEEP CYCLONIC FLOW AND TEMPERATURESFAVORABLE FOR LAKE EFFECT SUGGEST A MORE ORGANIZED EVENT. NOTICETHIS SYSTEM CURRENTLY LOOKS RATHER INTENSE COMING INTO THE PACIFICNW. FOR THESE REASONS...I INCREASED POPS TO LIKELY NEAR THELAKESHORE SUN INTO SUN NIGHT. WILL NEED TO MONITOR THE SYSTEM FORMON INTO TUE AS WELL. LOOKS LIKE SW FLOW DEVELOPS LEADING TOISENTROPIC LIFT...AND PERHAPS ANOTHER ROUND OF SNOW. WILL HOLD ONTOTHE CHC FOR SW. COLD AIR POURS BACK IN FOR WED BEHIND THE DEPARTINGWAVE OF LOW PRESSURE. && .GRR WATCHES/WARNINGS/ADVISORIES...WINTER STORM WATCH FOR OUR ENTIRECWA FRIDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON. SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY FOR ENTIRENEARSHORE THROUGH FRIDAY AFTERNOON. && $$ LAURENS MJS

1893. Fwd: QMN Net changes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-30 16:56:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1893 Message: 1893

QMN Changes, from K8SIW via WA8EFK

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: QMN Net changes
Date: Thu, 30 Nov 2006 10:48:31 -0500
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
To:

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Thank you,
James Wades, K8SIW
Executive Director, Michigan Net, QMN

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
wa8efk@...

1895. QMN Net changes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-30 15:58:34 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1895 Message: 1895

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This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from being sent to you.
- webmaster@...

1896. Re: Getting closer to the cup?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-30 19:18:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1894 Message: 1896

Mark:

I guess that Earth to Mars to Earth (Mars-bounce, similar to Moon-bounce) wouldn't count, since in 1927 Hiram Percy Maxim couldn't visualize things like moonbounce.

Did you calculate the path loss? It should be doable, because Mars Rovers have been communicating from Mars to Earth for years. They couldn't have much stored enegy, so they couldn't generate much RF power. They probably rely on high gain antennae for the ERP requirements.

As you say, the first requirement will be to get a hamshack and opoerator to MARS. Wanna volunteer? :)

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> Do we have the power to make such a contact? Even at QRO, the antenna gain would have to be tremedous on both ends.
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> First we have to get a hamshack there.......
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> 73
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> Mark K8MHZ

1897. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Getting closer to the cup?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-30 19:44:24 UTC
From: ayoung@chartermi.net
Topic: 1894 Message: 1897

I am not volunteering because I'll want to be able to come back. I'll stay here and point a beam at Mars.

---- Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:
> Mark:
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1898. USE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-30 19:42:13 UTC
From: ayoung@chartermi.net
Topic: 1898 Message: 1898

This was on the ARRL website. Note the EXCEPTION of the Amateur Service. We do not need type-accepted (FCC Certified) equipment on our bands. We just can't use our Amateur equipment on other bands such as GMRS, MURS, Public Safety, etc.

So old police radios, non-certified foreign-made radios, and such are OK for use on our bands, if I read this right:

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FCC warns against nonamateur use of modified gear: The FCC has told the ARRL that police, public safety agencies, and others may not legally use equipment--such as modified Amateur Radio gear--that has not been FCC certified to transmit in services requiring FCC-certified equipment. The use of a modified Amateur Radio transceiver on police frequencies would be contrary to Part 90 of the rules because the equipment would not be FCC certified, an FCC official explained. In 1996, the FCC reminded manufacturers and users that transmitters intended for operation on frequencies allocated to any FCC-authorized radio service (except the Amateur Service) must be type-accepted (now called FCC certified) for the particular radio service prior to marketing and use. The use of such equipment could subject the licensee and user to penalties and forfeitures, as appropriate. The FCC said anyone selling such equipment also risks FCC sanctions.

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1901. GRARA Monthly Meeting, 12/1/2006, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-11-30 23:37:51 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 1901 Message: 1901

Reminder from the Calendar of WestMichiganHams
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

GRARA Monthly Meeting
Friday December 1, 2006
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(This event repeats on the first Friday of every month, until Friday November 9, 2007.)
Location: Red Cross, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE, Grand Rapuids
Street: 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City State Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Set up birthday reminders
http://us.rd.yahoo.com/cal_us/rem/?http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal?v=9&evt_type=13

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1902. Re: GRARA Monthly Meeting, 12/1/2006, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-01 00:02:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1901 Message: 1902

The December "meeting" will be a potluck dinner. The club will provide the meat, plates, utensils, soft drinks and coffee. Please bring a side-dish, appetizer, salad or dessert for 10 people to share. Families and friends are cordially invited to join us. The more the merrier.

We'll gather at 6:30 p.m., have a very, very, very short business meeting at approximately 7 p.m., and at 7:05 p.m. or shortly thereafter we'll start the festivities.

Come one, come all

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1903. Re: USE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-01 00:11:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1898 Message: 1903

Let me get this straight... The Motrac and Motran and similar GE repeaters which are in wide use are illegal? Or the 100 or so Motorola VHF police radios which I got from Motorola in Atlanta and sold, at cost, to folks during the 70's and early 80's? I personally used several of these for at least a dozen years. They're not type accepted for Amateur Radio use. Gee, I didn't realize I, and 100's of my colleagues were violating the FCC rules, and many repeater groups continue to violate these rules.

Methinks there must be another part of the regs which covers these kinds of uses.

I do know the converse is illegal - i.e. it's not permissable to use Ham Gear for commercial uses, either home brew or commercially made, even though I know it has been done.

73 de n8xx Hg

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> Yes we do. No amplifier that operates below 144 MHz may be
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: k8mhz@...
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2006 15:42
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] USE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT
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> Oh, hey, by the way I got an answer from the FCC about using cell
> phones as inputs for an ACU repeater:
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> Quote
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> I don't think there's a problem. The repeater is transmitting only
on Amateur frequencies. It's retransmitting audio, and the source
doesn't matter.

1904. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: USE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-01 00:24:04 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1898 Message: 1904

No Hank, as I understand it it's the use of stuff that's below 54 mhz, in other words, hf gear has to be type excepted I'm guessing it's because of the harmonics and spurious emitions that it can cause, i.e the modified chicken band amps that ilegals run on eleven meters. The stuff that's used for vhf and uhf is fine.
73,
ab8wo

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2006 7:11 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: USE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

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No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.409 / Virus Database: 268.15.2/559 - Release Date: 11/30/2006

1905. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: USE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-01 00:41:12 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 1898 Message: 1905

Not so Hank,

It just means they all comericial mfg. eguiptment has to be FCC approved for it's intended use.

Tom

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1906. Winter Storm Warning

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-01 01:04:01 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1906 Message: 1906

Subject: Winter Storm Warning

The following is the schedule for QMN-NWS observations and nets for Friday's winter storm event:

Observation Net Time Net/Frequency

011200Z (700 AM) 011215Z QSX SSB 3932 KHz (alt. 1932 KHz)

011230Z QMN-CW 3663 KHz (alt. 1812 KHz)

011245Z W8HVG Link Repeaters will be monitoring until about 1300Z, call "K8QMN"

012330Z (630 PM) 012330Z QMN-CW 3663 KHz (alt. 1812 KHz)

020001Z MITN-SSB 3932 KHz (alt. 1932 KHz if MITN fails due to poor conditions)

020015Z W8HVG Link Repeaters will be monitoring until about 0030Z, call "K8QMN"

Reports may also be posted to the K8QMN-14 high profile BBS serving West Michigan on the QMN Packet Radio Net Frequency: 145.760 MHz. Numerous nodes and digipeaters are available to provide a path. Check the DRG web site for network data.

Please note: I will be monitoring 3663 KHz throughout the day while at work for any special reports. Of particular interest would be significant ice accumulations, significant power outages, storm damage, etc.

The QMN-NWS SOPs are available on both the QMN and NREN web pages, the URLs for which are provided below. Please note that the QMN-NWS SOPs provide a format for reporting ice accumulations. Please review this format and be prepared to report ice storm events.

QMN members are encouraged to monitor the W8HVG link system when available to receive any reports for QSP (relay) to the QMN 3663 KHz frequency.

Thank you,

James Wades, PEM

Executive Director, Michigan Net, QMN

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URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GRAND RAPIDS MI

416 PM EST THU NOV 30 2006

...A SIGNIFICANT WINTER STORM EXPECTED TO IMPACT SOUTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN TONIGHT AND FRIDAY...

.A LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM CURRENTLY DEVELOPING OVER ARKANSAS WILL INTENSIFY AS IT MOVES NORTH TO CENTRAL ILLINOIS AROUND DAYBREAK FRIDAY MORNING...AND THEN TO NEAR SOUTHERN LAKE HURON FRIDAY EVENING.

ABUNDANT MOISTURE WILL MOVE OVER THE AREA LATE TONIGHT AND FRIDAY MORNING AHEAD OF THIS INTENSIFYING SYSTEM. THIS MOISTURE WILL MOVE INTO THE COLD AIR MOVING OVERHEAD...AND WILL DEVELOP SNOW...

SLEET...FREEZING RAIN...AND RAIN OVER THE AREA.

COUNTY SPECIFIC MESSAGE:

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/O.NEW.KGRR.WS.W.0002.061201T0600Z-061202T0000Z/

IONIA-CLINTON-ALLEGAN-BARRY-EATON-INGHAM-VAN BUREN-KALAMAZOO-

CALHOUN-

INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...IONIA...ST. JOHNS...HOLLAND...

HASTINGS...CHARLOTTE...LANSING...SOUTH HAVEN...KALAMAZOO...

BATTLE CREEK

416 PM EST THU NOV 30 2006

...WINTER STORM WARNING IN EFFECT FROM 1 AM TO 7 PM EST FRIDAY...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN GRAND RAPIDS HAS ISSUED A WINTER STORM WARNING...WHICH IS IN EFFECT FROM 1 AM TO 7 PM EST FRIDAY.

THE WINTER STORM WATCH IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT.

RAIN OR FREEZING RAIN WILL DEVELOP AFTER MIDNIGHT TONIGHT AND WILL CHANGE OVER TO ALL FREEZING RAIN OVERNIGHT. FREEZING RAIN WILL THEN MIX WITH AND CHANGE OVER TO SNOW FRIDAY MORNING.

SNOW...LOCALLY HEAVY AT TIMES...WILL THEN GRADUALLY END LATE TOMORROW AFTERNOON. THUNDERSTORMS WILL ALSO BE POSSIBLE.

ICE ACCUMULATIONS OF A QUARTER TO HALF AN INCH ARE LIKELY FROM LATE TONIGHT THROUGH TOMORROW MORNING BEFORE PRECIPITATION CHANGES OVER TO SNOW. SNOWFALL ACCUMULATIONS OF 3 TO 6 INCHES ARE EXPECTED BEFORE THE SNOW ENDS LATE TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

A WINTER STORM WARNING MEANS SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF SNOW...

SLEET...AND ICE ARE EXPECTED OR OCCURRING. STRONG WINDS ARE ALSO POSSIBLE. THIS WILL MAKE TRAVEL VERY HAZARDOUS OR IMPOSSIBLE.

AFFECTED COUNTIES:

IN MICHIGAN: ALLEGAN, BARRY, CALHOUN, CLINTON, EATON, INGHAM, IONIA, KALAMAZOO, VAN BUREN.

1907. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: USE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-01 02:50:56 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1898 Message: 1907

CONSTRUCTING and SELLING is different than USING. If you modify a commercial amplifier from another service for Amateur use, then you're OK.

You're right- you can't build and sell them commercially without certification.

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2006 7:11 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: USE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

Let me get this straight... The Motrac and Motran and similar GE repeaters which are in wide use are illegal? Or the 100 or so Motorola VHF police radios which I got from Motorola in Atlanta and sold, at cost, to folks during the 70's and early 80's? I personally used several of these for at least a dozen years. They're not type accepted for Amateur Radio use. Gee, I didn't realize I, and 100's of my colleagues were violating the FCC rules, and many repeater groups continue to violate these rules.

Methinks there must be another part of the regs which covers these kinds of uses.

I do know the converse is illegal - i.e. it's not permissable to use Ham Gear for commercial uses, either home brew or commercially made, even though I know it has been done.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> "We do not need type-accepted (FCC Certified) equipment on our
> bands."
>
> Yes we do. No amplifier that operates below 144 MHz may be constructed by a non-amateur without certification from the FCC (97.315)
>
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: k8mhz@...
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2006 15:42
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] USE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT
>
> Oh, hey, by the way I got an answer from the FCC about using cell
> phones as inputs for an ACU repeater:
>

> Quote
>
> I don't think there's a problem. The repeater is transmitting only
on Amateur frequencies. It's retransmitting audio, and the source
doesn't matter.

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1911. Re: Use of Commercial Equipment

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-01 14:30:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1911 Message: 1911

Thanks, from some of the other messages in this thread one might believe
that the use my converted army surplus gear which I've been using for
50+ years is contrary to current FCC regulations.

It has always been incumbent upon the amateur radio operator to assure
himself of compliance with spectral purity. Even if I buy a rig which
has met FCC certification for Amateur Use, and either by neglected
maintenance or misuse it emits radiation out of band (splatter or
harmonics are most typical), I'm still liable and my license can be in
jeopardy.

Hg

"Andrew Young" ayoung@... wrote:

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> 6g.
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> Re: USE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT
> <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/message/1907;_ylc=X3oDMTJyM2kwNWY3BF9TAz
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bXNnBHN0aW1lAzExNjQ5NjM2NDg->
>
>
>
> Posted by: "Andrew Young" ayoung@...
> <mailto:ayoung@...?Subject=%20Re%3A%20USE%20OF%20COMMERCIAL%20EQUIPMENT>
> n8ary <http://profiles.yahoo.com/n8ary>
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>
> Thu Nov 30, 2006 7:16 pm (PST)
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> certification. <snip>
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1912. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: USE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-01 18:48:55 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 1898 Message: 1912

As I read it, the following exception to the certification requirement

"3) The amplifier was:

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(ii) Modified by the licensee for use at the licensee's station."

seems to mean that as long as the licensee changes something (what is
not specified), it can be used in the amateur service even if it was a
commercial device.

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Alan NV8A

On 12/01/06 09:26 am k8mhz@... wrote:

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>
> (b) Any external RF power amplifier or external RF power amplifier kit (see ?2.815 of the FCC Rules), manufactured, imported or modified for use in a station or attached at any station must be certificated for use in the amateur service in accordance with Subpart J of Part 2 of the FCC Rules. This requirement does not apply if one or more of the following conditions are met:
>
> (1) The amplifier is not capable of operation on frequencies below 144 MHz. For the purpose of this part, an amplifier will be deemed to be incapable of operation below 144 MHz if it is not capable of being easily modified to increase its amplification characteristics below 120 MHz and either:
>
> (i) The mean output power of the amplifier decreases, as frequency decreases from 144 MHz, to a point where 0 dB or less gain is exhibited at 120 MHz; or
>
> (ii) The amplifier is not capable of amplifying signals below 120 MHz even for brief periods without sustaining permanent damage to its amplification circuitry.
>
> (2) The amplifier was manufactured before April 28, 1978, and has been issued a marketing

waiver by the FCC, or the amplifier was purchased before April 28, 1978, by an amateur operator for use at that amateur operator's station.
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> (3) The amplifier was:
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>
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>
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>
> (2) Exhibits no amplification (0 dB gain) between 26 MHz and
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1913. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: USE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-01 22:21:26 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1898 Message: 1913

The only thing I know of that is restricted in this manner is an external amplifier for HF. It is not really against Amateurs, but to prevent other services from using ours illegally or manufacturing them under the guise of Amateur Radio.

My original point was mostly directed at a recent question about using some cheap UHF radios someone found from China or somewhere.

----- Original Message -----
From: Alan NV8A
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 1:48 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: USE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

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1915. $50.00 easy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-02 12:20:11 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1915 Message: 1915

Last hamfest I picked up A Radio shack htx-242 for a 2meter rig I could dedicate to "digital"---packet,echolink,Sat.stuff,blah,blah,blah.What a little gem,programing was a 1,2,3,snap(no BA in computer programing required)10 min.with a soldering iron and stuff I had on hand,home brew interface.Hard to believe new it went for $250.00.Ive had my FT-7800 over a year,still haven't done 440.

73 KD8CBJ

1916. tnx

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-03 02:37:29 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 1916 Message: 1916

thank you to all that helped at the jingle bell parade everything went well . this year their were 80 units in the parade . I hope everybody has a safe and joyus holiday season 73 and thanks from KC8UNY John Fischer tri citys ares aec and pres noarc..

1917. Re: [WestMichiganHams] tnx

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-03 18:02:07 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1916 Message: 1917

SO what became of the missing Coast Guard Float prince?

----- Original Message -----
From: John T Fischer
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2006 9:37 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] tnx

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1918. WEAVER'S WORDS -- CW NETS, ETC.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-03 23:55:19 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1918 Message: 1918

[As always, send replies to k8je@.... Do not click on REPLY. The ARRL reflector that gets this newsletter to you is one-way, only.]

- CW Nets Moving
- 80 Meter CW Traffic Nets Frequency & Time Matrix
- International ARRL Humanitarian Award Nominations
- Upgraded Instructors' Manual Available
- Tentative Travel Schedule

CW NETS MOVING

With the totally unexpected extension of the fone band on 80M clear down to 3600 kHz, it is necessary for many CW nets to move from longstanding net frequencies above 3600 to frequencies within the new subband. To say the least, doing this is distasteful. To say it more plainly, doing this is often painful and highly disruptive. New, unwanted potential for creating inter-net QRM can be expected to result.

I am very pleased that in nearly every instance, though, the Net Managers have taken the attitude that this is something that needs to be done. They set about selecting new frequencies with the professionalism expected of Amateur Radio operators and leaders. I applaud these forward-thinking leaders and net members for the courage and determination to continue to succeed that they have demonstrated.

I want to reiterate that ARRL and I stand squarely with the NTS and nets in it -- whether these use CW, SSB, RTTY, high-speed digital or native drum. It is difficult to conceive of a form of net in NTS that does not potentially enhance the standing of Amateur Radio within the community and does not increase and maintain Amateur Radio's ability to communicate during emergency and disaster situations. As non-technical as CW is relative to high speed multimedia or even RTTY and SSB, CW continues to provide yeoman service in disasters when professional, highly-technical systems fail. CW's low-tech (in this high-tech era) is actually a great plus in many instances.

Keeping this in mind, I continue to urge all net operators to recognize that the great glory days of NTS are past. Just as the typical automobile no long has a standard, shifter transmission, and just as the crank telephone connected by hard lines has given way to push button phones -- and for many people to cell phones, and just as hand-turning the propeller to start airplane engines has given way to electric starters and increasingly to jet engines, NTS must continue to evolve in a manner that makes it most useful. The role NTS can find most useful in filling today is as an arm of ARES operation.

This does not mean that NTS is dying or should die. It does not mean that ARRL is attempting to cast NTS into the deepest part of the dungeon, never to be heard of again. It only means that to maintain and even regain much of the luster it had in days past, NTS must adapt. Among others, I urge local, regional and national NTS leaders to look deeply into the situation the service faces today and to guide it to be able to perform still greater service in the future than it has ever performed in "bygone year." I, as well as others, are encouraging our F&ES leaders to help us in the field see where adaptation will be most valuable and how it can best be accomplished.

80 METER CW TRAFFIC NETS FREQUENCY & OPERATING TIME COORDINATION MATRIX

Net Managers may want to check the following site and make certain their nets are listed on it.

Jack, W0UCE, has developed a Matrix Table to help coordinate relocation of NTS 80 meter CW nets. This is not a frequency-assigning operation, but simply involves posting what Net Managers send to him. This is intended to assist Net Managers select frequencies based upon frequencies that are being used by other nets. Go to <http://4rnc4.homestead.com/80mCWNETMATRIX.html> to view the current matrix and to send information for Jack to add to it.

Thanks to W8LLY for forwarding this information via the Miami Valley Amateur Radio Bulletin Board. It is also being distributed by a variety of additional amateurs.

INTERNATIONAL ARRL HUMANITARIAN AWARD NOMINATIONS

From the ARRL Letter: Nominations for the 2006 ARRL International Humanitarian Award close December 31. The award is conferred upon an amateur or amateurs who demonstrate devotion to human welfare, peace and international understanding through Amateur Radio. The League established the annual award to recognize radio amateurs who have used ham radio to provide extraordinary service to others in times of crisis or disaster.

For additional information, go to www.arrl.org/FandES/field/awards/.

UPGRADED INSTRUCTORS' MANUAL AVAILABLE

The new ARRL "Instructor's Manual for Technician Class License Courses" is now available. Mark Spencer wrote the book. ARRL COO Harold Kramer, WJ1B introduced the new manual to the Board of Directors by saying,

"We conducted an on-line survey asking them about their requirements and needs. Over 800 instructors responded to this survey with valuable inputs and comments.

"From the survey, we . . . heard loud and clear that our instructors want interactive and graphic materials included with the manual.

Therefore, the book comes with a CD that has complete PowerPoint Lesson Presentations for each section, ExamWin Software for practice tests, and files of the graphics in the HRLM. To give you an idea of the type of material that we have included, I am attaching one of the sample Lesson Plans."

I can't attach the sample lesson plan with this message, but it is really nice. Harold also explained:

"The Manual itself is divided into Sections that correlate with The Ham Radio License Manual (HRLM) so that instructors can use the HRLM together with the Instructor's Manual as an integrated instructional system. Each Section contains detailed Lesson Plans including Learning Objectives, Study Materials, Equipment and Materials requirements, Recommended Instructional Strategies and Suggested Classroom Activities. The new book also contains a guide on preparation to teach amateur radio written by Peter Kemp KZ1Z as well as practice exams and Lesson Plans for CW instruction."

TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR K8JE

Jan. 9: 20/9 Meeting, Canfield, OH.
Jan. 13: SW OH Digital Symposium, Middletown, OH.
Jan. 18: A&F Meeting, Newington, CT.
Jan. 19-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
Feb. 11: Mansfield Hamfest, Mansfield, OH.
Apr. 14: QCWA Meeting, Cleveland, OH.
Apr. 20: KY Colonel ARC, Bowling Green, KY.
Apr. 26: SUMCO ARES, Stow, OH.
May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH.
Jul. 18-19: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
Aug. 17-18: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL.
Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH.
Sep. 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH.
Sep. 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH.

73,

Jim, K8JE

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-- webmaster@...

1919. Re: [WestMichiganHams] tnx

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-04 02:19:54 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1916 Message: 1919

he made it home
----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, December 03, 2006 1:02 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] tnx

SO what became of the missing Coast Guard Float prince?

----- Original Message -----
From: John T Fischer
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2006 9:37 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] tnx

thank you to all that helped at the jingle bell parade everything went
well . this year their were 80 units in the parade . I hope everybody
has a safe and joyus holiday season 73 and thanks from KC8UNY John
Fischer tri citys ares aec and pres noarc..

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1920. Old Magazine Cover

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-04 14:08:19 UTC
From: wingerham
Topic: 1920 Message: 1920

My son e-mailed me a JPEG of two old magazine covers from Radio News. I just couldn't let them go without sharing them. I, for one, would be interested if anyone could identify the radios they are using. On one cover, I am thinking it shows a DX expedition since the linear is on a pallet with wheels.

The other picture is pretty self explanatory. It is a hoot.

I posted it in the photo section.

Ross
N8GMY

1921. Any TNC experts around? Still having problems...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-04 15:11:45 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1921 Message: 1921

Well, I am still having problems with this new TNC. As mentioned before, it's a PacComm TNC-200, a generic TAPR TNC-2 clone. Once I got it to "boot", I found that it was completely out of alignment. After recalibrating the tones and drive level, I was able to get it transmitting packets that other TNCs and soundcard modems could decode, however the receive end still didn't work.

On Saturday, Ernie W8EL helped me recalibrate the decoder, but that only seems to have fixed the problem half way. The DCD light on the front comes on steadily when it's receiving a packet (before it would just flicker), but it still doesn't actually seem to be doing anything with the decoded info. That is, it doesn't respond to incoming connections or relay any monitored packets to the terminal.

Another, most likely unrelated issue, is that it has an intermittent problem where it will power on but won't "boot". Since giving it a good, sharp whack over the top often fixes this, it's probably an imperfect connection on the PCB somewhere.

Anyway, although the TNC seems fixable, doing so is beyond what I can do with the tools and skills I have available. So, does anyone feel like taking a look at it? I'll even pay you (though not much) if you can get it working.

-Joe, N8FQ

1924. The official Michigan Section (ARRL) campout date

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-04 19:48:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1924 Message: 1924

Mark your calendars - the Michigan Section (ARRL) campout dates are now official for July 2007... This is a fun campout for families, and has several working sessions for Emergency and Traffic minded amateur radio operators. All hams and their families are welcome, you needn't be a holder of an ARRL appointment to be eligible to attend.

Look for more information on the section's web site as it becomes available (http://www.arrl-mi.org/)

For a glimpse of the agenda for the 2006 event see http://www.arrl-mi.org/?q=node/4

Looks like lots of fun, interspersed with some interesting planning sessions.

For those who'd like to partake of the festivities, but who aren't campers, there are motels in the area for "indoor camping." :)

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: The official campout date
Date: Mon, 04 Dec 2006 13:56:22 -0500
From: Dale Williams <wa8efk@...>
Reply-To: wa8efk@...
To: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>

Confirmed this morning, the official Michigan Summer Campout Dates are set for July 13, 14 & 15, 2007.

Regards,

-- DW

1925. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Any TNC experts around? Still having problems...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-05 02:08:25 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 1921 Message: 1925

Nice progress Joe.

On Mon, 2006-12-04 at 10:11 -0500, Joe Veldhuis wrote:

> Well, I am still having problems with this new TNC. >>SNIP<< The DCD light on the front
> comes on steadily when it's receiving a packet (before it would just
> flicker), but it still doesn't actually seem to be doing anything with
> the decoded info. That is, it doesn't respond to incoming connections or
> relay any monitored packets to the terminal.

If the data gets to the buffer, the other thing that causes no-data is
check-sum failure for the packet.
The TNC sometime has a parameter to pass "all data" even though it is
not a valid packet for analysis.

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> Another, most likely unrelated issue, is that it has an intermittent
> problem where it will power on but won't "boot". Since giving it a good,
> sharp whack over the top often fixes this, it's probably an imperfect
> connection on the PCB somewhere.

That is the worst news...

>
> Anyway, although the TNC seems fixable, doing so is beyond what I can do
> with the tools and skills I have available. So, does anyone feel like
> taking a look at it? I'll even pay you (though not much) if you can get
> it working.

Welcome to the "ham" in ham radio?

>
> -Joe, N8FQ

73
de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

1926. Re: Old Magazine Cover

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-05 02:21:54 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1920 Message: 1926

In 1983 I was visiting a remote yard sale site east of Cadillac, Michigan. The guy there sold me his old Hallicrafters SX-42 receiver for $25. It was Heavy and a wonderful rig that reintroduced me to Short Wave Listening.

I learned about QSL cards, logging, and some ham radio. I have a certificate from a ham special event station in, I think, San Antonio, TX. There were other cards and lessons in the IRC, antennas, and such.

What a pleasure to power up the rig on a dark winter's evening and listen to the world from my shack in Big Rapids. I had not done any listening since childhood in the mid 1960s.

A great radio, memories, and introduction to ham radio.

73

Bill, AB8SC

1927. Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance Meeting, December 13

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-05 14:39:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1927 Message: 1927

<>The Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance meeting will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 13. The meeting usually lasts about an hour.

We meet in the Steepletown Building, 671 Davis Ave NW, Grand Rapids, which is 5/8 mile south of Leonard St., and 200 yards east of Alpine Ave., on the southwest corner of 5th St. and Davis St. The parking lot is behind the building, and we use the door on the rear corner. There is another door for anyone using a wheel-chair, but we have not used it yet.

A map of the area can be found at http://tinyurl.com/yentto

<>Most people arrive about 7:15, and there will be someone on our repeater (145.230 PL 94.8) around 7:00, if you need talk-in.

Afterwards, some of us go to Steak and Shake for a snack or whatever.

All are welcome. Your presence will be truly appreciated.

More information on MARA may be found at http://www.w8usa.org/

1928. Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-05 18:03:35 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1928 Message: 1928

All:

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Would anyone be willing to host this event? At the clubhouse? Another location?

What are the dates and will the clubhouse work well for such an event?

The answer to the question, "Hey, when can we do another contest?"

73

Bill, AB8SC

1929. Any Joy w/VU&?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-05 18:07:42 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1929 Message: 1929

Any joy hearing the VU7? I've been listening, sporadically, with nary a peep. I hope you are doing better?

My dx elmer's two rigs decided to take a Holiday right at the start of the dxpedition. Rotten luck.

Hope your's is better?

Bill, AB8SC

1930. Re: Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-05 18:30:53 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 1928 Message: 1930

Hi Bill,

If your willing head it up, I'll co chair it with you. I would think
the clubhouse would be a great llocation for such an event.

What are the rules for the event? That would be helpful to know.

73' Tom W8AMZ

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> Bill, AB8SC
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1931. DAYTIME WMTN SESSION POLL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-05 18:30:06 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1931 Message: 1931

Good day everyone.
This is a reminder that the WMTN Daytime Session Poll is still active. Please look at and place your vote. You can change your vote as your mind changes as well. The poll will close on December 19th. The answers to this poll will go toward further consideration of creating a daytime traffic net. I did discuss a daytime VHF traffic net with the STM and he is all for it.

Thank you very much
Doc Strait, KD8BGQ

1932. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-05 19:03:20 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1928 Message: 1932

From Spar:

Winter Field Day will be held from 12:00 noon on Saturday January 13, 2007 to 12:00 noon on Sunday January 14, 2007 local time.

We can set up at the clubhouse and I think we'll then be classed as a home station.

I'll be mentioning this event at the upcoming MAARC's meetings, membership and board.

Bill

1935. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-05 22:17:33 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1928 Message: 1935

I was actualy thinking of using my sons fifth wheel. but the club house sounds good also. It would have room for 2 stations in the fifth wheel.

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From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2006 1:03 PM
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Bill, AB8SC

1937. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-06 00:30:49 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1928 Message: 1937

Mark:
In response to your question about why not use the place for summer field day for winter field dayu, myu reasoning is because it's way too cold to camp out. *smile*
73, ab8wo

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1938. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-06 01:41:16 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 1928 Message: 1938

Chris,
Actualy it's notto cold if you keep in mind that most people would be inside campers and vans. Mark had mentioned his mini van with the rear seatss removed and placeing a bord accros the arm rests make an excelent work station along with use of a lawn chair. I had thought about draging my camper out to the clubhouse and operating out of it. I have heat, a stove and fridg. along with a place to sleep.

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1939. Talking of DX

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-06 01:53:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1929 Message: 1939

Talking of DX - I had fired up my rig on 20 metres Sunday, "sorta" looking for the New Mexico QSO party, and didn't hear anything. After listening around the band for a while, I gave up.

I left the speaker on at about 14060 KHz, and started doing some other things in the shack. I heard something, a CQ, and got semi-interested when it was 8R1J, in Guyana. He called CQ several times, and finally worked a European station. He again called CQ, and a K3, who I could also hear, answered and chatted a while. After that, when he called CQ I called him, and was delighted to work him. It was a quite casual contact, because we exchanged reports, names, locations, rather than jsut the more typical "RST 599 TNX 73" for a DX contest.

I couldn't find my reference to a DX reflector, so I didn't "spot" him, nor does it seem that anyone else did, because he called CQ a few more times and (apparently) gave up, or at least moved frequency.

Guana is all that "rare" DX, but I'd thimk that a fellow calling CQ from a place like that might get a bigger reception that he did. He had a very respectable signal here in Michigan....

Or, am I just not enough of a DXer to know the score?

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1940. Re: Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-06 02:06:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1928 Message: 1940

If I'd have a vote, I'd vote for 2 alternatives, which one actually implemented being dependent upon the weather.

1. RV's or camping trailers in a campground. Use if the temperature and preciptation is favorable for erecting antennae. This would be "MO" classification, and would get 2000 bonus points if run off AC mains, or 3000 bonus points if run off a generator. Putting up antennae is the major difficulty during a big sn*wstorm, icestorm, or freeaing rain.

2. Backup would be to activate the club station if weather is inclement. This would be IO classification. Wouldn't get bonus points, but would be a good exercise of operators and equipment.

I operated in a dining canopy in 40°F Temperature, 20 mph winds, during the Illinois QSO party, and don't really want to subject myself to conditions like that again!

Hg

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1941. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-06 02:53:41 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1928 Message: 1941

How about doing the camper idea at the club house. We can operate on battery or generator power and have facilities to boot. All depends on the amount of snow. Worst comes to worst we go indoors and give up a few points. It still would be fun.
Would have to check height clearance going into the club house.

----- Original Message -----
From: Tom Nickisch
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2006 8:41 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

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1942. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-06 02:57:08 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1928 Message: 1942

Is there any place in the middle or eastern part of the county that could be used?

1943. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-06 03:06:05 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 1928 Message: 1943

I'd bet the clubhouse would work.

Height clearance into the parcel? We host the Teenage Net picnic and they like to bring their campers and trailers. I doubt the road would be impassable.

I encourage the idea.

Fruitland Township Park is likely closed off for the season. They do not encourage camping, even in the summer, but make a special arrangement for the club. Does not mean they will not allow us to use their park. Just doubt it.

We should talk at the club meeting Thursday evening. Or at the Soup Supper Saturday afternoon, 5:00 pm.

Bill

1945. Re: [WestMichiganHams] DAYTIME WMTN SESSION POLL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-06 05:56:35 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 1931 Message: 1945

Food for thought: Because 75 phone has been so bad for in State traffic handling at night how about attending the MACS net at 11am on 3953khz LSB? Those that can might want to do that. DE WD8USA ...-.-

1946. ARRL Club News for December 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-06 14:01:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1946 Message: 1946

Forwarded from the ARRL Club News Mailing List

Welcome to the first edition of the ARRL Club News. Published monthly, the ARRL Club News is a source of information to invigorate and stimulate your radio club. Features will include meeting activities, on air activities, recruiting and training new hams. We hope to share some exciting things that clubs are doing to make ham radio fun.

Did you know that there are more than 2,000 clubs across the country affiliated with the ARRL? Some of these clubs are single purpose groups that may support a repeater; some specialize in DX and contest operating; some have an emphasis on public service and emergency communications; and others are all purpose ham radio clubs that are striving to maintain or obtain status as an ARRL Special Service Club. http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/#ssc_program

Initially the ARRL Club News will be published in plain text format but we plan to produce it in HTML format by March of 2007. Using HTML will allow us to share photographs of members and club activities. The ARRL Club News is for your club. Please be sure to share with us some of the things that your club is doing.

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Spotlights

Portage County Amateur radio Service, Ohio This group started just over a year ago and has grown to almost 50 active members. PCARS is active in community service and holds regular club activities including license classes, on air nets, meeting activities and of course Field Day. The club encourages hams to get on the air. Whether it is on a net, a contest or just plain old rag chewing, hams on the air are hams having fun and making friends.

http://www.portcars.org/

Madison County Amateur Radio Club, Ohio When Bob Lewis, N8GU joined the Madison County Amateur Radio Club there were just six members and no meeting programs. Today the club is 39 members strong and has meeting activities, a weekly 2 meter net and submitted a top in class score for Field Day 2006. According to Bob the club tries to keep focus on fun by having regularly scheduled meeting programs and good communication with their membership about club activities and news.

http://qsy.to/mcarcoh/

Arrow Communications Association, Michigan Dan Romanchick, KB6NU tells us that the Arrow Communications Association in Ann Arbor, Michigan has a jewel called the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum (www.aahom.org). This is ostensibly a children's science museum, but the facility is a lot of fun for adults, too. Dan met with the director a couple of weeks ago, and he was very enthusiastic about the club providing an amateur radio station at the museum. The museum's director has agreed to provide space for classes. The club is planning to set-up a special event station at the museum in a couple of weeks and plans to start the classes there in January.

http://www.w8pgw.org

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Elmer's Corner

License classes are a great way to recruit new members for your club and the post-license mentoring sessions attract members who may have been away from meetings for a while. An important part of effective amateur licensing is keeping in touch with new licensees and keeping them motivated and moving forward with their new activity.

The folks at Michiana ARC of South Bend, Indiana are preparing their "One Day Only" licensing class again. The club had overwhelming success with this program in 2005 and says that the essence of this intense single day program is not on what happens that day but what occurs at the "elmering" sessions following the licensing class. Students prepare to take the Technician class exam in an eight hour class that drills home the material covered on the exam. The following club meeting is dedicated solely to mentoring of the new hams. The "mentor meeting" brings out many club members who are eager to share their knowledge with the newly licensed hams.

http://community.michiana.org/marcsite/

ARRL Instructors

The long awaited ARRL Instructor Manual (9817) is now available. The manual comes with a CD that has complete PowerPoint Lesson presentations for each section. The ARRL Instructor's Manual is designed to be used with the ARRL Ham Radio License Manual (9639) as an integrated teaching system. The material also correlates with the ARRL On-line Technician Licensing course.

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The ARRL Club Commission Membership Recruitment Program allows ARRL Affiliated Clubs to retain a portion of the ARRL membership dues from each new member or renewal that the club collects and submits.

Under this program, clubs retain $15 for each NEW membership and $2 for each renewal submitted (regular and senior memberships only). A NEW MEMBER is defined as any individual who has never been a member of ARRL or any individual who has not retained a membership for two or more calendar years prior to the application submission.

The details and forms can be found on the web at the ARRL Club Companion page: http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/benefits.html#commission

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Doughnuts Are Health Food

Healthy, active clubs are the foundation of Amateur Radio. It doesn't matter if your club has eight members or several hundred members, your club is your ham radio family. Our local radio club is where we get to interact with other hams and share information and knowledge. It is through the local club where many hams earned their first Amateur Radio license or upgraded to a higher license class. Amateur Radio clubs act as a catalyst where close personal friendships grow. Whether the activity is Field Day, a licensing class, a public service event or an antenna party, the local club really is where the rubber meets the road.

Clubs with a strong social appeal tend to be more active clubs. On the surface, Amateur Radio may appear to be a technical hobby, but it really is about people. Ham radio is people communicating and sharing ideas with each other. For 100 years hams have developed and exploited technology to be able to communicate with other hams and on behalf of the people in their communities. When we get on the air we are people sharing a common interest. During times of disaster hams are people helping other people. Members of our radio clubs are our friends. The magic boxes have changed quite a lot over the years, but the one thing that remains the same are the people who use them.

Though not scientific, a recent ARRL web survey indicated that 57% of those who attend club meetings do so because of social contact with other amateurs. Coffee and doughnuts are hardly technological marvels but they are a large part of what keeps a radio club active. Many clubs have rearranged the format for their meetings where they have a presentation or guest speaker at the beginning of the meeting followed by a social break, and then the business portion of the meeting is held at the end. Interestingly, many members who did not regularly attend club meetings because they were forced to sit through the business meeting at the beginning, before socializing, not only increased their attendance at meetings but these same folks stayed for the entire meeting-- including the business segment. Serving desert first not only satisfies the sweet tooth, but it also quenches the need to be with friends. Even though the doughnut is not listed in the major food groups of healthy eating, the fried treat is essential to a healthy

radio club.

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75 Years

ARA Of Long Beach
Associated RA Of Southern NE
Delaware Valley Radio Assn
Falmouth ARA
Morris Radio Club
Rochester Amateur Radio Assn
Schenectady ARA
St Louis ARC
St Paul Radio Club
Tulsa ARC
Yakima ARC
Yale University Arc

50 years

Aero ARC
Totah ARC
Northwest St Louis ARC
Penn Wireless Assn
Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society
Downey ARC
Carnegie Tech Radio Club
Flathead Valley ARC
Cumberland Valley ARC
Tupelo ARC
Central Oregon Radio Amateurs
Keystone VHF Club
Yellowstone Radio Club
Alamogordo ARC
Pine Bluff ARC
Kent County ARC
PENN-MAR Radio Club
Coffeyville Arc
Bristol Amateur Radio Club
Columbus ARC
Indian Hills Radio Club
Midland ARC
North Kitsap ARC
Kankakee Area Radio Society
Nittany ARC
Blackstone Valley ARC

Montgomery County A R E C
Daytona Beach ARA

25 years

Albuquerque DX Assoc
Tompkins County ARC
North Franklin ARS
Palestine/Anderson County ARC
Sun City Center ARC
Green Valley ARC
Blue Ridge ARC
Hancock ARC
Delaware Valley VHF Society
West Alabama Amateur Radio Society
Callaway Amateur Radio League
London Bridge Amateur Radio Assn
West Jersey DX Group
Ararat Temple AR Shrine Club
Redwood Empire DX Assn
Lakes Area ARC
Peninsula ARC
Chehalis Valley ARS
Benicia Amateur Radio Club
Conyers Amateur Radio Group
Katy Amateur Radio Society
Louisiana Tech Arc
Muncie Area ARC
Kendall ARS
Mid-Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club
Arrow Communications Association
Madison County Amateur Radio Club
Eastern New Mexico Arc

10 years

AARC Aurdrain Amateur Radio Club
Amateur Radio League of Lawrence County
Bakersfield ARA
Center for Amateur Radio Learning
Central Oh Severe Weather Net
Clay County ARS
Crest REACT ARC
CTRI Contest Group
ECTAR, Inc.
Filipino-American ARS
Friends In Amateur Radio
Housatonic ARC
Huckleberry Mtn Contest Club
Inland Empire Council of AR
Maple Valley ARC

Mine Creek ARC
Mother Lode DX/Contest Club
Muskingum Valley Ham Radio Club
Network Engineers Rptr Assn
Ozark Wireless Society
Park County Radio Club
San Gorgonio Pass ARC
Santa Fe Trail ARC
Southern Polytechnic ARC
Southwest Iowa ARC
Thermal Belt ARC
Tricounty ARC
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1947. Re: Any TNC experts around? Still having problems...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-06 18:28:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1921 Message: 1947

I forget, but I seem to remember that the IC's in the TNC-2 had sockets and were replaceable. At least I was able to put in new "brains" in one of mine back in the 80's to make it into a NetRom node. It might just be an oxidized socket, and pulling the IC's out and replacing them in their sockets a few times might do the trick. The symptom of "fixing" the thing with a "sharp whack" could be the result of some oxidation in one of the socket connections.

You might get a few memory chips, etc., from someone's junque box, and plug in various chips to see if one of them is failing.

The more difficult symptom is the fact that the decoder was "completely out of alignment." This means that some of the capacitors have changed value. Alignment procedures are available for the decoder, but not for other parts of the receive algorithm. And, the caps are soldered in, making it hard to replace....

Have you plugged a different TNC in it's place? It might be that there's something wrong between the rig and the TNC. If you haven't done this, I found an MFJ-1270 in the pile up stuff I packed up when we moved last year, and could loan it to you for a few daze to help with your troubleshooting.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote:
>
> Well, I am still having problems with this new TNC. As mentioned
> before, it's a PacComm TNC-200, a generic TAPR TNC-2 clone. Once
> I got it to "boot", I found that it was completely out of
> alignment. After recalibrating the tones and drive level, I was
> able to get it transmitting packets that other TNCs and soundcard
> modems could decode, however the receive end still didn't work.
>
> On Saturday, Ernie W8EL helped me recalibrate the decoder, but
> that only seems to have fixed the problem half way. The DCD
> light on the front comes on steadily when it's receiving a
> packet (before it would just flicker), but it still doesn't
> actually seem to be doing anything with the decoded info. That
> is, it doesn't respond to incoming connections or relay any
> monitored packets to the terminal.
>
> Another, most likely unrelated issue, is that it has an
> intermittent problem where it will power on but won't "boot".
> Since giving it a good, sharp whack over the top often fixes
> this, it's probably an imperfect connection on the PCB somewhere.

>
> Anyway, although the TNC seems fixable, doing so is beyond what
> I can do with the tools and skills I have available. So, does
> anyone feel like taking a look at it? I'll even pay you (though
> not much) if you can get it working.
>
> -Joe, N8FQ

1948. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Any TNC experts around? Still having problems...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-06 19:21:55 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 1921 Message: 1948

Well, I was actually able to find and fix the decoding problem. Turns out that the EEPROM in slot U6 is responsible for decoding, and I had removed it earlier. Doing so initially seemed to fix the bootup problem. When I put it back in, the TNC was able to decode signals.

It is still suffering from the bootup problem. Ernie W8EL has suggested that the cause of that problem lies in the circuitry between the power regulator and the reset pin on the Z80 CPU.

-Joe, N8FQ

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1949. D-Star,APRS,Echo-Link

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-06 20:33:46 UTC
From: StraitMD4@comcast.net
Topic: 1949 Message: 1949

Hi all,

This is for those of you who may not understand some of the technology . I have had several people ask me about these connections and how to set -up something like mine . This is not my shack . My set up is similar .
It's a good video . It takes a few minutes to buffer . Unless you have broad-band .

This episode shows the assembly of a VHF and UHF station with Echo-Link , a D-Star GPS position reporting internet gateway and a UHF APRS receive only internet gateway .

I have my stuff set up the same way .

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http://video.yahoo.com/video/play?p=echolink&ei=UTF-8&b=0&oid=3ec9d29824ef3780&rurl=video.google.com&vdone=http%3A%2F%2Fvideo.yahoo.com%2Fvideo%2Fsearch%3Fp%3Decholink%26ei%3DUTF-8
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1950. Re: Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-06 22:28:21 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1928 Message: 1950

"Any other part of Muskegon County for the event?"

We have tried to find other places for the traditional Field Day in the summer. The Muskegon city parks are not inviting because they dissuade overnight camping. The county parks are great but charge a daily fee or an overnight fee. Not so great when we have upwards of fifty folks attending and participating. I've kicked around the county fair grounds but never chased that one down. Maybe a township would have a facility you could borrow for the day? Some of them do invite parties or receptions?

The county parks generally close in January. Same with the Muskegon State Park. Maybe you could find some USFS property where you could hang out for a day. However, camping in winter is not so fun and sitting on that cold toilet seat in an unheated outhouse, if, indeed, you find an outhouse, has to be less than encouraging. Might make the clubhouse a bit more inviting. Besides, the radio club is generally encouraging and inviting folks to play radio at their clubhouse. It is not that hard a sell.

We can bring up the subject at the club meeting Thursday or to the radio club's board on the eighteenth. Or other dates.

Bill, AB8SC

1951. Re: Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-07 02:53:14 UTC
From: kc8zas
Topic: 1928 Message: 1951

Bill,

My thought is use the clubhouse with RV's, Vans and such. We can use a generator for power. Club antennas can be used outdoors with ease. The club house would make a great common place for restroom place to eat and fellowship with good fireplace burning a few logs. I could have two shacks running in my camper. k8mhz could run one in his minivan and k8pcj has a fifth wheel that could acomedate atleast one shack. Saturday morning could be great for breakfest and NS8Z estate sale/auction to kick things off.

Tom w8amz

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1952. Re: DAYTIME WMTN SESSION POLL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-07 04:01:12 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 1931 Message: 1952

I will be home on Friday around that time so I will go ahead and check-in. I have not checked into that net yet.

Thanks
Doc, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, wd8usa@... wrote:
>
> Food for thought: Because 75 phone has been so bad for in State traffic
> handling at night how about attending the MACS net at 11am on 3953khz LSB? Those
> that can might want to do that. DE WD8USA ...-.-
>

1953. Re: Old Magazine Cover

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-07 13:23:08 UTC
From: Ross Gates
Topic: 1920 Message: 1953

Al:

Thanks for the insight on the radios. It really shows you how far we have come. Now you can buy a HF rig with all the bells and whistles that you can carry in one hand for a thousand or so dollars. I wonder what $275 would translate to in today's dollars.

In the 60's, I had a Hallicrafters shortwave receiver and I would spend hours listening to the world. It also warmed my unheated bedroom. That was my introduction to shortwave radio and hams. I wish I still had it.

Ross
N8GMY

1954. Ham in a day January 21st 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-07 14:31:26 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 1954 Message: 1954
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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Testing will start at 6:00 PM

To register e-mail jnawrot@... or call 616-889-7101

Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult!

Bring either drivers license or 2 pieces of identification

Coffee and Treats will be provided! Dress comfortably!

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1955. Grounding

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-07 15:24:38 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 1955 Message: 1955

A brief summary of the current NEC provisions for grounding of radio and TV receiving and transmitting equipment is available here:

http://www.mikeholt.com/newsletters.php?action=display&letterID=284

73

Alan NV8A

1956. yahoo group

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-07 15:43:02 UTC
From: paul rocky odem
Topic: 1956 Message: 1956

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/APCO25hamradio/ yahoo group woth checking out.

1957. Re: Old Magazine Cover

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-07 15:48:56 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 1920 Message: 1957

If you want to look at the past of cost of older ham rigs. I have the original paperwork for my collins transevier. It's a KWM-2 purchased new in September 1960 for $1185.00. Now think about what that relates to in todays money and that was considered a mobile rig and that didn't include the power supply just like todays rigs.

Tom W8AMZ

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> N8GMY
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1959. Re: Old Magazine Cover

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-07 21:38:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1920 Message: 1959

My first rig cost less than $15. I was given a BC457 transmitter (I think that was it's the number). Its nominal frequency range was 4 to 5 MHz or thereabouts, but I padded it down to 80 metres. I bought a BC 454 (again, I think that was its number) receiver, which covered 80 metres. I scrounged parts from a defunct TV receiver for the power supply, thought I had to buy a few misc parts. One "inventive" thing I did was to use four 35Z5 rectifiers which I got for nothing from a radio repair shop. They had a "fuse" and tap for a pilot light which would oftn blow, and the rectifier was still good. In series four of the filaments added up to about 117 VAC. I rectified the 24 volts from the filament supply for grid bias and another couple of the rectifiers were used for a relay for keying.

The receiver was as wide as a barn, but during the day in the novice band it worked just fine. I worked something like 25 states plus Canada with it.....

My father, also a ham, had a hallicrafters S-20R and a home brew transmitter. A "rich ham" a few miles away, had a SX-28 with crystal filter.

Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Al Pepping" <kv8x@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Ross.
>
> According to the Fair Labor Standards Act web site, the minimum
> wage in 1947 was 40 cents an hour and went to a whopping 75 cents
> an hour by 1950. If a worker could spend his whole weekly paycheck
> before taxes, he would have to work 17 weeks straight to buy this
> receiver. Collins radios were about 50 percent higher depending
> on the model. No small wonder most hams homebrewed their
> stations. Economics was not one of my strong points in school so
> I'm not sure how to calculate that in today's dollars. It would
> be a whole lotta bux for sure. There was a record set a while ago
> for the most money spent on a receiver on E-bay. I think it was
> for a very rare low serial number Hallicrafters SX-88...went for
> 10 grand. I think Joe Walsh bought it. The SX-88 is considered
> by many collectors to be the best receiver Hallicrafters ever
> made. I had a chance to buy one several years along with the
> matching transmitter for $400.00 I didn't jump on that one
> and have regretted it ever since. When you snooze, you lose. I
> have seen Collins KW-1 transmitters go for $20,000. The Japanese
> are particularly fond of Collins gear and have bought up a lot of

> the market. This has driven the prices up way up. In the mid
> 1950's, a Collins 75-A4 receiver and matching KWS-1 transmitter
> and power supply sold for around $2500.00 They're called "The Gold
> Dust Twins". No small wonder, eh? The twins do appear on the
> market from time to time but plan on taking out a second mortgage
> on your home IF you're the lucky one who is first in line to buy
> them.
>
> Do you recall what model Hallicrafters receiver you had or would you
> recognize it from a picture? I might be able to get you in touch
> with that blast from the past".
>
>
> KV8X

1961. Harding Energy program for January MAARC meeting at Norton Shores Public Library

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-08 15:17:02 UTC
From: birdpriestess
Topic: 1961 Message: 1961

The Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council is pleased to present a special program on January 4, 2007, at the Norton Shores Public Library, 705 Seminole Rd, Norton Shores, Michigan. 7 p.m. sharp! The program will be presented by David Clow, CEO of Harding Energy, Inc., a world leader in rechargeable battery technology. Here is some information from their website (http://www.hardingenergy.com):

"Harding Energy Inc. was founded in 1987 by local businessmen and physicians in the western Michigan area. Lead by Doctor Nicholas Pietrangelo and his relationship with Stan Ovshinsky, inventor of Nickel Metal Hydride technology, Harding was one of the first companies to obtain a license from Energy Conversion Devices (ECD) to manufacture and distribute NiMH batteries and battery assemblies."
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"Not only is Harding a world-class manufacturer, but also their staff is extremely well versed and has many years experience in the electronics and battery industry. President and CEO, David Clow has been in the electronic industry in excess of 30 years and brings a global knowledge to Harding. With his several years of experience matched with his education, he brings a tremendous amount of resources and talent that is necessary to run and orchestrate the departments within the Harding Corporation."

The public is welcome to attend this program. Bob, N9AUY, pulled this program together for us and has also invited his radio controlled aircraft club to attend. We think there will be an excellent turnout. Many in the public, who don't know any better, think that ham radio is dead. Help us prove them wrong! There has been no decision yet on a talk-in to the library location, BUT if you make a call on the local .94 repeater, someone will guide you to the library. It's not difficult to find.

73, Linda Rosenthal, AB8QH

1963. Soup Supper

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-08 16:47:51 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1963 Message: 1963

Soup Supper is Saturday (hey, that's tomorrow!) at the clubhouse. Begins around 5:00 pm. You're invited. We'll have a special presentation, too.

Don't miss this opportunity to sample soups like potato, taco (taco??), garden vegetable, chili, and the like. Many soups to choose, only one night to enjoy.

We'll accept donations to cover the costs. We'll invite all to enjoy.

See you there? We hope!

1964. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Technicality?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-09 01:03:15 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1570 Message: 1964

Keep an eye out at the larger ham fest. I got one of these for free and it is 2ft by 3ft. Great wall paper.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2006 8:47 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Technicality?

FM broadcast is 88.0 to 108.0. They don't operate by the same rules we do.

Attached is a great frequency chart. Adobe Acrobat Reader required.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: StraitMD4@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 04, 2006 00:59
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Technicality?

Who operates / owns 88.7-106.5 MHz ? I have heard phone conversations there before . As well with the UHF standard and "T" band .

UHF standard = 450-470 MHz
UHF "T" band = 470-512 MHz

KD8BIG

-------------- Original message --------------
From: <k8mhz@...>

"No, because the cellphone does not transmit in an amateur band. So
you can't use it for a repeater input, even if it were technically
possible."

It is technically possible with ACUs. Reverse phone patches using land lines are and have been legal for some time. If the phone is cellular instead of a land line it is still a reverse phone patch but in actuality is a re-transmission of a non-amateur frequency. Both the Motorola ACU-1000 and a properly set up EchoStation repeater have the capability of re-transmitting ANY audio input to an amateur frequency, or any frequency that there is a transmitter for. EchoStation can be set up with a cell phone as a receiver and a ham rig as a transmitter so the cell # could be called and the received audio is sent out over the transmitter. EchoLink uses many frequencies via the Internet in the same manner. This seems like a breech of the law, not just to me, but others as well. NOT to be taken that this use is a travesty, but more to be taken as a need to address Part 97's failure to keep up with

the times. /FONT>

"I totally disagree with your premise, Mark. The fact that cellphones use RF is incidental to their operation, and would not fall under an interpretation of the amateur rules prohibiting re-broadcasting of other services."

The only allowance for incidentals is clearly outlined and pertains to things such as music on the ISS for instance. Nowhere in Part 97 is there an exception for devices that use RF 'incidental to their operation', which I don't think is the case for cell phones. Cell phones are radio phones and the radio part is the primary function of those devices, not merely incidental.

The re-transmission exclusion bears no written exceptions and leaves little room for interpretation. Without an exception for cellular or cordless phones it is against the ruling of 97.113.

If I missed something in other sections of Part 97 please point them out to me.

I think this is the case of the law not keeping up with the technology.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Laryn Lohman
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, November 03, 2006 22:06
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Technicality?

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Chris,
>
> Sending TO a pager is different, no other form of radio transmission is being re-broadcast via amateur radio unless it was done using a radio telephone.
>
> So, if it is OK to use a phone patch to re-broadcast cellular phones, would it then be OK to have a repeater in which the input was a cellular phone?
>
> See where I am concerned?

No, because the cellphone does not transmit in an amateur band. So you can't use it for a repeater input, even if it were technically possible.

> If it is NOT OK to use a cellular phone as a repeater input it is also NOT OK to use them on a phone patch as the exact same retransmission is suspect, just connected differently.

I totally disagree with your premise, Mark. The fact that cellphones use RF is inci dental to their operation, and would not fall under an interpretation of the amateur rules prohibiting re-broadcasting of other services.

Good discussion though.

Laryn K8TVZ

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1965. Re: D-Star,APRS,Echo-Link

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-09 15:26:31 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1949 Message: 1965

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, StraitMD4@... wrote:
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> Hi all,
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>I give,how do you get it to play?Loaded Google video,"buffering uninterupted play back starting in more than a day"???

1966. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: D-Star,APRS,Echo-Link

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-09 15:34:03 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 1949 Message: 1966

I checked it out and discovered that there's no audio in it, so id does me no good. *grin*
Maybe someone could write up a descriptive message detailing just what is in the video?
That would be interesting. Thanks,
73,
ab8wo

----- Original Message -----
From: kd8cbj
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 09, 2006 10:26 AM
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1968. 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-10 01:01:11 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1968 Message: 1968

for those who like building things here is a very simple 12 volt battery monitor.

http://www.uoguelph.ca/~antoon/circ/batmon12.htm

1969. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: D-Star,APRS,Echo-Link

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-10 03:21:48 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1949 Message: 1969

Dial up only,out here in the hinterlands some are still using smoke signals,blue tooth is when your neighbour smiles at you.

73 KD8CBJ

1970. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: D-Star,APRS,Echo-Link

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-10 05:46:45 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 1949 Message: 1970

Good morning all,

I'm sorry that not everyone can access the video.
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The video also gives several web-sites for reference seen below .
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1972. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: D-Star,APRS,Echo-Link

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-10 16:47:22 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 1949 Message: 1972

I was wondering if someone would catch that .LOL
The link below is an update from Arialink.
Big Mark

http://www.arialink.com/muskegon.php

k8mhz@... wrote:
"Hopefully BPL gets here soon for those in the sticks ."

Careful Mark, Them's fightin' words!

Muskegon should be seeing Arialink wireless soon. No BPL in Muskegon!

----- Original Message -----
From: Mark Strait
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2006 00:46
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: D-Star,APRS,Echo-Link

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1973. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-11 11:45:01 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1968 Message: 1973

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1974. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-11 17:23:45 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1968 Message: 1974

Didn't Jan Hamer write the theme song to Miami Vice? I didn't know he was a Ham.

www.janhammer.com/

----- Original Message -----
From: KD8CBJ@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2006 6:45 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 12 volt battery monitor

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1975. Re: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-11 20:21:52 UTC
From: kc8pcj@verizon.net
Topic: 1968 Message: 1975

allied electronics has the chip for $1.85 each.

From: KD8CBJ@...
Date: 2006/12/11 Mon AM 05:45:01 CST
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 12 volt battery monitor

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1976. WEAVER'S WORDS -- SLEIGHBELLS RING

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-11 22:55:19 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 1976 Message: 1976

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2006 4:05 PM
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- SLEIGHBELLS RING

> [As always, send replies to k8je@.... Do not click on REPLY. The
> ARRL reflector that gets this newsletter to you is one-way, only.]
>
> - ARRL Membership Up Slightly
> - It's You Turn -- A Poll -- For GLD ARRL Members, Only
> - BPL, an Observation & the Reason
> - The Making of the ARRL Budget, Follow-up
> - Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah & Happy New Year
> - Tentative Travel Schedule
>
> ARRL MEMBERSHIP UP SLIGHTLY
>
> The membership in ARRL for the Great Lakes Division was up slightly in
> August. There are 12,119 members in the Division. This is the good
> part. The not so good part is that membership over the past year has
> decreased in spite of the August growth. What does this mean to you as
> a member?
>
> The decrease during the past year means little . . . for now. If this
> continues it will mean a lot.
>
> I'm not a pessimist. I see greater interest in ARRL and Amateur Radio
> among members during recent years. Ultimately, this greater interest
> will translate into greater membership -- if we can maintain and expand
> the interest. Frankly, we need more members . . . and more hams . . .
> if we are to keep ARRL and Amateur Radio strong. We need more members
> if we are to be able to develop a strong voice with Congress, the FCC,
> the NTIA, the agencies we serve . . . and, of course . . . our local
> and state governments. We need more members if we are to be able to
> maintain the many services ARRL provides to us, the members. We need
> more members if we are to be able to keep Amateur Radio alive.
>
> As is true also for any membership organization, members are critical
> in getting new members. You name a membership organization and I'll
> prove it relies upon current members in large part to get new members.
> For ARRL and most member organizations, this means that you, our
> current members, need to be advertising agents on our behalf.
>
> I wouldn't expect any of you to take out full-page ads in your local
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> newspaper to promote ARRL, but I hope each of you recognize that it is
> to your own benefit to guide new hams as well as non-member older hams
> to join ARRL. If you recognize this benefit, I hope you will actively
> share information on ARRL, what ARRL does to safeguard Amateur Radio
> and therefore the reasons amateurs should want to belong to the League
> with new or older amateurs who do not belong.
>
> ITS' YOUR TURN -- A POLL
>
> --- For Great Lakes Division ARRL Members, Only ---
>
> I realize I am about to cause a lot of work for myself, but I want your
> help. If you've read my newsletters with any degree of care, you know
> I am on the ARRL Administration & Finance Committee. This standing
> committee of the Board of Directors monitors how the ARRL staff at HQ
> runs the day-to-day operation of the League and how they spend our
> (your and my) dues money and donations. A&F has been working hard for
> years to make certain you and I get our money's worth, and that we get
> increasing more bang for our buck each year.
>
> Because we seek perfection (but who among us can achieve this?), I
> would like your views about how you believe ARRL should use your (and
> my) dues and donations dollars. What I ask you to do is to give me
> your answers to the following three questions:
>
> 1. What are the things ARRL does now that you want it to continue to
> do? Don't know what all we do? Go to arrl.org and check this out.
>
> 2. What are the things ARRL does now that you want it to discontinue
> doing?
>
> 3. What are the things ARRL is not doing now that you want us to begin
> doing?
>
> In short, I'm looking for input on how you want ARRL to spend your and
> my dues and donation money. For example, should we continue to sponsor
> the awards program (e.g., DXCC, WAS and their variations)? The ARES
> program? Equipment reviews? Sanctioning and publicizing conventions,
> hamfests/swaps and meetings? Promote licensing classes and exam
> sessions? NTS? The Public Information (Public Relations) program?
> Maintain the Affiliated Clubs program and distribute information to
> support clubs? Develop, print and distribute comic books (at no
> charge) to recruit youngsters into Amateur Radio? Pay for Amateur
> Radio public announcements on national TV? I believe you understand
> what I am after.
>
> When you answer the three questions, please keep the following in
> mind:
>
> 1. The best interest of all of Amateur Radio. Please don't focus only

> on your favorite or least favorite operating practices.
>
> 2. Be brief in stating your answers. I need the answers to be brief so
> I can tabulate them and understand the sense of the Division members
> before the mid-January Board of Directors meeting. If I need a better
> understanding of the reasoning behind answers, I'll ask for it.
>
> 3. Sign your suggestion with your name and call sign. At this moment,
> this request is limited, only to ARRL members and only in the Great
> Lakes Division which is the only Division I represent.
>
> Please understand it is not helpful simply to say we should cut the
> budget and the without suggesting, seriously, how you believe we could
> do this.
>
> Because I expect many answers to this request, I very possibly will not
> be able to send a reply to each of them as I usually do. Even so, I
> promise I will read every answer I receive. Long answers will most
> likely be put at the bottom of the stack and read only after all
> concise answers have been read, but they will be read.
>
> BPL, AN OBSERVATION & THE REASON
>
> I thought you'd be interested to know that more power companies have
> dropped plans for developing BPL systems than are announcing plans for
> new systems. I am aware of the following companies that have
> terminated on-going operations or cancelled plans to develop systems:
> PPL Electric, United Illuminating, Southern Maryland Electric, Idaho
> Power and Rochester Power.
>
> Why, then, is ARRL pursuing a court battle to force FCC to justify its
> recent ruling on BPL? Isn't BPL going to die a natural death as it
> is?
>
> The answer to the last question is yes. BPL can be expected to fade
> away from most locations, at least, because it offers very little to
> consumers and to providers. The only people who really benefit from it
> are the ones who sell the equipment to power companies. So, why spend
> thousands upon thousands of dollars to continue to fight it?
>
> The reason is that the FCC ruling does more than effect BPL. Said in
> only a little overly simplistic manner, this ruling sets the precedent
> that non-licensed systems that merely unintentionally radiate radio
> waves take precedence over services that are licensed to function by
> intentionally radiating radio waves. This means that any future system
> that comes along and "incidentally" radiates and causes interference to
> any licensed service has the upper hand over the licensed service with
> which it interferes.
>
> As a result, the bad FCC ruling that was made with BPL as the cause

> behind the ruling will continue it exist to haunt us and other licensed
> services long after BPL disappears.
>
> THE MAKING OF THE ARRL BUDGET, FOLLOW-UP
>
> To fill you in further on how the ARRL budget is developed, the
> next-to-last step has just been taken. The budget as it was developed
> by HQ staff was first presented to the Administration & Finance (A&F)
> Committee of the Board of Directors in mid-November at a Committee
> meeting in Newington. During this meeting it was cussed and discussed
> for about 8 hours. The Committee, it is the fiscal watch-dog for the
> Board, requested changes and justification. After the meeting, Chief
> Financial Officer Barry Shelley, N1VXY, lead the HQ crew in developing
> the final proposal. I received this final proposal this morning.
> Along with the other members of the Committee I will review it
> thoroughly before going to Newington in mid-January. The final budget
> proposal will be discussed, against at another A&F meeting the day
> before the Board meeting begins. With or without additional changes, a
> final budget proposal will be approved by the Committee. This approved
> proposal will be presented to the Board the following day for final
> adoption.
>
> A lot of time, effort, thought and changing goes into the making of
> annual ARRL budgets.
>
> MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKAH, HAPPY NEW YEAR
>
> I wish each of you a very merry and holy Christmas and Hanukah. May
> the blessings of the season be with you and your families throughout
> the year. For members who observe Ramadan, I apologize for failing to
> send my greetings for this holy month. I admit to being relatively
> poorly educated as to the timing of Ramadan from year to year. I hope
> you, too, had a very peaceful and holy season. The best of everything
> to everyone in the coming year.
>
> TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR K8JE
>
> Jan. 9: 20/9 Meeting, Canfield, OH.
> Jan. 13: SW OH Digital Symposium, Middletown, OH.
> Jan. 18: A&F Meeting, Newington, CT.
> Jan 19-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
> Feb 11: Mansfield Hamfest, Mansfield, OH.
> Apr 14: QCWA Meeting, Cleveland, OH.
> Apr 20: KY Colonel ARC, Bowling Green, KY.
> Apr 26: SUMCO ARES, Stow, OH.
> May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH.
> Jul 18-19: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
> Aug 17-18: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL.
> Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH.
> Sep 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH.

> Sep 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH.
>
> 73,
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> Jim, K8JE
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

1977. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-12 03:06:01 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1968 Message: 1977

I was posting it while I was talking on the radio. I will post what I find for parts hopfully this week. I plan on building a couple of them for monitoring a couple of different batteries at the same time and also one to use in my field station.

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Date: 2006-12-13 14:15:11 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1978 Message: 1978

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Please join everyone and MCECS in giving Al, K8AER a well earned pat on the back and a "Thank You!" Al proudly upholds the service tradition of amateur radio. Congratulations, Al.

1979. K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-13 16:01:42 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 1979 Message: 1979

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1980. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8AER Recognized!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-13 16:15:01 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1978 Message: 1980

Unfortunately, as Bill was posting this well deserved congratulations message AL RONNING K8AER became a SK.

Godspeed AL

Denny N8CTT

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1981. Re: K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-13 18:20:10 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1979 Message: 1981

A brief report of the accident can be found on the WOOD-TV web page.
The link is here:

http://www.woodtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=5807672

1982. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-13 20:47:59 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1979 Message: 1982

I am very sorry to hear of Ron's accident and passing. He will be missed.

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1983. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-13 20:52:54 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 1979 Message: 1983

I am sorry- I mean Al Ronning's. My fingers went too fast for my brain.

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From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2006 3:47 PM
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1984. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-13 21:16:10 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 1979 Message: 1984

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Ronning family and friends .
I did not know Al long . He was a nice guy . He will be missed .

Big Mark
"KD8BIG"

"Jim, K8COP" <jimk8cop@...> wrote:
At the request of Rick Ronning, I am passing on this information:

Al Ronning, K8AER, passed away this morning from an automobile accident
at the corner of Apple & Getty Sts. His wife was taken to a local
hospital, and is expected to recover.

As soon as funeral plans are made we will get them e-mailed out.

Jim, K8COP

Everyone is raving about the all-new Yahoo! Mail beta.

1985. Tonight-Tonight!--Meteor Shower Event

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-13 22:36:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1985 Message: 1985

Looketh like a good possibility of meteor scatter communications tonight and for the next few daze. MFSK411, anyone? This one came from SW Ohio, don't know if we'll be able to see through the clouds which are still prevalent here in Grand Rapids, but radio waves should penetrate the clouds...

-----Original Message-----

From: Telzerow, Bill D CTR 754 ELSG/LRG
[mailto:William.Telzerow@...]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2006 2:27 PM
Subject: Tonight-Tonight!

For those of you who may suffer a case of Insomnia tonight, having difficulty sleeping, boy are you lucky...! Tonight is the peak of the Geminid Meteor Shower. The skies will be clear and the temperature not very cold (mid-to low 40's overnight). If you can't sleep, grab your coat, a cup of hot chocolate, and anytime after eight or nine o'clock venture outside and look for Orion's Belt (three stars lined up in the East/Southeast) as part of the Constellation Orion then look straight up from there to the Constellation Gemini. The show will be in this area of the sky.

The Meteor Shower will get more intense as the night progresses, with the potential of seeing one to two shooting stars a minute (that's busy)! The Constellations will move East to West during the night, so if you wake up in the middle of the night, look further South, then West depending on how late it is... Enjoy!

Bill

Bill Telzerow
Sr Security Consultant
Haverstick Government Solutions
754 ELSG/LRG
DSN 986-2736
Comm 937-656-2736

1986. Re: K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-13 23:16:51 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1979 Message: 1986

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We will use this venue to keep everyone up on the details. And you might listen to the Muskegon repeaters.

Tragic!

Bill

1987. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-14 00:04:20 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 1979 Message: 1987

Here is the link for M-Live :

http://www.mlive.com/news/muchronicle/index.ssf?/base/news-10/1166026554257450.xml&coll=8

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Tired of spam? Yahoo! Mail has the best spam protection around
http://mail.yahoo.com

1989. wesat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-14 01:19:29 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1989 Message: 1989

http://www.wxtoimg.com/
Had about same results with radio scrap 20-013 discone,and homebrew 144mhz ground plane(BRASS ELEMENTS).I am so tree bound it's an either/or.Discone would catch parts the GP wouldn't and vise versa.QFH is ideal,still gathering project plans for one.

73 KD8CBJ

1990. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Al K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-14 04:48:52 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1988 Message: 1990

Mark, to go along with your comments of Al's determination, I was talking to Al last week. He said he wanted to get an extra class book to study. I was planning on going to the Lowell ham fest this weekend and was going to buy a study book and mail it to him without him knowing where it came from. I am very saddened that I will not get the chance to see the smile on his face when he would have passed that test. He was a man with a big heart and not afraid to show it.

Al, my friend, You have left an empty space here on earth and in our hearts that will be very hard for us to fill and you will never be forgotten.

until we meet again 73s

1991. ARGYL Hamfest, Saturday, 16 December

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-14 05:47:50 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1991 Message: 1991

Reminder, the ARGYL (Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell) Hamfest,
Saturday- December 16, 2006- 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon,
Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes Street, Lowell, Michigan.
Talk-In: 146.620 - (PL 94.8); 145.270 - (PL 94.8)

For more details see
http://www.argyl.org

Come on out and support the youth of ham radio!

1992. K8AER, SK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-14 10:52:14 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1979 Message: 1992

Through many tears I mailed the following to my church, First Congregational Church in Fremont. You might find some comfort or measure of a man somewhere in the following:

Pastor Ray:

Please share this story with our church. Several of the "old folks" will recognize many of the details. I'm sure they will be much better at filling in the blanks, too.

In the late 1970s and in the 1980s our church had an outreach program centered around travel to various parts of the United States. Our youth minister, Frank Dobos, organized youth and adults who were transported to many parts of our country on a retired "Greyhound" bus. We built a garage to house the bus which is one of remaining legacies of this period.

In those days our youth enjoyed these opportunities. My sister, Elizabeth Rogers, was one of the youth participants. She so enjoyed the trip to New England that she moved there after college. She met a wonderful man, Michael, and they eventually returned to Fremont with the best nephew and niece a proud uncle could ever claim.

Another participant in those travels was a mentally challenged Alfred E. Ronning. Many years later it was my pleasure to call Al one of my cherished friends. Al later moved from Fremont and settled in Whitehall. He married a wonderful lady, Kathy Ronning.

My friendship with Al began with my introduction to amateur radio. This hobby seems to attract the most wonderful of individuals who volunteer their talent to causes like a March of Dimes walk or a Grand Haven Santa Clause parade. These folks, and Al was the quintessential example, give tirelessly of their time to help others less fortunate.

To earn a ham radio license a potential ham will pass a tough test. To be granted more privileges in the hobby there are more testing challenges. My friend, Al, was determined to earn his ham radio General license. This required Al to learn Morse code, that system of conversation using the sounds like "dit" and "dah." Al had survived a traffic accident in his very early youth that, frankly, could have killed a lesser child. The accident and the ensuing years of recovery seem to have toughened Al's determination and resolve whenever he set his mind to attain a goal. He pounded on that door barred by the Morse code test for well over a year. He asked for help from several friends in the ham community and we all worked to help him learn this skill while we marveled at his determination. We never doubted that Al would succeed with this test. Lesser folks simply cringe at the

challenge.

Al eventually earned that ham license. Never doubt that this was one of his finer moments. We celebrated the achievement when he earned the amateur radio General license and the call sign, K8AER.

Last Monday, December 11, he was recognized by his ham friends for his many tireless years of volunteering in the ham radio community with a plaque and fine words of congratulation. Al was instrumental in a Sunday evening ham roundtable discussion on the air that was both a training and an informal get together we all enjoyed. For years Al facilitated this net. He also worked tirelessly helping agencies like the March of Dimes and the American Red Cross using his radio skills, ham friends, and his determination. He made a difference in innumerable events from walks and runs to parades and giant shows like the Air Fair.

Wednesday morning, December 13, he and his wife were going to the hospital for some tests. For some reason he did not see or recognize the flashing red light at the intersection of Apple and Getty Streets. Al was killed in the car accident at that corner. Kathy was taken to a local hospital and is expected to recover from her injuries. The driver of the other vehicle is also hospitalized with non life threatening injuries.

The ham community is crushed by the news.

I tell you this story because Al was a member of our congregation in those past years. I also believe that Al and Kathy were married in our church.

They are prominent members of the Congregational Church in Whitehall. He worked tirelessly for their congregation as he worked so hard with his beloved hobby, ham radio. For example, he proudly told me on Tuesday that he had filled his van to capacity with food from the Gleaners in Grand Rapids that was used in the ministry of his church for folks much less fortunate. Al would literally do anything, move heaven and earth, to perform a favor for anyone.

I've attached a photograph of Al and his friends at the summer radio event we cherish called Field Day. Al is the guy in the burgundy tee shirt. The other guys are Chris, AB8WO (who, by the way, is blind) and Al's older brother, Rick, W8LGP. Russ and Edith Ronning, Al's parents, moved from Fremont to Muskegon where they still reside. The long ago car accident involved the whole family at a time when they called Fremont their home.

As an aside, when a ham ends his conversation his last characters in the conversation are Morse code that sound like dit dit dit dah dit dah and are written as the two letters, SK. When a ham dies we refer to him as a Silent Key. Al's key was snuffed out at the age of fifty-three wonderful years.

Bill Fries, Jr.

1993. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Al K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-14 14:17:27 UTC
From: ayoung@chartermi.net
Topic: 1988 Message: 1993

Al took and passed his Tech test on the same day as I. It was at the Fire Barn and I think we were the only two at the test session that day. He got KC8PLL and I received KC8PMM.

A couple years Later, when I took my General test, Al was there on one of his attempts to pass his CW test. He was the first fellow Amateur I remember clearly because of that and I have always felt a connection to him. I will miss hearing him on the air.

Andrew

---- k8mhz@... wrote:
> Today is a sad day.
>
> I am glad to have been able to call Al my friend and I will miss him tremendously. Al was one of the finest hams I have ever known, especially if you factor in the hand Al was dealt by life's experiences. I won't go into details but Al had a hard row to hoe just to get his Tech ticket. He persevered not only to Tech Plus, but to General as well. The tests weren't easy for Al, but he did not let that stop him from attaining his goal of becoming a General and being able to work HF. I don't know how many times he took the tests but Al knew if he kept at it he would pass. And he did.
>
> Lesser men would have given up, but not my friend Al.
>
> Al has been an inspiration for me since the day I met him, and I remember that day well. It was at an Operation Care event at the Nunica rest area. He was not a ham at the time and was helping his brother Rick at the event when I showed up to take my shift. It was that day that Al told me he was going to be a ham. I remember Rick, now W8LGP, telling me that if Al decided he was going to do something, he was going to do it. There was no uncertainty in Rick's voice. Al was going to be a ham.
>
> Al not only became a ham, but went on to become the Muskegon County Amateur Radio Emergency Service's Sunday Net Manager. Since Al took the position, the Net had a net control operator NO MATTER WHAT every week for what has been a couple of years now. A very deserved award was given to him and he at least had a few hours to savor that award.
>
> We will probably be doing a service for him on Sunday night for the next Muskegon ARES net. I would like anyone that knew Al to check in. I don't know the details of what we will be doing but I would like to do Last Call for him if his friends approve.
>
> 73,
>
> Mark K8MHZ

1994. Re: ARGYL Hamfest, Saturday, 16 December

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-14 14:48:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1991 Message: 1994

What other groups from West Michigan will be @ the ARGYLE Hamfest!

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Re: [GRARA members] ARGYL Hamfest, Saturday, 16 December
Date: Thu, 14 Dec 2006 09:00:19 -0500
From: Jack Amelar <jamelar@...>
To: GRARA Members <grara_members@...>
References: <4580E586.8030203@...>

Also keep in mind GRARA will have tables at Saturday's Hamfest. Plan on
bringing a few items to sell (unless you have a lot of stuff on your
own table) and spend a few minutes manning the table.

Whoever has the GRARA Banner, be sure to bring this early Saturday.

73 Jack NY8D

1995. Further story on Muskegon Chronicle webpage regarding K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-14 17:02:42 UTC
From: birdpriestess
Topic: 1995 Message: 1995

Heather VanDyke of the Muskegon Chronicle wrote an article specifically about Al Ronning's life for the Chronicle webpage. Here is the link:

http://www.mlive.com/news/muchronicle/index.ssf?/base/news-10/1166112918154410.xml&coll=8

It's a prominent story, so it shouldn't be hard to find if the link fails.

It is difficult for me to write much of anything at this time concerning Al. The shock is still wearing off, but I will post my eulogy to him some time soon. Bill, AB8SC, and myself, AB8QH, were probably the last folks to see Al alive when he and Kathy stopped to visit on Tuesday night. We cherish the memory of their pleasant visit. Please consider Kathy in your prayers. She needs all of the support that she can get now.

73,
Linda

1996. For Al, K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-14 21:45:47 UTC
From: birdpriestess
Topic: 1996 Message: 1996

Since 2002, when Bill and I achieved our first ham radio licenses, Al Ronning, K8AER, has been a part of our circle of radio friends. Bill and I took our introductory Technician class at Reeths-Puffer Elementary school with Tom Porritt, N8YJT. Kathy Ronning, KC8TEH, was among our fellow students. This is how we came to know Al, as he accompanied Kathy on each of her class nights.

I don't know if Al knew exactly how to take Bill at first, with Bill's hail-fellow-well-met outlook on life, but over the months and years, they became excellent friends. They learned from each other.

For myself, as a new ham, Al was a friendly voice on the .94 repeater, always willing to talk and always friendly. We learned about the early car accident that gave Al some additional challenges in his life. We learned that Al and Kathy weren't so well off financially, but that they faced those challenges with a public face full of good humor and bonhomie.

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I'll never forget his showing us home videos of the trip that he took to the Lakota reservation to help his church in building beds for the Native people there. It was a delight. Or his love of the Detroit Tigers and Lions sports teams, whether deserving of that love or not.

The night before this terrible accident, Al and Kathy made a special trip from Whitehall so that Al could show off his Radio Amateur of the Year award, given by the Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services group for which he had given years of service as net control every Sunday evening. "Someone else is going to have to take the Net on Christmas Eve", he said to me, "because I won't be there." I laughed and told him that no one else likely would be either. He was that kind of person, to care whether his conscientiousness would be somehow be questioned because of a human desire to take a holiday off.

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1997. Re: [WestMichiganHams] For Al, K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-14 22:44:57 UTC
From: RICHARD RONNING
Topic: 1996 Message: 1997

Arrangements were made today that I want to pass along. on Sunday the 17th there will be showing at the Clock Funeral Home (413 Mears) in Whitehall from 3 pm to 6 pm. The funeral will be Monday the 18th at 11 am. It will be held at the Whitehall Congregational Church also on Mears, with a lunch at the church following.

The family would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and prayers.
73
W8LGP
KC8WSG
----- Original Message -----
From: birdpriestess<mailto:linda_rosenthal@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com<mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2006 4:45 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] For Al, K8AER

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1998. K8AER Photographs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-14 22:49:33 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1998 Message: 1998

Jim, KC8QCJ graciously provided me with a couple of photographs of Al, K8AER from this past Field Day event. I've taken the liberty of posting them over in the photo album area of this site.

You are encouraged to add to this material.

And I've requested that we have our club's web page feature Al's legacy. Jon, AB8RD is working on that detail as you are reading this message.

Your warmest thoughts are welcome. I am personally grateful. This tragic accident has really hurt.

Bill, AB8SC

2000. northern lights

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-15 02:36:21 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2000 Message: 2000

Hope everyone got to take a the northern lights. What a spectacle.

2001. Re: northern lights

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-15 04:12:05 UTC
From: birdpriestess
Topic: 2000 Message: 2001

Remembered it tonight, walked outside around 10:00, immediately saw a meteor blaze across to the south and that was it for the show - too much cloud cover, I guess. Maybe there'll be better luck tomorrow.

Linda

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2002. Aurora scatter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-15 05:14:03 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2002 Message: 2002

http://www.electroblog.com:8090/aurora.mp3

Here's a 233 kB, slightly longer than 1 minute recording of some CW signals from last night's aurora. This was recorded at 7:52 PM on 144.200 MHz USB, using my 13 element yagi aiming straight at the aurora. The loud signal you hear at the beginning and end was about S7 on my meter. I copied his call as W2KV, who according to QRZ is in New Jersey. The station he's working is faintly audible but I can't copy it.

-Joe, N8FQ

2003. lights

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-15 12:11:27 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2003 Message: 2003

I was headed out last night to try an catch some Meteors,when I heard KD8PCJ say the lights were on.Great wave pulsing,I haven't seen them like that scince 1982 when I was living in Glen Arbor.We are fortunate that we don't have any light pollution up here.Hay,Amish oil lamp light don't tavel to far.

KD8CBJ

2004. Re: K8AER Photographs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-15 14:29:11 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1998 Message: 2004

There are a few more photographs added today.

By the way, adding photographs is easily accomplished and we are encouraged to add any you feel the group would enjoy.

Rumor has it that there may be some video, too.

You can thank Al, KV8X for these additions.

2005. Aurora

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-15 19:12:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2005 Message: 2005

Soundeth good. When aurora comes on that strong, one doesn't need special modes to communicate via radio waves.

Some places in SW Michigan must have had openings in the clouds for visual sightings. WZZM-TV, Channel 13, had some rather spectacular pictures by folks around this area. I looked at about 10:30 p.m., but didn't see anything just clouds. Some folks say the meteor shower and aurora lights should be visible tonight - I'll believe it when I see it. :)

The article about the aurora can be found on the web at http://tinyurl.com/y5qbyo

This is a link to the wzzm13.com web site.

73 de n8xx Hg

---------- Original Message follows ----------.
Aurora scatter
Posted by: "Joe Veldhuis" kd8atu@... electrode_kd8atu
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2006. Two first that made it easyer --- K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-15 20:05:36 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2006 Message: 2006

My first QSO was with WA8EOW Doran.Sitting in the parking lot of Tractor supply co.in Fremont I was 3CQing on the.92 for my first contact (well thats what the book said to do).Saveing me from untold embarrassment,he informed me that was not needed for repeater work nor the correct procedure.After a short exchange my hand stopped shacking enough for me to unkey.For my first"event",operation care,I was blessed to be assigned with Al K8AER and his xyl.From the first time I heard Al,I liked him.His laid back on air style,even runing a "structured" net,made for easy listening.And was obviously haveing too much fun.This put him at the top of my-must meet-list.My first eyeball of him,a big teddy bear,is what came to mind.An uncle Al type thing.He taught me a few things while on the care duty and didn't even know it.He taught me by example,nice and easy,just the thing for a mic frightened new be.Personally I,d like to think that last nights light show was Al just saying howdy hi---just because he could.

a somber 73 KD8CBJ
P.S. Thankyou Al,for being Al.

2007. Re: 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-15 20:15:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1968 Message: 2007

Jim:

I suspect that the ARGYL hamfest in Lowell tomorrow morning might be a place to find miscellaneous parts for projects.

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2009. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-15 22:38:43 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1968 Message: 2009

So far what I have found on line it is going to be between 5 an 10 bucks to build. Now I need to dig into my spare parts and see what i can find.

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12 volt battery monitor

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2011. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Want a laugh?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 01:06:28 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 2010 Message: 2011

Cute, did you look at the picture? Is it a valid item, or is this guy spoofing?
73,
ab8wo

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2006 6:06 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Want a laugh?

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http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=110067860641

73

K8MHZ

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2013. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Solar Flare wipes out 75 meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 01:33:18 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2012 Message: 2013

CQ100 is KEWl . I have been on it for over 3 months now . Better than Echo-Link . I wished they had the 90 day trial when I bought it .

Big Mark

k8mhz@... wrote:
But not QSOnet's CQ 100.

It was very busy today. Japan, England, Scotland, US, Brazil...and that was just on 20 meters!

http://www.qsonet.com/

Very cool.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

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2015. FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (Finally!!)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 02:27:19 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2015 Message: 2015

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2016. Fw: [3905checkins] No Code Ruling by FCC in today.....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 02:41:58 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2016 Message: 2016

Just recieved this on my 3905 club yahoo group.

----- Original Message -----
From: nm3u
To: 3905chatgp@yahoogroups.com
Cc: 3905checkins@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2006 9:19 PM
Subject: [3905checkins] No Code Ruling by FCC in today.....

Folks, I just received this..... Thought you might be interested.

* * * * * COMMENTS PRO OR CON ARE NOT NECCESSARY.. * * * * *

I don't see when this is to take effect.

Best regards,
Warren - nm3u still mobile

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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2017. Re: Want a laugh?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 02:55:12 UTC
From: kc8dei
Topic: 2010 Message: 2017

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> 73
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http://mmoss.org/radio/bad-amplifier.pdf

Mark Moss, KC8DEI

2018. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 05:42:43 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 2015 Message: 2018

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 12:34:01 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2019 Message: 2019
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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2020. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 15:06:59 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 2015 Message: 2020

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Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

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2021. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Radio based e-mail

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 13:59:00 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2019 Message: 2021

Thats old info . Did not know you or others were aware of that .

Big Mark

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2022. Re: FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 15:30:52 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2015 Message: 2022

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Bill, AB8SC

2023. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Radio based e-mail

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 15:56:17 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 2019 Message: 2023

Paul,
Thanks for the info. I have read it and it will help.
Tom, n8yjt

KD8CBJ@... wrote:
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73 KD8CBJ

2024. Fw: [PropNET-Online] PSK Contest this Weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 16:39:50 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2024 Message: 2024

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Art Jackson <ka5dwi@...>
To: PropNET-Online@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 10:07:28 AM
Subject: [PropNET-Online] PSK Contest this Weekend

Hi Everybody.
It doesn't feel like Xmas here. Its 70 degrees.

If you want to try out your contesting skills, the Michigan DX Assoc.
is putting on its annual PSK Deathmatch this weekend. Information and
the rules can be found at this link:
http://www.mdxa1.org/deathmatch.html

It is a nice event, unfortunately these solar conditions haven't helped
much. The contest covers 80 thru 6 Meters and both PSK31 and PSK63 are
allowed.

If 10 and 6 Meters opens up this weekend you might hear me call CQ a
couple of times.

73's
Art KA5DWI

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2025. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Radio based e-mail

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 16:41:53 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 2019 Message: 2025

Interesting stuff you sent around Paul.

As Mark points out, it is a bit dated.
It is also intended as promotional material for winlink, and therefore it is less than level handed in comparison to other techniques.

At the time this was written, AMPR had already extended Internet over amateur radio via TCP/IP.
That development allowed the email to be created on (say: Outlook Express) just as he did for Internet transport.
AMPR also discovered that extending Internet that easy led to a significant abuse by non-hams.
So policies set the techniques aside and opened the door to more restrictive techniques (like: winlink).

Winlink is GOOD stuff - don't get me wrong.
But it is more awkward than (probably) needed so as to keep only hams using it.

If you have interest in email over ham radio, and 6 to 8 hours to read stuff,
then visit http://www.mi-drg.org/ and look at the links to various sites.
Winlink is there, so is a lot of other stuff now in use.

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2026. Emailing: DOC-269012A1

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 16:06:38 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2026 Message: 2026
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Hear the FCC link on the changes. Tom KB8VEE

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:
Shortcut to: http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-269012A1.pdf

2027. Re:Want a laugh?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 17:50:50 UTC
From: Mark Brooky
Topic: 2010 Message: 2027

How does an ebayer that sells crap like that get a 100
percent positive rating? Unbelievable! Hilarious description!

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2028. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Radio based e-mail

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 18:12:28 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2019 Message: 2028

I did not realize that was outdated information,it is all new to me.In the future I will try and refrain from passing along inaccurate information.

KD8CBJ

2029. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 18:31:18 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 2015 Message: 2029

Well, I wasn't saying that those of us who learned cw are better hams then those that are techs, heck, that'sh ow I got into the hobby. I started out as a technician, and upgraded from there. I just hope that the FCC didn't make a mistake and allow some of the wrong people to have more power then they deserve if they decide to take a test and pass it. With that being said, I was discussing this with Mark on the .94 repeater, and he reminded me that it's not necessarily up to the FCC to take care of problems on our bands, we have and will be able to police the bands ourselves, and if there are problems, we have and always will be able to solve them quite well.
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2030. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 18:31:47 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2015 Message: 2030

Chris we have a good filter alredy it is called a license that will not keep all the idots off because there are some extra class opts that act just as bad as cbers and all that are out there now know code when they did away with the licensing and enforcement is when cb went to heck 73 kc8uny
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I hope this is for the best, I'm not so sure. I worked so hard to get it and darn proud I did and now it's kind of means nothing. I hope the cw portion dosen't get forgoten. But I guess if it helps to get more people into it then so be it. But on the other hand, the code requirement never stoped people over the last eighty past years or so. I think to a certain point people are getting a little lazy.

Tom, w8amz

Mark Thompson <wb9qzb@...> wrote:
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: NEWS MEDIA CONTACT:
December 15, 2006 Chelsea Fallon: (202) 418-7991

FCC MODIFIES AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE RULES,
ELIMINATING MORSE CODE EXAM REQUIREMENTS AND
ADDRESSING ARRL PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Washington, D.C. - Today, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration (Order) that modifies the rules for the Amateur Radio

Service by revising the examination requirements for obtaining a General Class or Amateur Extra Class amateur radio operator license and revising the operating privileges for Technician Class licensees. In addition, the Order resolves a petition filed by the American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ARRL) for partial reconsideration of an FCC Order on amateur service rules released on October 10, 2006.

The current amateur service operator license structure contains three classes of amateur radio operator licenses: Technician Class, General Class, and Amateur Extra Class. General Class and Amateur Extra Class licensees are permitted to operate in Amateur bands below 30 MHz, while the introductory Technician Class licensees are only permitted to operate in bands above 30 MHz. Prior to today's action, the FCC, in accordance with international radio regulations, required applicants for General Class and Amateur Extra Class operator licenses to pass a five words-per-minute Morse code examination.

Today's Order eliminates that requirement for General and Amateur Extra licensees. This change reflects revisions to international radio regulations made at the International Telecommunication Union's 2003 World Radio Conference (WRC-03), which authorized each country to determine whether to require that individuals demonstrate Morse code proficiency in order to qualify for an amateur radio license with transmitting privileges on frequencies below 30 MHz. This change eliminates an unnecessary regulatory burden that may discourage current amateur radio operators from advancing their skills and participating more fully in the benefits of amateur radio.

Today's Order also revises the operating privileges for Technician Class licensees by eliminating a disparity in the operating privileges for the Technician Class and Technician Plus Class licensees. Technician Class licensees are authorized operating privileges on all amateur frequencies above 30 MHz. The Technician Plus Class license, which is an operator license class that existed prior the FCC's simplification of the amateur license structure in 1999 and was grandfathered after that time, authorized operating privileges on all amateur frequencies above 30 MHz, as well as frequency segments in four HF bands (below 30 MHz) after the successful completion of a Morse code examination. With today's elimination of the Morse code exam requirements, the FCC concluded that the disparity between the operating privileges of Technician Class licensees and Technician Plus Class licensees should not be retained. Therefore, the FCC, in today's action, afforded Technician and Technician Plus licensees identical operating privileges.

Finally, today's Order resolved a petition filed by the ARRL for partial reconsideration of an FCC Order released on October 10, 2006 (FCC 06-149). In this Order, the FCC authorized amateur stations to transmit voice communications on additional frequencies in certain amateur service bands, including the 75 meter (m) band, which is authorized only for certain wideband voice and image communications. The ARRL argued that the 75 m band should not have been expanded below 3635 kHz, in order to protect automatically controlled digital stations operating in the 3620-3635 kHz portion of the 80 m band. The FCC concluded that these stations can be protected by providing alternate spectrum in the 3585-3600 kHz frequency segment.

Action by the Commission on December 15, 2006, by Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration. Chairman Martin and Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, Tate, and McDowell.

For additional information, contact William Cross at (202) 418-0691 or William.Cross@....
WT Docket Nos. 04-140 and 05-235.
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2033. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Radio based e-mail

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 18:43:57 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 2019 Message: 2033

For you to refrain is probably bad for all of us Paul.
For you to pursue new info based on your posting is probably good for
all of us (especially you?).

Good work...

On Sat, 2006-12-16 at 13:12 -0500, KD8CBJ@... wrote:
> I did not realize that was outdated information,it is all new to me.In
> the future I will try and refrain from passing along inaccurate
> information.
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>
> KD8CBJ

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>

73
de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

2034. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Radio based e-mail

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 18:46:13 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2019 Message: 2034

No , No , No , By all means pass on anything you do find . Old info is good stuff . We sometimes forget and that helps us remember . You can never have to much information .
I just used that info you gave to help another person understand this hobby .

Mark

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2035. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 18:50:12 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 2015 Message: 2035

What is a wouff hong? *smile*

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 1:40 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

"Or you can nudge him with kindness to
affect his on the air persona."

Or we can hit him about the head and shoulders with a Wouff Hong.

73 de K8MHZ/AE

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 10:30
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

There is tons on gnashing of teeth and frets of how this will impact
the hobby. I wonder just how the hobby has suffered in those
countries that have already taken away the code requirement?

And how will the new hams be any different from the Technicians we
enjoy on the radio, already, today? I surely doubt that giving a
Technician hf privileges will alter his behavior on the radio
irregardless of the band or mode. Idiots are found everywhere and
using the code test as a twit filter does little justice to the fine
Technician class operators we enjoy and will enjoy. And it is not so
effective a tactic.

When you hear an idiot on the radio you have the option of spinning
that big dial on the rig. Or you can nudge him with kindness to
affect his on the air persona.

We will all continue to make mistakes while learning and growing in a
wonderful community. Let's encourage the elmer in everyone.

Bill, AB8SC

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2036. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 18:56:25 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2015 Message: 2036

Mark:

Did you pass a test for Extra???!!!!! Wow! Congratulations! Wonderful!

2037. K8MHZ is an.....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 19:08:11 UTC
From: birdpriestess
Topic: 2037 Message: 2037

EX-TRA!

Congratulations, dude. Welcome to the next level!!!!!!!!!!

73,
Linda, AB8QH

2038. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 19:15:37 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2015 Message: 2038

If you think the CW requirement serves to filter out the riffraff, you haven't listened to 75m phone for a while, have you? And many of the perpetrators probably passed a CW test at 13wpm or more.

I don't think anybody who didn't learn to drive on a non-synchromesh stick-shift should be allowed to drive. :-)

73

Alan NV8A

On 12/16/06 10:06 am Chris Schulte wrote:

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2039. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 19:01:07 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2015 Message: 2039

Like you, I'm not pulling some kind of "I'm better than you are" card. That makes no sense and is certainly not positive nor progressive. We have been dealt a hand that we'll deal with and use to improve our favorite part of this wonderful hobby.

In another format it was pointed out that the old FCC had tons of hams and technically competent members on their staff and in positions of influence in years past. Today's FCC lacks that talent pool with the ability of measuring their rules against the legacy of our hobby. Folks who know nothing about radio might be more likely to be "politically correct" and try to step on as few toes as possible while hoping they are encouraging everyone. Certainly the hobby is graying. And things must be done.

Whining and complaining about an organization that is stepping into the breach and doing something positive makes no sense. Nobody here has so complained. Maybe you don't like the ARRL and its positions. I support this organization that is stepping up, being heard, and trying to keep the FCC in touch with our radio hobby. Good or bad they influence things. Or at least take a swing at the problems. You should, too.

Bill, AB8SC

2042. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 19:37:40 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 2015 Message: 2042

Fortunately for most people on this list, I never learned to drive, and won't be learning anytime soon. *smile*

----- Original Message -----
From: Alan NV8A
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 2:15 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

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2043. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 19:49:44 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2015 Message: 2043

>What is a wouff hong? *smile*

Should you remember the next time you're at the clubhouse you can pick up, handle, and touch a Wouff Hong. It is unfortunate that you won't get the full effect because the blood on the end certainly encourages an ominous message from its being previously employed.

Bill

2046. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8MHZ / AE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 20:21:49 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 2045 Message: 2046

Mark,

CONGRADULATIONS! Glad to see you did it.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 14:59
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] K8MHZ / AE

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73,

Mark K8MHZ

The Last of the Extra Lites

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Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

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2048. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8MHZ / AE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-16 23:19:59 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2045 Message: 2048

Congrats on the extra class isn't that a know code ham 73 kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 2:59 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] K8MHZ / AE

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2050. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8MHZ / AE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-17 00:46:34 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2045 Message: 2050

K8MHZ,

Congrads to you Mr Teacher . Way to go .

Mark

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2051. Re: K8MHZ / AE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-17 01:22:28 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2045 Message: 2051

Congrats Mark!
I know you could do it!
Doc, KD8BGQ

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2052. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8MHZ / AE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-17 01:07:44 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2045 Message: 2052

Great Job Mark. Maybe more of us should do it too. Tom KB8VEE

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 4:24 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8MHZ / AE

Thanks!

----- Original Message -----
From: Dennis Harriss
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 15:21
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8MHZ / AE

Mark,

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Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...m
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 14:59
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] K8MHZ / AE

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2053. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8MHZ / AE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-17 01:51:01 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2045 Message: 2053

Congrats on the extra. I'm new to this forum, but I've "been' around ham radio for 40 years.

This past Monday night the Holland club finished up its ten week Extra Class Class, and we gave ten extra class exams, and ten passed!

We have posted that we will be giving tech and general classes on Jan 22, and the plan is to continue to give the 5 wpm class.
So if anyone would like to go for the their tech or general, send them to Holland in Jan.
The Holland club is also interested in how much interest there would be for another Extra Class class in the fall of 07.

Great Times for Ham Radio

Tom K8TB

2054. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-17 03:26:07 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2015 Message: 2054

Well as in the past Ham radio has been very self policing. So if all the good hams let the very few bad ham screw it up, we might have to take a little blame ourselves. many of the CBers that I have talked to don't even want to take the tech test let alone morse or anything else. There is not much to stop someone from buying a rig at a swap and creating a lot of hate and discontent. I don't think we are going to see amateur radio take a dive due to no code. I do think you will see a lot more people upgrading which should create move amateur radio activity and may even hel drive down some equipment cost.

That my thought for the day.

2055. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8MHZ / AE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-17 03:33:54 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2045 Message: 2055

Congrats again Mark. and thanks for the tips. I picked up the last extra book on the shelf in Lowel today. Hope to join the club soon.

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Thanks and pass the thanks along to Linda as well for her post.

Also in my test session was a few people taking their Morse Code tests. Did I just witness the very last Morse Code test to be given in Michigan?

To anyone interested in passing the Extra written, I ordered the study book from Gordon West and read it cover to cover at least a couple times. I noticed that almost all of the questions regarding an impedance triangle used on of less than half dozen triangles. The 3,4,5 right triangle, the Icosolese (sp?) right triangle, the 14/76 and the 53/36 being the most common. I just memorized all the relationships to those few triangles and had the answers to a whole bunch of questions. Then I started taking the tests online. I took over 20 practice tests and only failed two in the very beginnning. After about the fourth try I started passing every time. I used both the QRZ and eHam tests as they seemed to generate slightly different answers. I also used some memory tricks. For instance to remember the types of oscillators used I imagined a police radio and the show 'Chips' which actually stood for CHP or California Highway Patrol. The answer is Colpitts, Hartly and Pierce (CHP).

I got a score of 44 out of 50. There were a few questions on the test I did not recognize from the study guide.

I think the best thing about going for Extra is that I actually learned some neat things about ham radio I did not know. (Just wait until Fox Hunt season) That and now my HF rigs are worth more to me because they can transmit on a whole bunch more of the radio spectrum.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

The Last of the Extra Lites

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries

To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 13:56
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: FCC Eliminates Morse Code Requirement (SAD SAD DAY)

Mark:

Did you pass a test for Extra???!!!!! Wow! Congratulations! Wonderful!

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.409 / Virus Database: 268.15.16/582 - Release Date: 12/11/2006

2060. General class book

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-17 13:42:52 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 2060 Message: 2060

Good day all,
I guess I don't need my Morse code Cd's any more!!
Now I am looking for a general class book. If anyone has one they would like to sell please let me know. I'm sure that there will be others who will want to upgrade.
I don't have any hf gear but I want to be able to use the radio at central dispatch if we are activated for some reason.
Thanks Jason Mac Kay KC8OVS

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2061. Sunday Night ARES VHF Net (Muskegon County)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-17 14:13:21 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 2061 Message: 2061

The Sunday night net will take place on the 146.940 Repeater for this evening @ 7:30 PM.

Rick Ronning, W8LGP will be net control. Mark Derby, K8MHZ will be taking over after the net for the special ceremony in memory of Al Ronning, K8AER.

Jim, K8COP

2063. Re: Ceremony of Last Call

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-17 18:02:59 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2062 Message: 2063

Note that the net is being held on the MAARC repeater and not the usual repeater you may be more used to using on Sunday evenings.

The net starts at 7:30 pm local time with check-in with the net control. You do not need to be or even have been a "regular" on the two meter net to check-in and participate. We are encouraging all local hams to take a moment and participate.

While this will be an emotionally difficult net for all of us your support and participation will make this net memorable and meaningful. I, selfishly, will need the assistance from all our friends for this evening's net. Please lend me a hand and we'll get through this together.

2065. Re: [WestMichiganHams] General class book

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-17 18:20:09 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2060 Message: 2065

Jason go to the arrl web site and you can get a pdf file of the general qustion pool 73
john kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: jason mackay
To: hams
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2006 8:42 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] General class book

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2066. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF in other countries

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-17 18:22:15 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2064 Message: 2066

I got this from an e-mail from a friend in South Africa . This is what he had to say about "cw".

His call is ZS6BUU

Big Mark

Read all about it earlier this week. Down here its very hot but fortunately we do not have the brush fires the poor guys in Australia are having! CW is also no longer required in South Africa, but obtaining a ZS is not that easy. There are 5 routes you can take to obtain that privaledge - from building a workable Receiver/transmitter to producting 100 QSL cards indicating you have spent some time on phone and "behaved" yourself and can show you are fully conversant with good radio procedures. I personally still feel that a certain percentage of all HAMNET members MUST be able to communicate in CW. It is still a very "fail safe" way of communicating when conditions are poor.

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k8mhz@... wrote:
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Thanks and 73,

Mark K8MHZ

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2067. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF in other countries

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-17 18:23:53 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2064 Message: 2067

It would be nice if the code test were still offered for those that would like to take the challange. Even if only a certifacate of completion. For me passing the code test took some effort, but I am glad it is one that I completed. It is a little more about this hobby that I know and there is so much more to learn. If for some reason I could not speak but could move my fingers I could still communicate.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2006 1:04 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] HF in other countries

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Thanks and 73,

Mark K8MHZ

2068. Re: HF in other countries

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-17 18:33:21 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2064 Message: 2068

I know it is not the same thing, but the ARRL does, periodically, transmit a code proficiency test on hf. You copy the text, mail in the copy, and get wallpaper for your copy speed. Unfortunately they don't slow the code d o w n that much that I'll be applying for that award any time soon. Hi And it must be less expensive than $14 for the VE CSCE that might not look half as attractive.

2070. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last Call for K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-18 03:26:32 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2069 Message: 2070

Recording turned out very well Mark .

Big Mark

k8mhz@... wrote:
A recording of the Ceremony of Last call for Al K8AER is here:

http://www.mydatabus.com/public/k8mhz/z/K8AER_Last_Call_edit_1.mp3

Thanks to all that participated.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

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2072. DAYTIME VHF TRAFFIC NET

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-18 14:05:52 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2072 Message: 2072

The poll I posted concerning a daytime VHF traffic net closes tomorrow. For those that say they are interested in a daytime traffic net can you please email me with the following information: 1. What times work the best for you 2. Which repeaters can you work from where you expect to be operating from. 3. Are you interested in being a Net Control Station. and finally how many times a week would you like the daytime VFH traffic netto meet.

John, WB8RCR, the Section Traffic Manager is very happy to hear of the interest in a daytime VHF traffic net. He would like to see more VHF traffic nets and at other times of the day besides the evening. Thank you for your interest in promoting NTS and a daytime VHF traffic net.

Doc, KD8BGQ

2073. Re: HF in other countries

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-18 22:50:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2064 Message: 2073

From http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html

W1AW Local UTC
Date Time Day Time Date Notes
December 8 10 pm Fri 0300z December 9
December 19 9 am Tue 1400z December 19 40-10 WPM

W1AW does code practice several time a day, almost daily. The next code proficiency test is tomorrow at 9 am EST. They start at 40 WPM and go down to 10 WPM, I think they're in 5 WPM increments. I believe other times the speed goes in 5 wpm increments from 10 WPM to 35 WPM.

Frequencies are 1.8175, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675, 28.0675 and 147.555 MHz. Depending on how the sunspots are doing, 7.0475 or 14.0475 would probably be the best for reception here in Western Michigan tomorrow morning.

The cost for the first certificate is $10, and each additional endorsement is $7.50.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Bill" <bill_fries@...> wrote:
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2074. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last Call for K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 00:42:03 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2069 Message: 2074

Be sides being a keep sake,It is away for one to hear how oneself sounds on the radio,like it or not.This might be a little corny but,there is this thing where you send like $10.00 or something and you get your own star.Not one on a side walk in CA.,but you get a certificate for the star you bought,and you get to name it.One for silent keys?????
73 KD8CBJ

2075. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 00:21:08 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 37 Message: 2075

You have doubtlessly heard that the FCC has released the R&O eliminating Morse code as a requirement for obtaining a General Class or Amateur Extra Class license. The debate is now ended and we must take advantage of this opportunity to advise those who found code to be an impenetrable obstacle to becoming a ham, that they now have no excuse! We can also rest confident that these new hams will find that the skills of CW operating will continue to bind radio amateurs together, not only through tradition, but as a valuable communications asset.

As SM, I have the opportunity to visit many clubs and hamfests in the Great Lakes State. Very often I find myself in a discussion about the state of this hobby and growth within our ranks. In those areas where I see high levels of activity, I find one or two constants: 1) A Sparkplug -- an individual who has the ability to organize and follow through with results, and 2) Mentoring by a team of people who are attached at the hip with new licensees and assist them is becoming familiar with every aspect of the hobby. It is true that there are several other factors that can came into play, but these two were the most frequent items that had a significant impact in insuring an active group in any given area. Most of us have seen many clubs wax and wane in energy over the years and no one is going to guarantee that the mentors and sparkplugs will be in place in every club forever. Therefore it becomes important to us all that we strive to mentor every new ham into the hobby and work together to support the "sparkplugs" in our organizations. By doing this, we mentor one another, share the burdens of leadership and reduce the tendency to have our leaders burn out. This message is not just to encourage support for a few leaders, this targets support for everyone.

In the following paragraph I have the pleasure of reporting a good number of newly elected club officers. I consider it very important to honor those who accept positions of leadership in all of our organizations. These are the folks who have a very distinct impact upon amateur radio and how we are perceived by prospective hams. They deserve our very direct support and assistance. Radio clubs are in the critical position of being an entry point for most new licensees and as such, the newcomer's perception of ham operators comes from what they see in us club members. Are we as friendly as we can be? Are we greeting every individual who attends the club's

meetings?
Are we offering to assist newcomers with their questions? Are we giving hands-on experience to the newcomers? If you cannot answer yes to all of these, I suggest that you join me in thinking about what we are going to do better at the next meeting. That is you and ME, because I could not answer yes to all four questions.

New officers took the helm in several Michigan clubs within the past month.
For the Clinton County ARA the following officers were elected: Pres KC8LRM,
VP N8TSK, Sec/Treas KB8QZX, and Directors WD8OVL, KC8BFK, WA8RZJ and N8SUA.
In the Lowell ARC these officers were elected: Pres WW8WW, VP KC8EGM, Treas KC8YTC Sec AA8JR, Tech Advisor N8UVI and PIO NY8D. Oakland County ARS elected these officers: Pres KC8IJF, Sec KB8POD and Treas K8ZZU. The Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance elected these officers: Pres K8JX, VP KB8VOZ,
Sec WD8LGN, and Treas W8MSK. We should also express our thanks to those whose
terms are closing. Their tireless efforts are appreciated.

Station Activity Reports for November, 2006: N8FPN 269, KC8WSE 212, K8CQF 200, KC8MLD 153, K8LJG 149, K8AE 110, K8AMR 68, AB8WF 50, KD8BGQ 49, W8RNQ 44, N8XX 42, WB8RCR 39, WD8USA 33, K8YB 26, KC8BYI 24, KC8YVF 17, K8ZJU 14, WA8OOH 10, KC8BDQ 8, N8UN 5, AB8CB 4, KD8BMV 2, KC8ZGB 2, WD8RIK 2.

Public Service Honor Roll reports for November, 2006: KD8BGQ 155, N8FPN 110,
WB8RCR 109, K8AE 105, K8CQF 93, K8AMR 90, K8ZJU 77, KC8BDQ 53, KC8YVF 52, KC8BYI 49, WD8RIK 22.

November Official Emergency Station reports came in from K8COP, KC8ULE, and
N8HA. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR and your OES reports with WA8EFK.

And from Judy and me, the very best wishes for this season.
Dale WA8EFK

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
wa8efk@...

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2077. winlink 2000 March 27 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 04:52:13 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2077 Message: 2077
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Be it old,or new, It's somthing I just stumbled on.

73
KD8CBJ

2078. Kellogg's & FCC Sign Pact

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 05:39:58 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2078 Message: 2078

Kellogg's & FCC Sign Pact

Washington D.C.-
It was announced today that Kellogg's and the Federal Communications Commission have signed a pact to issue Amateur Radio Licenses on specially marked boxes of Corn Flakes. In this unprecedented move the FCC believes this will not hurt amateur radio but allow all individuals to receive an amateur radio license without having to demonstrate any skills with the exception of being able to use a pair of scissors to cut out their operating permit from the breakfast cereal box.

Kellogg's spokesperson commented that they were proud to have been selected by the government to be the issuer of licenses for amateur radio in the US and hope to soon make an agreement with other cereal loving countries. They also expect that will be issuing certificates of achievement for DXCF for confirmed contacts with 100 corn flakers.

Laryn K8TVZ

2079. Tech Classes in January

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 13:47:12 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2079 Message: 2079

All:

It is quite likely that we will be holding Technician Classes in the coming month. There are reports of significant interest in amateur radio. And the FCC has changed the rules, or will change the rules, which will certainly impact the path a fellow follows to his license.

From the Michigan Section news (with thanks to Tom, KB8VEE) a sentence caught my eye, "Mentoring by a team of people who are attached at the hip with new licensees and assist them is becoming familiar with every aspect of the hobby."

We can all find a way to interact and help train the hams of next year by stepping up and volunteering. We will make a huge difference in our friend's enjoyment of our hobby.

Keep your ears open as the opportunity will surely present. And if you know of a person or two with interest, the classes are free, the book is cheap, and, as you well know, the opportunities rewarding in our hobby.

Bill, AB8SC

2080. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Kellogg's & FCC Sign Pact

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 14:08:25 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 2078 Message: 2080

Are you saying we will now have a bunch of flakes joining the hams. What a combination.

HI HI HI or this time of year HO HO HO

Denny N8CTT
----- Original Message -----
From: Laryn Lohman
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2006 00:39
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Kellogg's & FCC Sign Pact

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2081. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Tech Classes in January

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 14:38:13 UTC
From: John Field
Topic: 2079 Message: 2081

BILL when in January time date location all the above
JOHN KC8AZR
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> Bill, AB8SC
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2082. Re: [WestMichiganHams] DAYTIME VHF TRAFFIC NET

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 14:36:27 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 2072 Message: 2082

Hi Doc-Happy Holidays!
To your questions-
1- Time preference: 10am or 1pm
2- Lowell 527 or perhaps the Kent County 145.11 Repeater
3- Yes- I would like to be an NCS
4- Perhaps 3 times a week-
See ya- DE WD8USA ...-.-

2084. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last Call for K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 14:53:40 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2069 Message: 2084

Thank you,Didn't know where or how much,just had heard of it before.

73 KD8CBJ

2085. Re: Last Call for K8AER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 15:28:29 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2069 Message: 2085

All:

The MAARC gave flowers to Kathy, KC8TEH for Al's funeral. If I remember we will pass the hat to cover the expense at the upcoming club meeting. If you would be so kind as to remind me.

That evening's meeting will be at the Norton Shores Library and feature a mini seminar on all manner of batteries and their technology. We are all invited to attend.

There will certainly be additional details and specifics. (hey, aren't those the same thing?) Hm . . .

2086. Re: Kellogg's & FCC Sign Pact

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 16:27:44 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2078 Message: 2086

Should an Amateur Radio License become such a cheap ticket then we only have ourselves to blame. We have the responsibility to encourage friends in this hobby we all enjoy. We also have the responsibility to enlist new hams so we can more enjoy the simple act of conversing on the radio.

Should we relinquish this responsibility we only have ourselves to blame for the ensuing demise. I'm a glass half full guy who knows that people can be encouraged to join, learn, and improve their radio behavior. And I value my license from the FCC that welcomes and encourages me in the fraternity of ham radio operators. Many great friends and too many wonderful opportunities.

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2087. Fwd: HAM Radio licensing class

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 16:56:05 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2087 Message: 2087

HAM RADIO CLASS COMING

Again the Holland Amateur radio club offers to the community a licensing class. It is designed for those who are new to the hobby and for those who want to up-grade their license to General. With a Technician license you can talk to others across the country and around the world (free), build electrical devices and antennas, as well as serve the community with communication skills.

WHEN: Beginning January 22 for nine Mondays.

WHERE: HOLLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Technology and Training Center 280 E. 8th Street Holland

TIME: 7:00 until 9:15 p.m.

FEES: $20 plus the cost of book for $18.

CONTACT: Ed Heyboer
phone: 616-772-4811
e-mail: kf8ev@...

2088. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Kellogg's & FCC Sign Pact

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 17:26:13 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 2078 Message: 2088

No matter how easy getting a license gets, we are still a self-policing service. If we get a bunch of folks on the bands violating the rules, it will be easier to track them if they have a license and use a callsign than if they just get on the band and start transmitting.

I am sure anyone who takes the time to get tested will respect the rules to some extent. How many truly bad operators do we hear on VHF? I mean truly bad, not a guy who occasionally slips up and says "10-4."

It is very difficult to explain to a non-ham why I had to learn Morse Code. Now take that same person and explain why THEY have to learn it to TALK on a radio. Maybe it's so they can tell what unused repeater they are listening to when the only thing coming over the air is the CW identifier.

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2006 11:27 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Kellogg's & FCC Sign Pact

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2092. The FCC Report and Order

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 22:34:30 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2087 Message: 2092

The FCC report and order regarding the dropping of the International Morse Code as a licensing requirement can be read at:

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-178A1.txt

or the PDF is at:

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-178A1.pdf

41 pages, I've read just a bit of it. Good reading.

In the last few days, I have received two phone calls and four emails from broadcast engineers from around the US. They asked for clarification and acknowledgment of what the FCC did. All six are now planning to get their licenses.

CW is great. A great art form. And I just used it Thursday night on 6 meter aurora contacts.

But there are another 143 facets to this diamond of a hobby.

These six men will be a great addition to our hobby.

Read and enjoy

Tom K8TB, om to K8AJ

2095. winter field day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 23:21:56 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2095 Message: 2095

Hey Bill what up with winter field at the club house?

2096. Re: [WestMichiganHams] winter field day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 23:33:04 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2095 Message: 2096

Jim and All:

Winter Field Day? Good Question.

We have secured the permission of the MAARC to enjoy their clubhouse for this event. We will be allowed to park our shacks there, use the antenna assets, hook into a generous generator power supply, and enjoy the inside plumbing, kitchen, and radio shack.

There is talk of a mini swap and ham gear auction and breakfast. The event, FD, starts at noon on Saturday, Jan 13 and runs for twenty-four hours.

Specifics are still to be resolved so you are encouraged to keep your ears open.

Don't hesitate to ask any questions of Tom, W8AMZ or myself.

73

Bill, AB8SC

2097. General Book?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 23:38:06 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2097 Message: 2097

I have been asked to try to scare up a copy of a good book to be used to study for the General test. I must have loaned my copy and I'm not asking for its return. However, if you have an idea of where to look for a copy I'll be all ears. The library? Your library? Under my mattress? At a ham swap? You have an extra copy?

I sure hope that these things get as scarce as hen's teeth because folks are upgrading. You might remember that a General test success is good for a year toward the upgrade, or instantaneously when the FCC removes the code impediment.

Help?

Bill, AB8SC

2100. The FCC Report and Order, best guess effective date

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-19 23:34:01 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2087 Message: 2100

I just got a private email asking when the effective date is.

The report itself was adopted December 15, and released December 19 (today, Tuesday). It becomes effective, or law, 30 days after it is printed up in the Federal Register. The last FCC R & O that effected us hams was the Omnibus Order, which had an adopted date of October 4, and a release date of October 10. Since it made it into the Federal Register on November 15, and then became effective December 15, it looks like there is a five week delay in getting into the Federal Register.

However, we have the holidays upon us, so it might be hard to guess this one. My stab will be that it gets printed right around Feb 1, which would make the effective date March 1. This is my guess, and it has a probability factor of +/- 3 Db.

73 de tom K8TB

2101. Re: Kellogg's & FCC Sign Pact

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-20 04:11:04 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2078 Message: 2101

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Laryn,
>
> I know this post was prompted by the FCC's decision to drop Element 1 as a testing requirement but I feel the post better represents the 'Ham In a Day' classes.

Mark, just wanted to add a little <corny> humor...

> It is up to us, the hams with experience, to Elmer the new blood and make them proud to be hams. Once they are they will behave as such on the air.

I definitely agree with that Mark.

>
> 73,
>
> Mark K8MHZ

Laryn K8TVZ

2102. Oops! Big Mistake

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-20 22:52:25 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2102 Message: 2102

In an earlier post I suggested that if you pass your Element 3 for upgrade to General that you would instantaneously be granted your license when the FCC takes away the code test, Element One.

THIS IS WRONG information! From a FAQ on the ARRL web site, I quote the following:

Q. I have a Certificate for Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for Element 3 (General written test) and have been waiting for the FCC to drop the Morse code requirement. What will I need to do? Will I automatically receive my General license?

A. It will not happen automatically. You also will need to wait until the new rules are in effect. CSCEs remain valid for 365 days. There's been no change in that rule. If you have a non-expired CSCE for Element 3 credit, you would need to go to take the CSCE to a VE test session, pay the test session fee, if any, and have the examination team prepare and submit the paperwork for your license upgrade.

If the CSCE for Element 3 credit has expired or expires before you attend a test session to process your upgrade, you will have to retake the examination element in order to receive the credit toward your upgrade. The test session fee will apply.

Remember: A CSCE is only valid for 365 days. An expired CSCE for the General license theory will not be usable for an upgrade. If your CSCE expires before the new rules go into effect you will have to re-take the Element 3 General class theory exam in order to upgrade.

The ARRL is saying you should wait to take the Element 3 test until after the FCC takes away the code test. Then you can take and pass the test for a single test session fee of $14. I suggest you start studying now and be ready in February for the code to go away when you can take and pass the test and get your new privileges.

I am VERY SORRY for passing around bum dope. My HUGE apologies.

Bill, AB8SC

2103. Re: Tech Classes in January

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 00:50:34 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2079 Message: 2103

Hi everyone.
Mark, K8MHZ, is planning on starting a Tech Class in February. I have a list of 14 potential students at this time. Once Mark has the dates (most likely Wednesdays),time and location confirmed he will let me know. At that time I will begin the phone calling. If you have names of interested folks send them to me and I will add them to my list. I also read the post from Joe about the class in Holland on Monday evenings. So, the opportunities are there.

Mark is planning on using the Gordon West book and the W5YI VEC team. Book is around $15 and the class itself is FREE. Testing will hopefully be done on the last night of class and that will be the standard $14 test fee.

73
Doc, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Bill" <bill_fries@...> wrote:
>
> All:
>
> It is quite likely that we will be holding Technician Classes in the
> coming month. There are reports of significant interest in amateur
> radio. And the FCC has changed the rules, or will change the rules,
> which will certainly impact the path a fellow follows to his license.
>
> From the Michigan Section news (with thanks to Tom, KB8VEE) a sentence
> caught my eye, "Mentoring by a team of people who are attached at the
> hip with new licensees and assist them is becoming familiar with every
> aspect of the hobby."
>
> We can all find a way to interact and help train the hams of next year
> by stepping up and volunteering. We will make a huge difference in
> our friend's enjoyment of our hobby.
>
> Keep your ears open as the opportunity will surely present. And if
> you know of a person or two with interest, the classes are free, the

> book is cheap, and, as you well know, the opportunities rewarding
in
> our hobby.
>
> Bill, AB8SC
>

2104. noarc ham in a day class and test

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 00:56:57 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2104 Message: 2104

This january 27 2007 at the spring lake presbyterian church starting at aprox 8:00 am to 2:00 pm with a break for lunch testing to start at aprox 2:00 pm this will be a tech class and testing for everything ie (tech gen, and extra) the cost of the test is 14.00 the cost of the tech book is $20.00 we are using the gordon west book we have 6 books if you need a book contact KC8UNY John fischer at kc8uny@... or 616 846 8998 leave a message we hope to get alot of new hams or those how want to advance to the next class

2105. Re: DAYTIME VHF TRAFFIC NET

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 02:49:57 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2072 Message: 2105

Hi Joe.
Thank you for the feedback. I have them written down. I am waiting to hear back from three others that voted in favor of a daytime traffic net.

If you are one of those remaining three, please let me know the answers to the questions as soon as you can. Post here or email them to me directly. My email is my call sign at arrl.net.

Have a great Christmas Joe!
Doc, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, wd8usa@... wrote:
>
> Hi Doc-Happy Holidays!
> To your questions-
> 1- Time preference: 10am or 1pm
> 2- Lowell 527 or perhaps the Kent County 145.11 Repeater
> 3- Yes- I would like to be an NCS
> 4- Perhaps 3 times a week-
> See ya- DE WD8USA ...-.-
>

2106. WEST MICHIGAN TRAFFIC NET HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 02:53:11 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2106 Message: 2106

The session of the WMTN that falls on Christmas Eve is cancelled.
There will be no WMTN that evening. There will be a net on Christmas,
December 31st and on January 1st at their regular scheduled times.

Any questions can be sent to me at kd8bgq at arrl.net

Merry Christmas
Doc, KD8BGQ
NM, WMTN

2107. IC-W32A Battery

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 12:59:55 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2107 Message: 2107

Good morning everyone.

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My concern is if the radio can handle 12V at the battery connector. I know it will at the power connector. I did hook it up to a power supply at 12V and it powered on fine.

Any input? Any opinions?

I hope everyone has a great holiday!

Tim Deater

KC8MSE

http://www.tdats.net <http://www.tdats.net/>

2108. Re: [WestMichiganHams] IC-W32A Battery

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 13:43:17 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2107 Message: 2108

Tim
I have a 7.2 V 900mAh from W & W Associates they have others. Happy Holidays Tom KB8VEE

----- Original Message -----
From: Deater, Tim
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2006 7:59 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] IC-W32A Battery

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2110. RE: [WestMichiganHams] IC-W32A Battery

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 14:36:39 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2107 Message: 2110

Thanks for the manufacturer Tom. I did read trough the manual and did find the specs in the back. Looks like a 12V battery will be fine. I ordered some 2700mAh cells from Overstock.com. $9.95 for a 4 pack. We'll see how well they work for that price.

It may not be pretty when it is done, but should work well..... I hope. If it turns out well I will post it on my website.

73

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From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of k8mhz@...
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2006 9:16 AM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] IC-W32A Battery

Hi Tim,

In the manual somewhere, usually the back, there is a specification for the voltage range. Typical is 6 - 16 volts.

If you don't have a manual let me know, I will download one and post a link for it. I think you would be OK but it is best to check the manual first.

73 mhz

----- Original Message -----

From: Deater, Tim <mailto:tdeater@...>

To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com <mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>

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2111. Re: IC-W32A Battery

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 15:07:31 UTC
From: kc8zas
Topic: 2107 Message: 2111

Hi Tim,

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Tom w8amz

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2112. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: IC-W32A Battery

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 16:34:18 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2107 Message: 2112

Do you mean DC-Ace? I bought from them new NiCd "innards" for my ancient IC-2A, also a set of D-size NiMH cells. So far all are fine.

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Alan NV8A

On 12/21/06 10:07 am kc8zas wrote:

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2113. Re: IC-W32A Battery

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 16:43:52 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2107 Message: 2113

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Deater, Tim" <tdeater@...>
wrote:
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>
> Tim Deater
>
> KC8MSE
>
> http://www.tdats.net <http://www.tdats.net/>
>Not totally what you looking for,but some battery info sent to me.
73 KD8cbj

2114. Winter Field Day Reminder

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 17:13:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2114 Message: 2114

From the ARRL's Contest Branch web site:

Winter Field Day -- all modes, sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio (SPAR) from local noon Jan 13 to local noon Jan 14. Frequencies: 160-10 meters. Categories: SO, Two Op, Multi, Indoor, Outdoor, Home. Exchange: call sign, RS(T), category, local outside temperature. QSO points: 1 pt/QSO. Score: QSO points ? modes operated on each band. For more information and bonus points: http://www.spar-hams.org/contests/winterfd/index.php. Logs due Feb 15 to winterfd@....

2115. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: IC-W32A Battery

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 21:47:40 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2107 Message: 2115

At one of the recent ham fest I went to a vendor was selling cordless phone battery packs, which had 4 AA batteries in each for $ 1.50. I bought 3 packs and with a little effort replace the batteries in my icom battery pack that were dead. I wish I would have bought a few more. I am pretty sure you will be able to find them at Marshall if your not in a hurry.

- Original Message -----
From: Alan NV8A
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2006 11:34 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: IC-W32A Battery

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2116. Need people power

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 22:44:17 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2116 Message: 2116

My tower is here, but my plan to use a tow truck to move it into position around the back of the house failed when the truck's wheels started sinking into the lawn. So I have a tower weighing approx. 1100lbs sitting alongside my driveway in Holland Township (down the street from Dave Lamer and "Fuzzy").

It would be very much appreciated if I could get anything up to 20 people to help move this thing into place on Saturday morning. It's a lattice tower, so I can put several 2x4s or 2x6s through it with a few people on each side at each point.

I was thinking of 10am Saturday, but if some other time suits enough people, we could do it earlier or later.

Coffee, tea, soda and cinnamon rolls (and maybe other edibles too) will be provided. (It'll be too early in the day for pizza and Foster's.)

Please let me know here, or on the repeater, or by email, or at 748-1228.

73

Alan NV8A

2117. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: IC-W32A Battery

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-21 23:44:55 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2107 Message: 2117
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I got 2600MAh AA's for 9.95 for a 4 pack at Overstock.com. I'll post how well they work when they come in.

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Jim KC8PCJ
Sent: Thu 12/21/2006 4:47 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: IC-W32A Battery

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2118. Scientists Predict Big Solar Cycle

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-22 03:52:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2118 Message: 2118

From: NASA Science News
To: NASA Science News
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2006 1:57 PM
Subject: Scientists Predict Big Solar Cycle

NASA Science News for December 21, 2006
Evidence is mounting: the next solar cycle is going to be a big one.

FULL STORY at

http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2006/21dec_cycle24.htm?list154910

2119. ARES E-Letter for December 20, 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-22 12:30:30 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2119 Message: 2119

> The ARES E-Letter
> December 20, 2006
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> Rick Palm, K1CE, Editor
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> <http://www.qrz.com/database?callsign=K1CE>,
> <http://www.iaru-r2emcor.net/>
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> ARES reports, other related contributions, editorial questions or
> comments: <k1ce@...>;;
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> + THE VIEW FROM FLAGLER COUNTY
>
> Our Flagler ARES meeting was held last night at the Fire House, and
> was essentially an "End of Year Party" (with the obligatory copious
> pizza and soda). There was one piece of business transacted relative
> to the proper way to check into our nets and the use of accepted
> (standard) phonetics. A list was distributed to all in attendance.
>
> The socializing was wonderful, and it occurred to me that it's the
> camaraderie that still floats my boat in ham radio after all these
> years. It was a great evening. Thanks to FECA for the pizza!
> --------
>
> With hurricane season over, our section's ARES leadership is studying
> jump teams. SEC Joe Bushel, W2DWR, wants every county to draft their
> own group ready to deploy to another county to provide relief
> operators. He also wants each ARES district to have a super jump team
> composed of radio amateurs with other specialties: pilots, divers,
> law officers, medical professionals, and electronics techs, for
> examples. Bushel's initiatives are laudable, and we are grateful to
> have him as our SEC in Northern Florida.
> ---------
>
> Controversy swirls about the Red Cross requiring background checks,
> and our section's policy is that ARES works under government
> emergency management, not the Red Cross. In the EOC, the Red Cross
> has its own ESF number, and Communications has its own ESF number. A
> shelter is opened by emergency management, requesting it under the
> Red Cross ESF. Communications is provided to that shelter under the
> Communications ESF at the request of emergency management to the
> local EC. Untested yet, but Red Cross doesn't seem to be in a

> position to demand clearance of persons working in shelters under
> control of the EOC. At least that's the current thinking of our
> section's leadership.
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>
> ARRL seeks data on mobile emergency communications vehicles: The
> League's National Emergency Response Planning Committee (NERPC)
> continues to invite responses from clubs or groups having access to
> an emergency communications vehicle (ECV). If your group has an ECV
> and has not yet participated in the survey, please have someone take
> a few minutes and be a part of this effort. The Committee's response
> to the ARRL Board is due in January. A number of responses have been
> received to date, but the Committee wants to collect as much
> information as possible to develop its report.
>
> As of November 29, clubs and groups had entered information on 29
> ECVs into the survey database. Most ECVs are owned by individuals or
> local governments, 14 have portable repeaters onboard and another 25
> have their own power generators. This information will help determine
> what assets are available and help in planning for future disasters.
> To participate, visit the Emergency Communications Vehicle Survey Web
> site <http://www.bullock.org/nerpc>.
>
> + MASSACHUSETTS ARES/RACES ACTIVATES FOR EXPLOSION
>
> Eastern Massachusetts ARES and RACES teams went on alert November 22
> after an early-morning explosion destroyed a paint and ink plant in
> Danvers, 15 miles north of Boston. The blast, felt as far away as
> Southern Maine, destroyed more than a dozen nearby homes and damaged
> upward of 100 others. Minutes after the 2:45 AM explosion North Shore
> ARES members initiated an informal net on a Danvers repeater while
> monitoring the situation. The blast awakened North shore EC Jim
> Palmer, KB1KQW, who lives about a mile from the plant site.

>
> "As soon as I heard the explosion, I followed our well-established
> ARES protocols by getting on my local SKYWARN/ARES frequency and
> starting an informal net," Palmer said. "I also monitored my scanner
> to hear information directly from the incident area." DEC Eric
> Horwitz, KA1NCF, and Eastern Massachusetts SEC Rob Macedo, KD1CY,
> were notified, as well as Region One RACES Radio Officer Terry
> Stader, KA8SCP.
>
> Macedo contacted Massachusetts Bay Red Cross, which opened a shelter
> at Danvers High School to accommodate some 100 to 150 displaced
> residents. Radio amateurs were ready to provide communication support
> for the Red Cross or other agencies.
>
> "We continued the informal net until 6 PM and secured," Macedo said.
> "No deployments were required, but we were ready to deploy if needed.
> We had over 40 check-ins to the informal net and between 6 and 12
> amateurs ready for deployment." - excerpted from the ARRL Letter
>
> + FLORIDA COUNTY USAR TEAMS UP WITH AMATEUR RADIO, CERT, OTHERS
>
> The Alachua County (Florida) Fire Rescue's Reserve Division K-9
> Search and Rescue unit has teamed up with local radio amateurs,
> members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and reserve
> EMTs to form a combined resources team for improved wilderness and
> urban search and rescue (USAR). In November, the USAR K-9 team
> initiated training in basic SAR skills for the new team members. Held
> near the Gainesville Airport, team members conducted practice
> searches and practiced skills required for the NASAR SARTECH II
> certification. Nearly 20 volunteers participated in the on-going
> training, learned teamwork, and were cross-trained in skills such as
> medical, communications, and navigation. The team's goal is to
> increase their response capability and improve the level of service
> to the community.
>
> + EMCOMM IN THE AFTERMATH OF CASTRO'S DEATH
>
> The Miami Herald ran an interesting article this week about the
> extensive preparations being undertaken by the State of Florida, DHS,
> and others to prepare for events in the aftermath of Cuban President
> Fidel Castro's death. The article cited potential problems with
> communications.
>
> It would seem to me that in the event of widespread civil unrest in
> Cuba, Amateur Radio could help in the following areas:
>
> (1) Handling direct requests from the population of Cuba for aid,
> emergency supplies, etc.; (2) Providing real time intelligence about
> conditions on the ground, by relaying reports from Cuban amateurs;
> and (3) Relaying critical communications for the US entities on nets

> like MARS, SHARES, Maritime Mobile Nets, etc.
>
> It would be interesting to hear if any of the various ARES groups
> have started to train or prepare for this eventuality. -- Les
> Rayburn, N1LF, Helena, AL, Official Emergency Station
>
> [As IARU Region 2 EMCOR, I can tell readers that there is a robust
> amateur radio emergency communications community in Cuba. Of all the
> countries in Region 2, Cuba's radio amateurs are at the top of the
> list for severe weather and other emergency communications planning
> and practice. - K1CE]
>
> + LETTERS: "NATION'S OLDEST WEATHER NET"
>
> In the November ARES E-letter I read with interest the item about
> Wisconsin's Badger Weather Net. The net was described as the nation's
> oldest weather net, organized in December 1964.
>
> While this net has been in operation for a long time, there is
> another Weather net called "The New England Weather Net," operating
> continuously even longer, since December, 1955. I first checked into
> the New England Weather Net in August 1959, and am currently the
> Tuesday net control operator. I have been active in this net for the
> last 47 years serving as net control for much of that time.
>
> The New England Weather Net was founded by a small group of amateurs
> in the Boston-Cape Cod area who were interested in exchanging weather
> information and communicating with other amateurs involved in the
> Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and the "Texas Towers" early
> off-shore radar detection operations. Members of the Weather Net were
> able to provide that vital link to the mainland that was so
> appreciated by those stationed at sea and on the towers.
>
> The net is still active today with 30 to 40 stations reporting their
> weather conditions each morning from all of New England, to as far
> north as Nova Scotia, as far south as Florida, and as far west as
> Idaho. There are check-ins from 17 states, primarily in the eastern
> section of the country.
>
> The net meets each morning from 0530 to 0620 local time. At 0620, a
> summary of the reports received is given by the net control station.
> Each report contains the station's temperature, barometric pressure,
> wind speed and direction, cloud cover, precipitation amounts, 24 hour
> temperature gradient and any other data the reporting station wishes
> to give.
>
> All stations are welcome and no membership is required. We meet every
> day except Sunday on 75 meters at 3905 kHz. Additional information
> can be received by contacting the net manager Dave Haas, N1PT,
> Lancaster, New Hampshire. See <http://newn.org/about_newn.asp> --

> John P. Bretz, KE2EA <KE2EA@...>
>
> + MISSISSIPPI HAMFEST FORUM REPORT HIGHLIGHTS KATRINA STATUS
>
> [ARRL Delta Division Director Henry Leggette, WD4Q, and Vice Director
> Karl Bullock, WA5TMC, attended the Ocean Springs, Mississippi Hamfest
> last month. Here are portions of Bullock's report. - ed.]
>
> This was the first hamfest I'd been to on the Gulf Coast since
> Katrina. The hamfest was a success, though the clubs there have lost
> membership, and are in the rebuilding stage. The ARRL Forum was the
> liveliest ever. The attendees were the hams who walked through the
> fire last year, and we listened carefully.
>
> TRAINING. "We're going to have to look at NIMS training, whether we
> like it or not", was a recurring comment, along with "but, none of
> these courses instruct hams how to communicate in an emergency. Such
> training should be done in person. Clubs would be ideal for
> conducting this training. Certification would be nice upon
> completion. Needed is a syllabus, and some training aids, probably in
> the form of a DVD video that clubs could obtain at minimal cost from
> the ARRL."
>
> Other comments: Assembling a working station isn't enough. Training
> on message handling is needed. Attendees liked our idea of having HQ
> originate test emergency messages, in addition to taking another look
> at strengthening the SET.
>
> "We weren't ready then, and we're not ready now," was a resonant
> comment.
>
> LICENSE EXAMS. There should be some emphasis on emergency
> communications in the VEC Question pool.
>
> LACK OF EQUIPMENT. On the coast, pre-disaster, the local hams had
> constructed an emergency communications station complete with
> equipment necessary to manage a large-scale local disaster. They had
> radios across the spectrum, including SHARES, local government, HF,
> VHF, digital, antennas, and backup power with fuel. It was totally
> destroyed in the early hours of Katrina. Nothing else came close to
> providing that capability, and equipment that would show up would
> disappear when those who brought it had to go home. The equipment
> from HQ was welcome, but again, not everything the operators needed.
> They didn't have a solution to the problem, but we do need to look at
> providing more capability in these large disasters. -- Karl Bullock,
> WA5TMC, Delta Division Vice Director, and member, ARRL National
> Emergency Response Planning Committee
>
> + LETTERS: RED CROSS BACKGROUND CHECKS
>

> As for the Red Cross background checks, I am concerned about identity
> theft and exposure to errors that are inherent in any system. Would
> the Red Cross be liable for my costs to correct problems? What
> protection is offered? I know of two people who have still not
> recovered from theft of their identity. I will decline the overly
> broad demand of every bit of personal information that is required to
> be authorized for collection. I can see the criminal check for people
> who are working with kids and stressed adults, but what business is
> it of theirs to find out that I owe no one anything and have never
> missed a payment? I have done checks with the three reporting
> companies and have found errors like one that listed some 20 credit
> cards as active when the number is just three. I will probably drop
> out of ARES and concentrate on RACES where the Vermont DPS has
> already run a more reasonable background check. -- Gordon Pugh, PE,
> W2NH
>
> + LETTERS: PERSONAL PUBLIC SERVICE RETROSPECTIVE
>
> Last night I was watching a TV program on the 1996 civil war in
> Liberia. At the time of the conflict, I was tuning around on 20
> meters when I heard an emergency call to any US ham. For the next
> several hours I relayed information from our embassy in Liberia to
> the State Department in Washington concerning health and welfare.
> Rebels had taken over the capitol and shut off all communications.
> Our embassy was able to communicate using ham radio as hundreds of
> people herded into the embassy compound for safety.
>
> I was a first responder at Ground Zero, 9/11. Again, I concentrated
> on performing the communications job at hand and was not able to
> contemplate the event's significance, as the rest of the world could.
> There was info going out of the area, but none coming in. The
> helplessness of the country as they saw the damage in New York and
> Washington must have been terrible. I feel it now, as, after watching
> that TV program, I now feel what went on in Liberia in 1996, when I
> was doing my communications "job." In 1996 I had no idea of the
> slaughter that was taking place in that country, nor its
> significance.
>
> Perspective during an emergency is a strange thing: it's lost. During
> an emergency we are so focused on doing what needs to be done that we
> lose the impact of the event and the feelings that other people
> experience. Amateur Radio has allowed me to help others, but I feel
> as if I have missed real-time significance by being in another
> "loop." - Bob Hejl, W2IK
>
> + LETTERS: HELP WANTED
>
> Our ARES district has been asked by a local fire department to teach
> a basic license course for their radio dispatchers. Regional police
> have also indicated an interest in a similar course, and efforts are

> underway to involve dispatchers from two other fire services.
>
> Having taught adult learners for a living, I know how important it is
> to make the information relevant to their jobs. That's where I need
> some assistance. Apparently, the idea of dispatchers having radio
> amateur licenses came from a conference in the U.S. I'd sincerely
> appreciate hearing from anyone who may have attended such a
> conference session, or anyone who may be teaching a similar course.
> -- Gord Hewit, VE3GIH, <VE3GIH@...>
>
> + K1CE FOR A FINAL
>
> It's the time of year for cheer, friends, family, reflection, but
> also melancholy and loss. We recently lost SEC John Warne, K4KAM. Joe
> Bushel, W2DWR, writes: "He was a Ham's Ham, and a tremendous friend.
> During the years that I knew John, I found him to be always there
> when I needed his advice, which I often did, and he never shirked a
> request for assistance. He fought illness for years with a positive
> attitude in all he did. When North Florida lost John Warne, they lost
> a terrific ham and a very dear friend."
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>
> For us sentimental old fools, check out http://www.novice.bappy.com
> for a short walk down memory lane.
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>
> And finally, a gem from Joe Shea, of the HQ's Production staff,
> reflecting on the FCC's Morse code decision, sung to the tune of "Mr.
> Ed":
>
> A Morse is a Morse, of course, of course,
> And no one can talk with Morse of course,
> That is, of course, unless the course is taught by A-R-R-L.
>
> Go right to the source and ask about Morse,
> We'll give you a program that you'll endorse,
> You'll always stay on a steady course,
> Contact A-R-R-L.
>
> Phone ops yakkity yak a streak and waste your time of day,
> But Morse operators will never "speak" unless they have something to
> say
>
> A ham is a ham, of course, of course,
> And some will talk 'til their "voice" is hoarse;
> Would you rather sound like a horse's a--?
> Well why not learn this: "dot-dit-dit-dit-dash"
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>
> Happy Holidays! Keep warm by those glowing rectifier tubes!

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> 73, Rick, K1CE
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2120. Santa on 20m phone

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-23 02:11:46 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2120 Message: 2120

For those of you who have young(er) children, or even better yet, grandchildren, there is a guy on 20 meters, with the call WO6T, who is running a special event station under the call of W6S. He is Santa on the air. You can email him ahead of time, by going to the website, www.wo6t.com, and clicking on the webcam page, and then looking for the little elf to send an email.

My wife, K8AJ, had two of the grandchildren over this afternoon, and had "emailed" Santa with specific information ahead of time. The older one is 6, and she was absolutely stunned when Santa was telling her about her loose tooth, and all the stuff going on in her life. He does a great job.

I wish I had known about this earlier, but you still have Saturday and Sunday to mix the magic of Santa with the magic of ham radio. The six year old was still babbling about the contact hours later.

W6S, when he is on, is around 14.270 +/-, and his signal is "routed" via Bakersfield, CA.

Enjoy the season,

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2121. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-24 16:47:29 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1968 Message: 2121

I found another circuit that uses the LM3914 and then added a digital display from 1 to 9 to show battery percentage. It also has a circuit that will sound a buzzer when the indicator reaches a certian point.The led indicator is pretty simple adding the digital is going to be a little more work. Maybe a Saturday project at the club house to build some of the led indicators would be fun.
Any one interested???

----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2006 12:23 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 12 volt battery monitor

Didn't Jan Hamer write the theme song to Miami Vice? I didn't know he was a Ham.

www.janhammer.com/

----- Original Message -----
From: KD8CBJ@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2006 6:45 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 12 volt battery monitor

Haven't looked yet,LM3914 source-cross reference?I would have to compile a component wish list to justify shipping cost from say"DigKey".Exploring 12v back up options is one thing on my research list,this is a perfect addition.Heard the QSO man you got it posted fast.

73 KD8CBJ

2122. Happy Holidays

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-24 16:58:13 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 2122 Message: 2122

I wish everyone who reads this forum and their family a safe and happy holiday season.

Scott
KD8CMK

2123. Ham Radio Operators Bring Santa Claus To Tumor Patients

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-24 19:00:16 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2123 Message: 2123

http://www.kbcitv.com/news/local/4886771.html

2124. xmas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-24 19:36:14 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2124 Message: 2124

HOLIDAY HOWDY

73 KD8CBJ

2125. New Mi law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-24 20:51:43 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2125 Message: 2125

All
Was anybody aware of this new Law? Tom KB8VEE

Subject: FW: SIGN CAR REGISTRATION OR PAY $125

Make sure your car registration has been signed on the back to avoid paying a $125 fine if you're ever pulled over for anything. New legislation in Michigan.

At the Secretary of State's office, the customer service representative told me to please be sure that the registered owner of the vehicle signed the registration. She explained that if you are pulled over and the back of your registration is not signed (even though it is valid), you will be fined $125.00.

I was so stunned " I had to clarify: So, if I get pulled over, and even though my tags are valid, and the registration is in my possession BUT it is not signed by the registered owner, I will be given a ticket for $125.00?? She answered YES! Apparently, this is Michigan state legislature that has recently been put into effect. Pass it on Please

2126. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Mi law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-24 21:46:38 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2125 Message: 2126

Wow , what a stupid law . So now if someone breaks into my car they not only get what I may have in there but also my signature .

Great opportunity for identity theft .

Thanks for the heads-up Tom .

Big Mark

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2127. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Mi law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-24 22:07:53 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 2125 Message: 2127

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Thanks for the information. My birthday is on Groundhog Day and I just sent my plate renewals in by mail on Thursday.

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2129. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Mi law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-24 23:28:23 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2125 Message: 2129

Tom I as not untill my wife had an accident not her fault and the officer wrote her a ticket for that luckly she just had to see the magastrat shoh that it is signed an they dismissed the ticket know all of are's are signed 73 Merry christmas kc8uny john
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2130. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Mi law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-25 01:23:16 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 2125 Message: 2130

I don't think that's a recent law. It's always been on the back of the registration "NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED." If you are carrying an "Invalid" registration, then you can be fined.

Yes, a stupid technicality, but I think it's always been there. Maybe the officers have only recently been told to start enforcing it (or the law's been changed slightly?).

I think you can also be cited for having no windshield washer fluid, bad wipers, ANY lights inoperative, and (get this one) NOT WEARING A SEATBELT. ;)

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2131. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Mi law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-25 01:25:23 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 2125 Message: 2131

It works for Credit Cards, so why not?

Check it out:

http://www.zug.com/pranks/credit/

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2006 5:22 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Mi law

Would it be legal just to sign it with an X?

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2132. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Mi law

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-25 01:32:12 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 2125 Message: 2132

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This is the dumbest thing I have ever heard. And yes, it will aid the crooks who reign in identy theft.

Thanks for the information. My birthday is on Groundhog Day and I just sent my plate renewals in by mail on Thursday.

Scott

Tom VanderMel <kb8vee@...> wrote:

All
Was anybody aware of this new Law? Tom KB8VEE

Subject: FW: SIGN CAR REGISTRATION OR PAY $125

Make sure your car registration has been signed on the back to avoid paying a $125 fine if you're ever pulled over for anything. New legislation in Michigan.

At the Secretary of State's office, the customer service representative told me to please be sure that the registered owner of the vehicle signed the registration. She explained that if you are pulled over and the back of your registration is not signed (even though it is valid), you will be fined $125.00.

I was so stunned " I had to clarify: So, if I get pulled over, and even though my tags are valid, and the registration is in my possession

BUT it is not signed by the registered owner, I will be given a ticket for $125.00?? She answered YES! Apparently, this is Michigan state legislature that has recently been put into effect. Pass it on Please

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Tired of spam? Yahoo! Mail has the best spam protectio around
http://mail.yahoo.com

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.409 / Virus Database: 268.15.26/598 - Release Date: 12/22/2006

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2134. x-mas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-25 13:19:54 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2134 Message: 2134
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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2137. merry Christmas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-25 18:52:33 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2137 Message: 2137

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

AND HAVE A WONDERFULL DAY.

2140. Ham Radio makes the news in the New York Times

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-27 18:31:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2140 Message: 2140

The New York Times has an article about "Morse Code: A Fading Signal" -
concerning the use of code in the ham bands (and elsewhere).

Very interesting reading.

The full URL for the article is 102 characters long:

http://www.nytimes.com/2006/12/27/business/27morse.html?ex=1167886800&en=b53d88e01be66bb6&
ei=5070&emc=eta1

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It's interesting to read the various viewpoints expressed about Code,
CW, and Ham Radio.

Hope ya'll enjoy it.

73 de n8xx Hg

2142. Re: 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-28 13:16:58 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 1968 Message: 2142

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> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Monday, December 11, 2006 12:23 PM
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 12 volt battery monitor
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KD8CBJ
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chip order? KD8CBJ

2143. Re: Ham Radio makes the news in the New York Times

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-28 13:28:57 UTC
From: Paul E. Zellar
Topic: 2140 Message: 2143

OK, I just have to jump in here about CW. Before vacuum tubes and after spark, there was another method of generating CW. A rotary, high frequency generator was used to produce the RF carrier that could be interrupted for CW.
I also remember reading about the first voice transmissions being with a modulated carbon arc device, but don't have the details on that.
W8IQE
--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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> Mark K8MHZ
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> Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2006 13:31
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> Version: 7.1.409 / Virus Database: 268.15.28/605 - Release Date:
12/27/2006
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2144. [Fwd: [ham-radio-deluxe] IHS needs a ham radio operator for Honduras mission]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-28 14:56:35 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2144 Message: 2144

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-------- Original Message --------
From: - Wed Dec 27 17:49:09 2006
X-Account-Key: account15
X-UIDL: <934650.45242.qm@...>
X-Mozilla-Status: 0001
X-Mozilla-Status2: 00000000
X-Mozilla-Keys:
Return-Path:
<sentto-9300358-8844-1167250636-nv8a=charter.net@...>
Received: from aa04.charter.net ([10.20.200.156]) by mtao02.charter.net
(InterMail vM.6.01.06.01 201-2131-130-101-20060113) with ESMTP
id
<20061227201752.XDOO1323.mtao02.charter.net@...>
for <nv8a@...>; Wed, 27 Dec 2006 15:17:52 -0500
Received: from n18c.bullet.scd.yahoo.com ([66.218.67.206]) by
aa04.charter.net with SMTP id
<20061227201750.GER20794.aa04.charter.net@...>
for <nv8a@...>; Wed, 27 Dec 2006 15:17:50 -0500
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Dec 2006 20:17:49 -0000
Received: from [66.218.66.159] by t2.bullet.scd.yahoo.com with NNFMP; 27
Dec 2006 20:17:49 -0000
Received: (qmail 6928 invoked by uid 7800); 27 Dec 2006 20:16:51 -0000
Received: (qmail 91783 invoked from network); 27 Dec 2006 20:13:40 -0000
Received: from unknown (66.218.66.216) by m17.grp.scd.yahoo.com with
QMQP; 27 Dec 2006 20:13:39 -0000
Received: from unknown (HELO web31715.mail.mud.yahoo.com)
(68.142.201.195) by mta1.grp.scd.yahoo.com with SMTP; 27 Dec 2006
20:13:34 -0000
Received: (qmail 45678 invoked by uid 60001); 27 Dec 2006 20:13:33 -0000
Received: from [64.61.202.118] by web31715.mail.mud.yahoo.com via HTTP;
Wed, 27 Dec 2006 12:13:32 PST
Comment: DomainKeys? See http://antispam.yahoo.com/domainkeys
DomainKey-Signature: a=rsa-sha1; q=dns; c=nofws; s=lima;
d=yahoogroups.com;
b=dlSZDK5vIxYkqlbexU/XZ2zVAmjfWjQtwghqY8ak+fcx+14UtHkXg+wyP06oJAja0++C7mptZ/CRr9h/Tfk1jn6C
6IEAcOVglFUNmMPOsDLFyAoKVdJOPlcHGKvl+AYz;
X-Yahoo-Newman-Id: 9300358-m8844
X-Sender: jmkkek@...
X-Apparently-To: ham-radio-deluxe@yahoogroups.com
X-YMail-OSG:
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De0.7NU1XmWJAlm67sfuDycpF6Q-
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To: ihsradio@yahoogroups.com, Steve <k4cjx@...>
Message-ID: <934650.45242.qm@...>
X-Originating-IP: 68.142.201.195
X-eGroups-Msg-Info: 1:0:0:0
From: John Kirckof <Jmkkek@...>
X-Yahoo-Profile: jmkkek
X-eGroups-Approved-By: simonbrown42 <simon.brown@...> via email; 27
Dec 2006 20:16:51 -0000
Sender: ham-radio-deluxe@yahoogroups.com
MIME-Version: 1.0
Mailing-List: list ham-radio-deluxe@yahoogroups.com; contact
ham-radio-deluxe-owner@yahoogroups.com
Delivered-To: mailing list ham-radio-deluxe@yahoogroups.com
List-Id: <ham-radio-deluxe.yahoogroups.com>
Precedence: bulk
List-Unsubscribe: <mailto:ham-radio-deluxe-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Wed, 27 Dec 2006 12:13:32 -0800 (PST)
Subject: [ham-radio-deluxe] IHS needs a ham radio operator for Honduras
mission
Reply-To: ham-radio-deluxe@yahoogroups.com
X-Yahoo-Newman-Property: groups-email-ff
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;
boundary="sC1j9sH4JwO64WtGeV0XoCcSMXZOmZuuk4b7CWZ"

We need your help!

I sent out a similar notice several months ago and we had 5 new hams sign up to go on our Honduras medical mission. We also have 6 veteran hams returning for the trip. We were all set to go but we now have a radio guy with a serious medical situation and he can not go. He was assigned as a radio operator for a medical/dental team. We need to get a replacement for him very soon. We also need an Engineer for a mountain team and a Spanish translator. If this does not work for you, please consider passing this notice on to fellow hams or to your radio club.

For details on this critical radio position, call me right away or reply directly to my home e-mail address (listed below). It is not difficult work for any ham who has done some HF work in the past. However, the support it will provide is vital as we plan to have patient referrals from that location to a nearby hospital. We will have the use of a small plane to do that. That village has no telephones or commercial electricity so IHS will provide generators and support equipment.

If this looks like something you can do, call me at the number at the bottom of this notice. (I can also get an updated application to you to cover the formalities)

Mission info: Right now IHS (International Health Services) is going on a 2 week medical mission trip to some very poor locations in Honduras. It is a large undertaking with 11 teams planned to go at the same time for the 16 Feb to 4 March, 2007 trip. It will have 6 medical

and dental clinic teams plus 2 eye glasses teams, 2 surgical teams and a logistic support site planned. This means about 100 people will go counting all the support and worker people who go also (many spouses and friends go in this way). We have done this for 25 years so we have all the logistics planned out. We have already gathered a LOT of supplies, gear, and meds for a container shipment that will leave in a couple weeks. We are a totally volunteer group but IHS does help cover nearly all of the expenses during the mission.

The radio operator duties will vary some depending on the team they are giving radio support to. In all locations we will have HF voice capability with a check in net 2 or 3 times a day. A few of the 11 locations will also have 2 meter ops with a couple using a repeater. Also, several of the locations may have e-mail capability through the HF Winlink system and IHS has the equipment to do that where needed. So, whatever your skill level, we can use you to do radio work and to be a support person to help do other tasks. We will have a training/orientation session before the trip for those who want to brush up their skills on any of the above modes. We like to go well prepared. We (IHS) also have some gear to help out in items that you may be lacking. Some items are in a storage location in Honduras where we keep a lot of items such as antennas, coax, tuners, generators, power supplies, tools, etc. We even operate our own repeater in Puerto Lempira (near a hospital).

Our purpose is to go to the poor remote locations of Honduras where there are no medical or dental services for the local people. It would be a sad thing if a team did not go to a very needy village simply because we lacked a radio person to complete a team.

FYI, our typical clinic team will have one or two docs, an RN and one other nurse or EMT, a pharmacist, a dentist (usually), one or two Spanish translators, an engineer, a radio operator, and several helpers. It is a well rounded team and this also helps when a spouse or friend wants to be on the same team (note our application has a place to note your desire to be on a team with some one else). A parent can take a MATURE son or daughter also if they are able to be a productive member of the team.

Also, there are several other IHS Directors who can answer more technical questions about the medical side of things, etc. This is important for those who want to go with a spouse or friend and they have other skills to offer. So let me know if you have questions in that regard, as well. Our radio guys have a Yahoo site at: www.group.Yahoo.com/group/IHSradio/ We are using it a lot to keep all the hams informed and to prepare those who want to brush up on some comm skills. We also post many ☐planning☐ files there. There also is an IHS web site with GENERAL info at: www.IHSOFMN.org

Call me any time or write back. A call is best so I can fill you in on basic expenses, everything IHS provides, and the work conditions we encounter. I am around the phone most of the time but if I am away on an errand, call later or leave your number and a time I can get back to you.

I and the needy of Honduras thank you for your interest in this very rewarding work!

Best regards,

John Kirckof
KB0UUP
JMKKEK@...
Phone: 320-634-4386
IHS Comm Co-Director

PS We also are in need of one Spanish translator and a Team Engineer (simple support work). If you can help us find one or two, I will buy you a Grape Uba when we get to LaCeiba !

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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

2146. Methinks thee splitteth hairs.....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-28 17:17:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2146 Message: 2146

CW and use of Morse Code on the ham bands has been "almost synonymous" since at least 1935, when my father first got his license. He got on CW because he couldn't afford a phone rig, even though he never was very proficient at Morse Code.

The major thrust of the New York Times article was that Morse Code proficiency was dropped as a requirement for an amateur radio license. Some of the hams who were interviewed used "CW" and "Morse Code" interchangeably, but the major thrust of the article remained.

As for spark dying almost instantaneously, my father became interested in ham radio in the late 20's by listening to the spark gap transmissions of his school's amateur radio club - which, while generating RF, also generated loud audio which permeated the quadrangle upon which his dorm sat. He'd mimic the code with his trumpet, and drifted over to the ham shack to find out more about what was going on. He got "hooked" in that manner. CW was available when the triode tube was developed, in the late 1910's or early 1920's, so "instantaneously" is a bit of a stretch.

I sent and received Morse Code on VHF AM, on 145.35 MHz during the 60's - in fact my first 2 metre converter was tuned up by listening to the club station sending code practice on that frequency. (Yes, Matilda, hams used much/most of 2 metres for AM in those daze.) I sent and received Morse Code on VHF FM, on 53.05 MHz and on various 144-148 MHz frequencies, and possibly on 220-225 MHz FM, though I don't recall using that band for Morse Code.

The CW generated for Morse Code testing, is initially an electrical (electromagnetic, if any energy escapes) continuous wave, of 500-1000 Hz, generated by some sort of machine. It is converted to a sound wave via headphones or speaker. But, if up converted to a higher frequency, say 3563 KHz, would be identical to that generated by the rig in my ham shack.

But, of course, very few hear an Electromagnetic Continuous Wave because 99.9999944% of us hear via sound waves through air, which are almost completely different from electromagnetic continuous waves. One "might" say that if one has a congenital defect and cannot hear through the ear drum, but instead uses a special implant to directly connect from the air to the nerve endings inside the scull, then one "hears" the electric or electromagnetic waves.

All of this splitteth hairs. The article started out with the absolutely true fact - "the government will no longer require Morse Code proficiency as a condition for an amateur license."

BTW, I had a friend who taught me the land line (continental) Morse Code, which I occasionally use for conversing with olde tyme telegraphers. The last time I checked, it was legal, except that once every 10 minutes or less, one needed to identify using international Morse.

73 de n8xx Hg

---------- Original Message follows ----------

1b. Re: Ham Radio makes the news in the New York Times
Posted by: "k8mhz@..." k8mhz@... k8mhz
Wed Dec 27, 2006 2:13 pm (PST)

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Mark K8MHZ

2147. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-28 20:32:13 UTC
From: kc8pcj@verizon.net
Topic: 1968 Message: 2147

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Date: 2006/12/28 Thu AM 07:16:58 CST
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12 volt battery monitor

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KD8CBJ
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chip order? KD8CBJ

2148. Re: 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-28 21:41:38 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1968 Message: 2148

All:

I'd have to believe that this would be a pretty good project for hams in our area. We could do this "seminar" or project as a group using the MAARC clubhouse. We would need a host or someone to take charge of the event. We'll take names and find the interest, purchase the individual parts, and solder the kit together on a Saturday afternoon. March? April? Earlier?

Anyone willing to adopt this project? I'll see that the council's board approves and encourages.

Bill, AB8SC

2149. Re: 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-28 22:38:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 1968 Message: 2149

Where's the circuit? I might be interested in one to keep the battery in my tractor up to snuff. I use it rarely in the winter unless there's sn*w, and sometimes have to "kick start" it with a battery charger. The supposed fast/trickle charger I have uses variable pulses to keep the battery topped off, but the "pulses" will boil the water from the electrolyte and, if I don't catch it in time, destroy the battery by exposing the plates to the air.

A circuit with a voltage/current regulator and a display to indicate the "health" would be of interest.

Hg

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2150. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-29 02:54:44 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1968 Message: 2150

Let me know and I'll share the expences.I'd also like to get some 1N34A germanium diodes for field strength meter projects.There is no substitution.I really miss the old radio shack,a lot of project plans I find give the radio shack catalog #.

73
KD8CBJ

2151. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-29 03:48:14 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 1968 Message: 2151

Looks like the diode is about .39 each most places. I would be willing to do the class guidance. I am going to build one first so I know what I am doing.

----- Original Message -----
From: KD8CBJ@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2006 9:54 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12 volt battery monitor

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2152. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 12 volt battery monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-29 10:30:28 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 1968 Message: 2152

Do you want "class" assistance?I also have a few project plans for lightning detectors,again,lack of parts.Like with the 1N34A diode--.39cent S/H is the killer.
KD8CBJ

2153. WEAVER'S WORDS -- RING IN THE NEW

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-29 12:28:03 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2153 Message: 2153

> [As always, send replies to k8je@.... Do not click on REPLY. The
> ARRL reflector that gets this newsletter to you is one-way, only.]
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> - Morse Code License Requirement Abolised.
> - Personal Perspective about Code Testing.
> - New Voluntary Band Plan Announced.
> - Collateral Change.
> - Automatically Controlled Narrow Band Data.
> - Tentative Travel Schedule.
> - New Year's Wishes
>
> MORSE CODE LICENSE REQUIREMENT ABOLISHED
>
> By now, we all know FCC has ruled to abolish Morse code testing as part
> of any amateur license requirement. There isn't much further to be
> said. With this act, FCC has taken a few additional steps. You can
> read about these on the ARRL web site.
>
> Please notice the only thing abolished by FCC was the testing
> requirements. The use of Morse is still allowed and no CW privileges
> were lost by this latest Report & Order. Similarly, ARRL will continue
> with code practice, bulletins and CW operating activities. CW is not
> dead and won't die for many years, if ever.
>
> PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE ABOUT CODE TESTING
>
> First, a question: What was the code test speed Hiram Percy Maxim
> (1AW, W1AW SK) passed to become a ham? Answer later.
>
> As you may know, my prime operating mode on HF is CW. I enjoy it. It
> is a nice tool. For me, it helps keep my mind sharp.
>
> Having said this, I do not feel that the FCC sold Amateur Radio down
> the river with its Report & Order to abolish code testing as a
> requirement for obtaining a ham license. As shocking as this may sound
> to some members . . . and nonmembers, as well . . . I've never thought
> Amateur Radio was all about Morse code testing or even Morse code.
>
> Morse code has been -- and will remain for quite some time -- a
> valuable tool in radio, including Amateur Radio. And, contrary to an
> oft-stated popular belief, the US military has not totally abandoned
> Morse code. It is still found hiding in the nooks and crannies of
> military communication. It will continue to be a useful and well-used
> mode for many amateurs.
>

> Some of you may view the demise of Morse code testing as a huge mistake
> and, moreover, deaths blow to our great radio service. I respectfully
> disagree. As I mentioned in one of my newsletters a couple of years
> ago, discarding Morse testing is merely one more change in the history
> of Amateur Radio.
>
> Just as automobile drivers no longer need to take driving exams in cars
> equipped with manual transmissions, incoming hams will simply not need
> to pass a code test. Drivers who have passed drivers license testing
> without touching the shift lever of a manual transmission are drivers
> just as much as drivers who tested using manual transmissions. So,
> too, hams who have passed amateur license testing without touching a
> telegraph key or keyer are just as much radio amateurs as amateurs who
> passed 20 wpm exams.
>
> Contrary to the belief that it is Morse code that gives us qualified
> operators, it is the operator who makes a qualified ham. An unethical,
> selfish individual who becomes a ham will be an unethical, selfish ham
> regardless of whether he or she has passed a code exam.
>
> Don't believe me? Look around the bands and check over FCC enforcement
> records. You will see that some of the worst operators and most
> flagrant violators of FCC rules are Advanced and Extra Class licensees.
> Flip the coin to its other side and you'll see that some of the best
> and most law abiding operators are no code Techs . . . many who joined
> Amateur Radio after getting their introduction to radio through CB.
>
> As one of my most outspoken critics, Jim Wades, K8SIW recently wrote on
> the QMN (CW traffic net) Reflector, "We will gain nothing by creating a
> 'cast system' based on telegraph proficiency or any other standard.
> Attempts on the part of operators to belittle, isolate, or otherwise
> single-out individuals as 'no-code' licensees or by otherwise implying
> they are not 'real hams' will likely be very counterproductive." Jim
> went on to observe, "Such an approach was taken by some misguided
> individuals after the implementation of the no-code Technician license
> and it did much harm to the Amateur Service and CW in particular."
>
> Amen, Jim.
>
> Just as some world cultures relegate "undesirable" people into inferior
> classes (e.g. the unclean); many amateurs mistakenly cast other hams
> into hamdom's supposed inferior classes. To some amateurs, the real
> sinners in the world are no code Techs and 5 wpm Generals, Advanced and
> Extra Class operators and such. How many times have you heard someone
> say, "I'm a 'real' Extra." I passed 20 wpm. Or, what about an old
> time Extra who might say he is a "truly real" Extra because he had to
> draw wiring diagrams for his written exam as well as pass 20 wpm.
> You've doubtlessly heard of hams who have been cast into other versions
> of Amateur Radio's leper colony.
>

> Many decades ago, the argument was over spark gap. Today, many hams
> don't know what spark gap is and couldn't care less. Back then, to be
> a "real" amateur, one had to use spark gap, not the new-fangled
> continuous wave (CW) stuff. Then we "moved on" to the "you aren't a
> 'real' amateur if you 'talk' over the air" debate. Using code was "the
> only way to go." After this it became "you aren't a 'real' amateur if
> you use this noise-polluting, Donald Duck-sounding SSB garbage."
>
> There have been changes in Amateur Radio ever since it first came into
> existence. Change is what Amateur Radio is about. There will continue
> to be change for as long as it exists. Technology and science move on,
> even though we would be more comfortable if we could stay where things
> don't change. Humans don't like change. We like to stay in the
> comfort zone of known territory. This is where we can stay warm and
> fuzzy.
>
> My message is that we all are Amateur Radio operators. This applies
> whether our license is a no code Tech or a 20 wpm Extra. We all are
> hams. Moreover, we don't have such huge numbers of people in Amateur
> Radio and we haven't captivated the public imagination sufficiently
> with our miraculous deeds that we can afford to be snobbish over how
> long we each have been licensed . . . or over differences in the
> requirements that were in place when we took our exams . . . or over
> how we like to spend our time on the air. We can't afford to divide
> one ham from another.
>
> We need to work together to develop a great new Amateur Radio that
> recaptures and surpasses its gloried past. We will never be able to
> accomplish this task if we don't respect each other and work together.
>
> What do you think about all this? Let me know.
>
> Answer to question: Hiram Percy Maxim, a principal founder of ARRL and
> Amateur Radio, never took a code test to obtain a ham license. In
> spite of this, he was a great user of Morse and a great ham.
>
> NEW VOLUNTARY BAND PLAN ANNOUNCED
>
> Not to be confused with the band changes made in the FCC's Report &
> Order, ARRL has released suggested revisions in the Voluntary Band Plan
> that hams generally follow. This voluntary bandplan does not supersede
> the FCC's recent ruling that became effective December 15.
>
> The revisions in the Voluntary Band Plan were based largely on hundreds
> of suggestions and comments made in response to ARRL's request for
> input. I don't usually try to put tables in this newsletter, but I am
> going to deviate from this general rule and have placed the revisions
> below (I hope this through the reflector without becoming garbled):
>
> 75/80 Meters Current Band Plan New Band Plan

> 3.590 RTTY DX RTTY/Data DX
> 3.580-3.620 RTTY 3.570-3.600: RTTY/Data
> 3.620-3.635 Packet Delete
> 3.790-3.800 DX Window No change
> 3.845 SSTV No change
> 3.885 AM calling frequency No change
>
> 40 Meters Current Band Plan New Band Plan
> 7.040 RTTY DX RTTY/Data DX
> 7.080-7.100 RTTY 7.080-7.125: RTTY/Data
> 7.171 SSTV No change
> 7.290 AM calling frequency No change
>
> 15 Meters Current Band Plan New Band Plan
> 21.070-21.100 RTTY 21.070-21.110: RTTY/Data
> 21.100-21.110 Packet 21.070-21.110: RTTY/Data
> 21.340 SSTV No change
>
> You can see the complete story and a graphic presentation of the new
> Voluntary Band Plan by going to
> www.arrl.org/news/stories/12/14/101/?nc=1.
>
> COLLATERAL CHANGE
>
> When the R&O that drops code test requirements becomes effective,
> current Tech licenses will receive the same CW privileges as current
> Novice licensees.
>
> AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLED NARROW BAND DATA
>
> The new automatically controlled, narrow band digital segment on 80 M
> will be from 3585 kHz to 3600 kHz. This segment becomes official 30
> days after the Order for Reconsideration is published in the Federal
> Register.
>
> FCC apparently had its method for correcting its error of outlawing
> automatically controlled, narrow band data from 80 M worked out even
> before ARRL submitted its request to restore these operations at
> 3600-3635 kHz. This error had occurred in the R&O it published in
> mid-November and that became effective December 15. No sooner had ARRL
> requested restoration of this form of operating to 80 M, but the FCC
> published its version of a fix. The fix was simply announced much
> too quickly for it to have been stimulated by our petition.
>
> FCC's fix, of course, was far from satisfactory in my opinion.
>
> TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR K8JE
>
> Jan. 9: 20/9 Meeting, Canfield, OH.
> Jan. 13: SW OH Digital Symposium, Middletown, OH.

> Jan. 18: A&F Meeting, Newington, CT.
> Jan. 19-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
> Feb. 11: Mid-Winter Hamfest, Mansfield, OH.
> Mar. 12: West Chester ARA, West Chester, OH.
> Mar. 15: Bellbrook ARC Dinner Meeting, Waynesville, OH.
> Mar. 18: Toledo Hamfest, Toledo.
> Apr. 14: QCWA Meeting, Cleveland, OH.
> Apr. 20: KY Colonel ARC, Bowling Green, KY.
> Apr. 26: SUMCO ARES, Stow, OH.
> May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH.
> Jun. 17: Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI.
> Jul. 20-21: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
> Aug. 18-19: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL.
> Sep. 8: GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI.
> Sep. 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH.
> Sep. 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH.
> Sep. 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH.
>
> GB to 2006. It was a very eventful year. I wish you and your family
> all the best in 2007.
>
> During this coming year, please think globally when thinking of Amateur
> Radio. I don't mean globally in terms of the world, but globally in
> terms of how we and our individual operating preferences fit together
> with so many thousands of other individuals and their operating
> preferences in a jigsaw puzzle. This puzzle, when put together in its
> total form, discloses the beautiful picture that is Amateur Radio.
>
> 73,
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> Jim, K8JE
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2155. Ideas needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-29 23:23:29 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2155 Message: 2155

All
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2160. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Ideas needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-30 01:27:09 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 2155 Message: 2160

Great news on the job Tom! How about cheap D star radios? JB

2162. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Ideas needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-30 04:18:45 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2155 Message: 2162

RF connectors, coax,adapters, Power connectors, Gel Cell batteries and chargers, Antennas, antenna building materials, books, Electronics tools, It would sure beat driveing to GR for some of this stuff. maybe some electronic parts or the abillity to order them. Take the boss to the Marshal hamfest for some ideas. A few radios would be great.

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Sent: Friday, December 29, 2006 6:23 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Ideas needed

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2163. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Ideas needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-30 13:05:53 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 2155 Message: 2163

Congrats, Tom, on the new job!

I think you have the right ideas for how to get started a bit in the ham radio end of things.

You could always start small with the items you have listed, and take special orders for those who want something that you don't have, such as a more expensive radio than what the average ham might typically buy.

As for radios, I'd try to stock some of the most popular HT's, and maybe dual-band mobile rigs. If you want to do any HF stuff, something in the Icom 706 family might also work.

These are just my thoughts. Take them for what they're worth.

73 and happy new year from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tom VanderMel" <kb8vee@...>
To: "West Michigan Hams" <westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com>
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2164. Re: Ideas needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-30 13:34:13 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2155 Message: 2164

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Tom VanderMel" <kb8vee@...>
wrote:
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>Rather than only carry an inventory,bits and parts to please
everyone,if it could be a walkin order service where you don't get
killed by S/H.Like books, several times I have wanted a certain
book,but $7.50+ S/H for a $19.95 book didn't cut it.Waited till next
Ham fest only to not find it there.Electronic components
(ic,diode,var.caps).Look at the "battery monitor"posts,it's a parts
thing. 73 KD8CBJ

2165. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Morse symbol

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-30 13:39:44 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 2157 Message: 2165

Actually, someone at work showed me the article on Yahoo, AOL, or something like that when it was added.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2006 7:42 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] New Morse symbol

Did anyone know that in May of 2004 the ITU added a new symbol to Morse Code?

The @ symbol. It is represented by the digraph of AC, or 'dit dah dah dit dah dit'.

2166. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Ideas needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-30 13:42:16 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 2155 Message: 2166

If Tom does this, we need to give it some support by buying some of these things so his boss can see some profit.

Even if we go in for something non-ham related, buy a few feet of co-ax, ladder line, a connector, or something to put on the same ticket.

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2167. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Ideas needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-30 14:17:07 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2155 Message: 2167

OK Guys it sounds like I am thinking right. Now does anybody know what parts houses are the best to buy from? I will talk to Icom, and some others for radios and other stuff but parts I have never found a good place to buy. Any Ideas? Let me know. Tom KB8VEE

----- Original Message -----
From: Andrew Young
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, December 30, 2006 8:42 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Ideas needed

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2168. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Ideas needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-30 15:11:33 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2155 Message: 2168

good luck with your new job tom. how about stocking parts for repairing repeaters and some cheap d star radios.

Tom VanderMel <kb8vee@...> wrote: All
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2170. It pays to be a ham

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-30 22:07:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2170 Message: 2170

And have ham license plates on one's car.

I was tooling down East Main Street in Rockford on the way home from a short shopping expedition this noon, and didn't see that a police car was parked along the street. I was probably going 35 MPH or so in a 25 MPH zone, because that's what many (most?) of the traffic goes along that stretch - hardly any traffic, hardly ever any pedestrians, etc. The police lady turned on her lights, I pulled into a parking lot at the next corner, and she took all the info from me, and asked about my special license plates. She went back to her car, determined that I didn't have any outstanding warrants, and came back without a ticket. She said "I can't give a ham radio operator with no previous ticket history a ticket, because my father is a ham, call letters WW8WWW (not the call she gave me, but I'm not using it because I don't want to cause him or the police lady any trouble.)

I'm sure I'll try to not expeed the seed limit of 25 MPH on that stretch of street, though I'm sure that it won't be easy.....

Happy New Year to everyone.

73 de n8xx Hg

2173. Fun Video

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2006-12-31 18:08:21 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2173 Message: 2173

<http://www.flurl.com/entry/view/1803047/CQ_CQ_de_Ham_Radio>

Happy New Year too.

Laryn K8TVZ

2174. Happy New Year

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-01 05:08:27 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2174 Message: 2174

Happy New Year to all. May your dreams come true in

2007

2175. test

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-01 20:50:10 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 534 Message: 2175

test

2176. Cool New Year!!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-01 21:09:48 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 2176 Message: 2176

First thing I would to wish everybody a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

For me as some of you know that I have a collection of unbuilt Heathkits. Well I made this decision in the last few days to build the biggest of my kits. I spent yesterday preparing the bench area to build A SB-221 with 10m kit; this is 2kw pep SSB & 1kw CW 80-10m amp. It was Heathkits big boy of amps. The kind of neat thing is of watching on Ebay during the last year that there has been quite a few of them being sold in the unbuilt condition for around $2000 and there is one for sale on there now. Now yes that seems expensive considering new they sold for about a quarter of that. But if you compare it to similar amps being sold new today it's a lot less. Take the Ameritron AL-82 of, which is almost the exact same amp except it comes with Chinese tubes (yuck) and also costs almost $2700. It seems to me that the better choice overall was the one that I made to purchase the Heathkit. For not only was cheaper by seven hundred bucks but I can enjoy building it, then for years to come I can see that monster sitting in the shack and say I built it myself. Well once again everybody have a happy New Year.

73' de Tom W8AMZ

2177. Re: [WestMichiganHams] test

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-01 21:44:34 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 534 Message: 2177

Copy loud and clear, over.

----- Original Message -----
From: w8amz
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, January 01, 2007 3:50 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] test

test

2178. New Year

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-02 00:23:25 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2178 Message: 2178

Happy New Year to all .

KD8BIG

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2179. Winter Field Day @ MAARC?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-02 23:24:21 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1928 Message: 2179

All:

Winter Field Day is coming! We will celebrate this special contest opportunity in an unusual way with our Muskegon radio club January 13.

A fun filled day begins with a FREE breakfast at the clubhouse at 8:30 am. Then we move into a mini swap. Bring your gear and we'll also try to sell some items from the NS8Z estate. Some of the items will be sold with price tags while other items will be silent auction.

Following this mini swap we will enjoy the new Winter Field Day. Starts at noon and runs for twenty-four. Hang around after the sale and help us contest.

Looking forward seeing you all there. Remember, I'll buy you a cup of coffee.

73

Bill, AB8SC

2180. Reminder MAARC Special Meeting at Norton Shores Public Library - January 4th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-02 23:30:25 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 2180 Message: 2180

The Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council is pleased to present a special program on January 4, 2007, at the Norton Shores Public Library, 705 Seminole Rd, Norton Shores, Michigan. 7 p.m. sharp! The program will be presented by David Clow, CEO of Harding Energy, Inc., a world leader in rechargeable battery technology.

The public is welcome to attend this program. Bob, N9AUY, pulled this program together for us and has also invited his radio controlled aircraft club to attend. We think there will be an excellent turnout. Many in the public, who don't know any better, think that ham radio is dead. Help us prove them wrong! There has been no decision yet on a talk-in to the library location, BUT if you make a call on the local .94 repeater, someone will guide you to the library. It's not difficult to find.

Here is some information from Harding's website http://www.hardingenergy.com):

"Harding Energy Inc. was founded in 1987 by local businessmen and physicians in the western Michigan area. Lead by Doctor Nicholas Pietrangelo and his relationship with Stan Ovshinsky, inventor of Nickel Metal Hydride technology, Harding was one of the first companies to obtain a license from Energy Conversion Devices (ECD) to manufacture and distribute NiMH batteries and battery assemblies."
"Harding has evolved from a single line cell manufacturer to a global battery solution provider. Products range from single cells that are distributed to assemblers for battery pack manufacturing, to the most complicated smart battery technology solutions coupled with intelligent chargers. Harding has 100 different cell sizes making them one of the largest cell providers in the world with production capabilities exceeding 3,000,000 units per month. Harding offers Li-Ion, Li-Polymer, Ni-MH, charging systems and smart boards to complete their product line."

"Not only is Harding a world-class manufacturer, but also their staff is extremely well versed and has many years experience in the electronics and battery industry. President and CEO, David Clow has been in the electronic industry in excess of 30 years and brings a global knowledge to Harding. With his several years of experience matched with his education, he brings a tremendous amount of resources and talent that is necessary to run and orchestrate the departments within the Harding Corporation."

73, Linda Rosenthal, AB8QH

2181. WEAVER'S WORDS -- DXCC, LOTW, CONTESTS ETC.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-02 22:54:19 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2181 Message: 2181

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> [As always, reply only to k8je@.... Do not simply hit "Reply."}
>
> STATUS OF DXCC, LOTW, CONTESTS, ETC.
>
> I've received several E-mail questions and accusations regarding Wayne
> Mills', N7NG resignation as head of the Membership Services Department
> of ARRL. Membership Services covers the DXCC program, the Awards
> program, the Contest branch and W1AW operation. Several writers have
> the false impression that with the departure of Wayne, DXCC,
> contesting, LOTW and other programs will leave with him. Such a
> possibiity is totally incorrect.
>
> The Membership Services department head, whoever this happens to be at
> any given time, is a very visible and important member of the ARRL HQ
> staff. Over the years, the League has had several people in this
> position and which has had different titles. When each of Wayne's
> predecessors resigned or otherwise left the post, there was
> considerable concern over who would follow him. An accomplished
> replacement has always been found. The situation with Wayne's
> resignation is no different.
>
> Wayne's departure has absolutely no bearing on DXCC, LOTW, contests and
> whatever else one wishes to mention in the Membership Services
> Department. These programs were instituted by the 15 members of the
> Board of Directors and are continued by the 15 members of the Board of
> Directors. Only the the Board of Directors can institute or cancel
> programs. No one person and no combination of people on the HQ staff
> is able to cut programs.
>
> In summary, DXCC, LOTW, contests and anything else you think of in
> relation to the Member Services Department will continue.
>
> I can also tell you that Wayne's resignation was as much a surprise to
> me as to any of you. Even so, the health and success of ARRL does not
> depend on one person. Everyone in this world can be replaced. This
> includes our ARRL President, CEO, COO, me, any President of the US, any
> King/Queen of England, any Pope, any Archbishop of Canterbury, and on
> and on. Life goes on.
>
> In this instance, ARRL also goes on. DXCC, LOTW, contests, etc. go on.
> The DXCC/Awards branch continues to be in the capable hands of Bill
> Moore, NC1L, the Contest/LOTW branch in the capable hands of Tom
> Hogerty, KC1J and the W1AW station management stays with the very

> capable Joe Garcia, NJ1Q.
>
> Now, you have the straight skinny on the situation. If you want to
> worry about the situation, this is up to you. As to me, I'm going to
> go work DX either individually or through contests, and pick up a
> couple of additional ARRL awards along the way. Finally, when I get to
> Newington, I expect to show up as operator of W1AW when my schedule and
> the station schedule permit.
>
> 73, GL,
>
> Jim, K8JE
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> Tel. 513-459-1661; k8je@...
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> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
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2182. Something to ponder

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-03 17:44:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2182 Message: 2182

Something to ponder any ham radio operator or ham radio organization....

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Elmer's Corner

The FCC has made a change in the way we test for Amateur Radio licenses and the Element 1 CW exam is going to be eliminated. Many have voiced some very negative opinions about this and their derogatory comments are very hurtful to the new ham trying to get involved in this hobby.

If we expect the ranks of hams to grow then it is up to us, the experienced hams, to ensure that the first experience the new ham has is a positive one and that he or she is welcome. We should be extending our hands in friendship and teaching these newcomers how to operate according to the rules and regulation and how to safely assemble an Amateur Radio station. Without nurturing and guidance these new operators will splinter off and form their own sub-culture. Soon the expected result will occur and all of the hams who insisted on staying firmly anchored in the past will say "I told you so."

So much has changed in communications, technology and society that it is absurd to even be think that things should -- or could -- be the way they were over half a century ago. The FCC has not made CW illegal. You can operate that mode or any other mode you wish. Expect to see more radio operators experimenting with CW and other modes because they can do so without fear of the expectation to be expert at it. That is as long as the experienced operators show them the correct way and not chastise them for stumbling or for not having had "come up the way that they did." We all came to the party through a different door, but we are all here to have fun.

I hope that all experienced Amateur Radio operators will reach out and mentor the new hams. Pass the torch and share the excitement and thrill that we enjoy from this wonderful hobby and let's keep it going.

If you have any questions about the FCC's Morse Code Report and Order in WT Docket 05-235 and the FCC Order on Reconsideration in WT Docket 04-140, please visit the ARRL FAQ on this topic:

http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt05-235/

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2183. Here kitty,kitty

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-04 03:29:40 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2183 Message: 2183

Other than Ramsey,good "kit"makers?TX,RX,Transcievers,test equip.,and
or all.

73 KD8CBJ

2186. SW Ohio Digital Symposium, Saturday, 1/13, 9 am - 4:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-04 19:10:31 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2186 Message: 2186

Digital Enthusiasts -

The Twenty First Annual Southwest Ohio Digital Symposium will be from 9 AM to approximately 4:30 PM EST, Saturday, January 13, 2007 in Thesken Hall, on the Middletown Campus of Miami University, Middletown, Ohio.

This year's program is still in the works, so please consider what you'd like to see as a presentation. If you have a favorite which you would like to present, please let us know @ k4zle at arrl.net.

So far the proposed topics are:

· D-Star Introduction, Mark Thompson, WB9QZB
· WinLink 2K in SW Ohio, Greg Zach, WG8Z
· A PSK-31 Audio Beacon Project, Jim Everly, K8IKE
· Using a Wide Band Noise Generator, Jay Slough, K4ZLE
· The SoftRock Software Defined Radio Project, Tony Parks, KB9YIG
· AMSAT update, Gerd Schrick, WB8IFM, and Steve Coy, K8UD
· 10 gHz EME project at VOA Museum, Mike Murphy, KA8ABR
· BPL update, Ed Hare, W1RFI --- REMOTE
· The Michigan Digital Network, John McDonough, WB8RCR --- REMOTE
· ARRL news and views by Ohio SM, Joe Phillips, K8QOE, and Great Lakes Division Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE

Other potential presentations are in the wings, such as an AMSAT update, a microwave communications demonstration and more. As you can see, this year's program should be very informative with topics that are state of the art and have immediate real world application. Come meet the folks who are making things happen technically in our hobby, both locally and nationally.

There is no charge for attending the symposium. A box lunch will be available on site. Updates to the program will be posted here on the website, http://www.swohdigi.org/, so please check in from time to time. For further information please contact K4ZLE@....

We will have a "demonstration room" for items on the program, plus any items which you'd like to display. We'd like, in particular, a specialty APRS stations, a working PSK-31 station, and any other systems which you've found useful.

PLEASE PASS THIS ANNOUNCEMENT ON TO OTHER CLUBS & HAMS WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

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2187. Re: FCC Cites Amateur

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-04 19:38:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2185 Message: 2187

There was a group back in the 70's, primarily in Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, and Indiana, which called themselves the "Ohio Valley Teenage Net." It met regularly on 75 meters to discuss whatever was on their minds. This was more of a ragchew session than a net, but they meticulously kept track of time, and every 9.5 minutes the "timekeeper" would come on an say "ID TIME". Every station identified simultanously on frequency.

There was some question as to legality of this, but they were never cited by the FCC. Apparantly the FCC read the regs as these rather innovative youngsters did - the ID is required, but how far it can be heard isn't specified.

I got cited once by an OO because I was mobile, and found K8XX on a repeater here in Michigan. I was so thrilled at talking with another ham with the same suffix that I yakked for over 10 minutes. I thanked the OO and never was cited again.

As Mark sez, it's wise to have a timer to remind you to ID when required.

Unless KB3GRK is egregious in his lack of timely ID, a simple letter advising that he's purchased a timer, and apologizing for the transgression should satisfy the Friendly Candy Company.

Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> The FCC not only cited an amateur for not IDing, they did so
> without sending an advisory notice first. This is a change
> in ways for the FCC and may indicate they are getting more
> aggressive.
>
> Be safe, ID every 9 minutes!
>
> Read the details here: http://www.arrl.org/?artid=7087
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ

2188. Re: Here kitty, kitty

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-04 19:48:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2183 Message: 2188

The direct link to AC6V's kit reference page is

http://www.ac6v.com/kits.htm

If you're not an ARRL member (and I'd encourage everyone to join),
you can purchase QST's on CD for a nominal price of $19.95 per CD, at
http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=NO-PER#top

There's always several construction articles and most of them have a
source of all the parts required to build the device under
discussion. The discussion is usually quite informative - more so
that just a list of parts and construction details which comes in
many parts kits.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Al Pepping" <kv8x@...>
wrote:
>
> Google "AC6V". It will take you to the home page , then go to
> option 21....kits". You'll find more links to kits than you
> got time to build.........
> KV8X

2189. Re: FCC Cites Amateur

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-04 19:47:20 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2185 Message: 2189

Identifying?

You and I know the rules of identifying. I find it somehow uncomfortable that some folks will over identify at intervals of closer to four minutes while insinuating that there are some uncomfortable consequences related to ignoring the identifying rules by the FCC. I seriously doubt that a ham who forgets to identify after ten minutes of conversation is doing a grave disservice to the amateur radio hobby. Making a Big Deal out of identifying seems to interrupt the smooth flow of a QSO, especially as we converse on the two meter repeater.

On the two meter repeater we have a built in timer. The repeater will identify itself at intervals of ten minutes. This is a very good reminder to insert a call sign after the repeater sends the reminder. What purpose is served by sending a call sign at earlier intervals?

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I hope this does not begin a new round of concern and gnashing of teeth over the FCC and their "rules" of conduct. We each enjoy a wonderful resource and hobby. Cooperation and compassion go a long way to keep peace and harmony among hams.

My two cents not offered in any capacity other than as a simple ham.

Bill, AB8SC

2191. GRARA Monthly Meeting, 1/5/2007, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-04 23:33:45 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2191 Message: 2191

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

GRARA Monthly Meeting
Friday January 5, 2007
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(This event repeats every month on the first Friday until Friday November 9, 2007.)
Location: Red Cross, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE, Grand Rapuids
Street: 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City State Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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2192. Re: Reminder MAARC Special Meeting at Norton Shores Public Library - January 4th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-05 03:24:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2180 Message: 2192

Great meeting - well worth the 45 mile drive from Rockford!

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Linda" <linda_rosenthal@...>
wrote:
>
> The Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council is pleased to present a
> special program on January 4, 2007, at the Norton Shores Public
> Library, 705 Seminole Rd, Norton Shores, Michigan. 7 p.m. sharp!
> The program will be presented by David Clow, CEO of Harding Energy,
> Inc., a world leader in rechargeable battery technology. <snip>

2193. 1st. 2007 Mini-Swap this Saturday!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-05 04:14:07 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2193 Message: 2193

Seasons Greetings to everyone!

After the recent festive break HARC club will once again be reverting back to our regular FREE monthly mini-swap. Details are as follows;-

HOLLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS MONTHLY MINI - SWAP.

Bring your items and come join us at our new Technology and Training building in downtown Holland. Family and friends all most welcome to join in for a fun day. Free parking available.

Please note, by popular demand, the earlier start / set up times.

DATE : JAN 6th, 2007 (Talk in : 147.060 94.8pl)
SET UP TIME : 09H30 - 10h00
SWAP TIME : 10h00 to 2.00pm
VENUE : 280 East 8th Street, Holland (next door to Holland Chamber of Commerce)

HARC will provide you with...

* FREE table space
* FREE trunk swap parking space (weather permitting)
* FREE parking
* FREE entry
* FREE coffee
* 50/50 Draw
(To offset our new buildings upkeep, donations from sellers / visitors would
however be very much appreciated as always!)

YOU need to bring what ever surplus equipment to sell / swap.

NOTE: For those who may wish to set up the Friday night before, meet down at
Club House between 19h00 - 20h30

Come along and be part of what has become a great social event, all are welcome

NOTE: You don't have to be a member of HARC to enjoy the day with us.

ANY QUESTIONS: Contact Ken ZR5AAD/W8 - Cell Ph: (616)726-3929

2194. Great Lakes area 2 meter digital net tonight 8e/7c - NEW MODE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-05 11:11:06 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2194 Message: 2194

As announced last week, I'm changing modes for this week's net.

Time: 8 PM eastern, 7 PM central
Freq: 144.150 MHz USB +1500Hz (144.1515 MHz actual center)
Mode: DominoEX - 11 baud, FEC

If you don't currently have any software that supports DominoEX or its FEC variant, try ZL2AFP's reference app:

http://www.qsl.net/zl1bpu/DOMINO/Index.htm

Note that this is a Windows app. Although both gMFSK and Fldigi on Linux support DominoEX, they do not yet support FEC. Dave W1HKJ and I are working on it, but it's going slowly. Fortunately, this app will run on Linux under WINE.

-Joe, N8FQ

2195. Optimizing information

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-05 13:54:37 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2195 Message: 2195

Although directed at two different formats of battery usage,the one presentation enlightend both schools of thought.A thank you to Mr.Clow for taking the time to teach (all of)us proper care and feeding of batteries.And a bigger thanks to,Bob, N9AUY for putting it together.The controllers may not have a mic.,and HT's can't Fly--yet--we all have fun moving electrons around.

73 KD8CBJ

2196. 121.5/243 Mhz Epirbs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-05 14:45:07 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2196 Message: 2196

For those of you who have Epirbs on your boats .

KD8BIG

DATE: December 08, 2006 13:47:51 EST
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Coast Guard
Press Release Date: Dec. 8, 2006
Contact: Steve Blando

BOATERS MUST NOT OPERATE 121.5/243 MHZ EPIRBs AFTER 31 DECEMBER 2006

WASHINGTON - The Coast Guard reminds all boaters that beginning January 1, 2007, both 121.5 and 243 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) are prohibited from use in both commercial and recreational watercraft. Boaters wishing to have an emergency rescue beacon aboard their vessel must have a digital 406 MHz model.
The January 1, 2007, date to stop using 121.5 MHz EPIRBs is in preparation for February 1, 2009, when satellite processing of distress signals from all 121.5/243 MHz beacons will terminate. Following this termination date, only the 406 MHz beacons will be detected by the International Cospas-Sarsat Satellite System which provides distress alert and location data for search and rescue operations around the world.
The regulation applies to all Class A, B, and S 121.5/243 MHz EPIRBs. It does not affect 121.5/243 MHz man overboard devices which are designed to work directly with a base alerting unit only and not with the satellite system.
This change, in large part, was brought about by the unreliability of the 121.5/243 MHz beacons in an emergency situation. Data reveals that with a 121.5 MHz beacon, only one alert out of every 50 is a genuine distress situation. This has a significant effect on expending the limited resources of search and rescue personnel and platforms. With 406 MHz beacons, false alerts have been reduced significantly, and, when properly registered, can usually be resolved with a telephone call to the beacon owner. Consequently, real alerts can receive the attention they deserve.
When a 406 MHz beacon signal is received, search and rescue personnel can retrieve information from a registration database. This includes the beacon owner's contact information, emergency contact information, and vessel/aircraft identifying characteristics. Having this information allows the Coast Guard, or other rescue personnel, to respond appropriately.
In the U.S., users are required by law to directly register their beacon in the U.S. 406 MHz Beacon Registration Database at: http://www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov/ or by calling 1-888-212-SAVE. Other users can register their beacon in their country's national beacon registration database or, if no national database is available, in the International Beacon Registration Database at https://www.406registration.com/.
The United States Coast Guard is the lead agency for coordinating national maritime search and rescue policy and is responsible for providing search and rescue services on, under and over assigned international waters and waters subject to United States jurisdiction.

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2199. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Reminder MAARC Special Meeting at Norton Shores Pu...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-05 16:30:36 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2199 Message: 2199

2nd row from the back,2nd right from center,next to Bob,WB8QCY.Short guy with glasses.Gotta watch us short guyes,we're sneaky.I was late for somthing else,couldn't hang and social.
73 KD8CBJ

2200. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: FCC Cites Amateur

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-05 21:01:38 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 2185 Message: 2200

OR if you want to sound like Yoda, try "N8ARY, this is."

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2007 5:19 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: FCC Cites Amateur

Just to nit pick a little....

[nitpick]

An easy habit to get into and a hard one to break is to add an unecessary suffix to the end of our call signs. This may lead to a station unfamiliar with our calls, especially if we say them really fast, to call us in a way we may not understand. For instance if you had just identified your station and another station called back "Station ending in 4ID do you copy?" would you know they were trying to contact you?

The addition of the 4ID suffix is scorned by many. It is also used by many. I think the reason is that just saying our call signs seems a bit awkward and adding a few words somehow makes the practice flow better during the conversation. The practice, however, adds a character string after our call signs which should be the last part of the sentence.

Might I suggest using something like "this is K8MHZ" instead. Please feel free to use your own call sign unless you are signing me up for an expensive door prize at a hamfest.

4ID? Of course it's for I. D. What other use is there for a call sign?

[/nitpick]

73,

Mark K8MHZ 4ID

----- Original Message -----
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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2007 14:47
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: FCC Cites Amateur

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Bill, AB8SC

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Version: 7.1.409 / Virus Database: 268.16.4/615 - Release Date: 1/3/2007

2201. ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes, 1/20 - 1/21

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-05 22:24:49 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2201 Message: 2201

2007 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes Rules
General Rules · VHF Rules
1. Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees × 1 degree grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Foreign stations work W/VE amateurs only.
2. Date and Contest Period: The date will be announced annually by the ARRL but will generally be the third or fourth weekend in January. Begins 1900 UTC Saturday, ends 0400 UTC Monday (January 20-22, 2007).
3. Entry Categories:
3.1 Single Operator.
3.1.1. Low Power
3.1.2. High Power
3.2. Single Operator Portable
3.3. Rover.
3.4. Multioperator.
3.5. Limited Multioperator.
4. Exchange: Grid-square locator (see April 1994 QST, p 86).
4.1. Exchange of signal report is optional.
5. Scoring:
5.1. QSO points:
5.1.1. Count one point for each complete 50- or 144-MHz QSO.
5.1.2. Count two points for each 222- or 432-MHz QSO.
5.1.3. Count four points for each 902- or 1296-MHz QSO.
5.1.4. Count eight points for each 2.3 GHz (or higher) QSO.
5.2. Multiplier: The total number of different grid squares worked per band. Each 2 degrees × 1 degree grid square counts as one multiplier on each band it is worked.
5.3. Final score: Multiply the total number of QSO points from all bands operated by the total number of multipliers for final score.
5.4. Rovers only: The final score consists of the total number of QSO points from all bands times the sum of unique multipliers (grid squares) worked per band (regardless of which grid square they were made in) plus one additional multiplier for every grid square from which they successfully completed a contact.
5.4.1. Rovers are listed in the contest score listings under the Division from which the most QSOs were made.
6. Reporting:
6.1. Electronic submissions may be emailed to JanuaryVHF@... and hand written paper logs or diskettes mailed to January VHF, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.
6.2. Entries that have been electronically generated must submit their log file in the Cabrillo file format. Paper print outs of electronic files are not acceptable substitutes.
6.3. Entries must be emailed or postmarked no later than February 21, 2007.
6.4. Entries may be submitted using the web applet at www.b4h.net/cabforms
6.5. Rovers who submit scores for the club competition must submit a second summary sheet indicating QSOs and score if they make any contacts from outside of the club territory. Indicate clearly on the summary sheet and in log if the log is the total entry or that portion to be counted for the club score.

7. Miscellaneous:
7.1. Stations may be worked for credit only once per band from any given grid square, regardless of mode. This does not prohibit working a station from more than one grid square with the same call sign (such as a Rover).
7.2. Only permitted one signal per band (6, 2, 11/4, etc) at any given time is permitted, regardless of mode.
7.3. Multi-operator stations may not include QSOs with their own operators except on frequencies higher than 2.3 GHz. Even then, a complete, different station (transmitter, receiver and antenna) must exist for each QSO made under these conditions.
8. Awards: Certificates will be awarded in the following categories:
8.1. Single operator.
8.1.1. Top single operator in each ARRL/RAC Section for high and low power..
8.1.2. Top single operator on each band (50, 144, 222, 432, 902, 1296 and 2304-and-up categories) in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Note: Since the highest score per band will be the award winner for that band, an entrant may win a certificate with additional single-band endorsements.) For example, if KA1RWY has the highest single-operator all-band score in the CT Section and her 50- and 222-MHz scores are higher than any other CT single operator's, she will earn a certificate for being the single-operator Section leader and endorsements for 50 and 222 MHz.
8.2. Top single-operator portable in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Single operator portable entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
8.3. Top rover in each ARRL Division and Canada where significant effort or competition is evident. (Rover entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
8.4. Top multi-operator score in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
8.5. Top limited multioperator in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Limited multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
8.6. Top DX stations where significant effort or competition is evident.
9. Other:
9.1. See "General Rules for All ARRL Contests" and "General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands above 50 MHz (VHF)" in November 2001 QST or on the ARRL Web at www.arrl.org/contests
9.2. For more information contact contests@... or (860) 594-0232.

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2202. DX Cops - What you gonna do?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-05 22:41:18 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 2202 Message: 2202

You have to laugh...check out the Bad Ops theme song at the bottom of the page.

http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=7110

2203. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Reminder MAARC Special Meeting at Norton Shores Public Library - January 4th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-05 22:20:47 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2180 Message: 2203

I agree it was a great meeting. I talked to Dave from Harding about stocking the batteries and chargers at my Tool Store. I will be having a meeting with him in about a week when he gets back from the west coast. Tom KB8VEE

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2007 10:00 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Reminder MAARC Special Meeting at Norton Shores Public Library - January 4th

You were there?

Where were you hiding?

I agree, a super meeting. Answered many questions I had about rechargeable batteries.

Check out his link everyone, to Harding Energy:

www.hardingenergy.com

73

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 04, 2007 22:24
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Reminder MAARC Special Meeting at Norton Shores Public Library - January 4th

Great meeting - well worth the 45 mile drive from Rockford!

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Linda" <linda_rosenthal@...>
wrote:
>
> The Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council is pleased to present a
> special program on January 4, 2007, at the Norton Shores Public
> Library, 705 Seminole Rd, Norton Shores, Michigan. 7 p.m. sharp!
> The program will be presented by David Clow, CEO of Harding Energy,
> Inc., a world leader in rechargeable battery technology. <snip>

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2205. SW Ohio Digital Sympsium, 1/13/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-06 13:59:14 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2205 Message: 2205

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

SW Ohio Digital Sympsium
Saturday January 13, 2007
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
(The next reminder for this event will be sent in 5 days, 3 minutes.)
Location: Miami University, Middletown Campus, Middletown, OH

Notes:
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2207. Re: More on FCC cites amateur

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-07 04:20:15 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2206 Message: 2207

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2208. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: More on FCC cites amateur

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-07 05:08:37 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 2206 Message: 2208

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Just shows you how lazy some folks can be.

----- Original Message -----
From: Laryn Lohman
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, January 06, 2007 11:20 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: More on FCC cites amateur

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2209. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: More on FCC cites amateur

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-07 07:24:59 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2206 Message: 2209

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2211. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: More on FCC cites amateur

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-07 14:27:27 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 2206 Message: 2211

My point was that there is always someone out there who will try to circumvent the rules no matter how easy it is to follow them. They put forth hte effort for Technician some years back but will risk a huge fine to avoid upgrading to Tech?

----- Original Message -----
From: Mark Strait
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, January 07, 2007 2:24 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: More on FCC cites amateur

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2213. Fine points of Ham Radio Operating

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-08 16:18:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2213 Message: 2213

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Re: More on FCC cites amateur
Posted by: "Mark Strait" muskegonjimquay@...
Sat Jan 6, 2007 11:27 pm (PST)

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2214. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fine points of Ham Radio Operating

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-08 17:06:48 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2213 Message: 2214

You forgot Pol^W Holland! This Wednesday will be the fourth open radio room night at the HARC Technology and Training Center at 280 E 8th St. Like the GR club's event, ours also starts at 7 PM. We've been trying to call the W8DC shack on 6 meters but have had little success...

-Joe, N8FQ

On Mon, 08 Jan 2007 11:18:05 -0500
Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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2217. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Breaking News

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-08 22:03:51 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2216 Message: 2217

Fox news also has coverage .

They report . We decide .

http://www.foxnews.com/index.html

k8mhz@... wrote:
All today.

NYC - Mysterious smelly gas covers city as well as parts of NJ.
Miami - Suspicious package near cruise ship tests positive for explosives.
Austin - City shuts down after birds drop dead in the street.
Houston - Chemical cloud from plant in Sugarland TX headed toward city.

Pretty strange to have all this happen in one day.....

Keep an eye on CNN. Also check www.cnn.com for details.

73

Mark K8MHZ

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2218. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fine points of Ham Radio Operating

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-08 22:16:03 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2213 Message: 2218

I have been in your radio room at the Red Cross a few times . Very nice and enjoyed the folks there at Grand Rapids ARA .

"KD8BIG"

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2219. Linked System Receiver in Holland

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-09 05:33:30 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2219 Message: 2219

Thanks to Abe W8HVG there is now a receiver
for the 147.16 linked repeater system in Holland. It is at the
hospital, using the same antenna that the 147.06 repeater uses. It is
a receiver, not a linked repeater. It requires a subaudible tone of
118.8 cycles. Just set up a new memory in your radio with this tone
so you can go to it easily. Now you can sit in your easy chair and
talk back to GR (well, if near Holland).....

Laryn K8TVZ

2220. Busy Weekend!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-09 16:22:54 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2220 Message: 2220

All:

This weekend at the MAARC clubhouse will be a number of activities you are invited to attend and actively participate.

First is a free breakfast starting at 8:30 am. There is lots on the menu and most of which you will enjoy! This breakfast encourages our ham friends to drop in and enjoy the gear sale and auction. Yep, we'll have a mini swap.

You can bring in your gear for sale, we'll have gear for sale, and the fun starts after the breakfast. Some items will have price tags while others are offered on a silent auction. The larger gear will have a reserve price. You can bring in your gear and we'll horse trade and shoot the breeze until about noon.

Starting at noon on Saturday we will participate in the FIRST annual Winter Field Day. The fun starts at noon and runs until noon on Sunday. There will be several shacks for you to operate and enjoy.

We have been invited to work W7W, the special event station from Arizona. Clarke, K8BP will be one of the operators at their event shack. It will be such fun!

Go to http://www.picmyphotos.com and enter the password "NS8Z" to view the equipment that will be presented for sale at the clubhouse on January 13th and 14th during the "Winter Field Day" operation.

We have been having problem accessing this site. I understand that the problems will be fixed in the next day or so. Please check back there often to see the items available.

Put this weekend on your calendar. You won't want to miss the activities. Kind of an open shack night on steroids. Tons of fun. Radio Active!

Bill, AB8SC

2221. Alabama Amateur Mounts Tower Protest

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-10 02:52:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2221 Message: 2221

from the QRP-L @ mailman.qth.com reflector. Very interesting....

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [QRP-L] Alabama Amateur Mounts Tower Protest
Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2007 17:50:32 -0600
From: Mike Duke, K5XU <k5xu@...>
Reply-To: Mike Duke, K5XU <k5xu@...>
To: qrp <qrp-l@...>

In case you aren't aware of this.....

Jan. 05 2007,09:20 by kg4rpe

Wayne Spires (KF4BJT), a Wetumpka, AL ham is now sitting perched a top his 68 foot radio tower behind his house in protest of a judges ruling forcing him to become a part of a homeowners association. He says that 20 years ago when he bought the property located along the river that it was listed as unrestricted. He has been atop the tower for about three or four days and says he will not come down until his next court date which is scheduled for Feb. 5th.

The nationaly syndicated radio team Rick and Bubba out of WZZK 104.7 in Birmingham, AL interviewed Mr. Spires, his wife, and a daughter live by phone this morning. They also talked yesterday by phone to the sheriff who said as long as Mr. Spires does not try to hurt himself or somebody else his department will not interfere. William "Bubba" Bussey (KJ4JJ) the co-host of Rick and Bubba, explained on yesterday's show the importance ham radio can play in a time of emergency and the importance for good towers for hams to own and use. (Bubba is a very active ham and promotes it often on their program.)

His family as well as other neighbors, friends, and hams all are sending their support to him.

for another report, check:

http://www.wsfa.com/Global/story.asp?S=5883357&nav=0RdM

Mike Duke, K5XU
American Council of Blind Radio Amateurs

2223. FW: Ham Radio Equipment

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-10 13:35:01 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2223 Message: 2223

I have come across the following equipment for sale. Send an email to PKiester@... Patricia Kiester if you have any questions or to make an offer.

Tim Deater
KC8MSE

-----Original Message-----
But I will list what I have and the prices that a couple of my friends looked up- just to give me a ballpark figure. All of these prices are negotiable. So if you or anyone is interested at all just get ahold of me.

Kenwwod Multiband Transreceiver- Model# TS570 $949 If New
One of these radios was only used a short time
Kenwood Multiband Transreceiver- Model# TS940OS $949 - used time.

Kenwood Power Supply KP15

Allied Receiver Model A2515 -$50

YAAGI Outside Antenna- ??-
Kenwood Handheld 144 2 meter Model# TH225A

1 Practice Keypad $10
Speedex Code Key $20

Kenwood base station Microphone Model# MC-60 -$149 (new) asking $50

Yaesu G-1000SDX $50

There might be more but this gives you an idea. This is all going too. If any questions just give a call or e-mail me.
Thanks
Pat Kiester

From: Deater, Tim [mailto:tdeater@...]
Sent: Fri 1/5/2007 12:01 PM
To: Kiester, Patricia
Subject: Ham Radio Equipment

I heard trough the grapevine that you have some ham radio equipment and a tower for sale. What do you have and how much are you looking to get for the items?

Thanks!

Tim Deater

KC8MSE

Newaygo County Skywarn Coordinator

231-924-8806

Fax 231-924-8912

tdeater@...

http://www.tdats.net <http://www.tdats.net/>

2224. Fwd: ARLB002 California ham has role in sea rescue

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-10 16:21:48 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2224 Message: 2224

Note: forwarded message attached.

Everyone is raving about the all-new Yahoo! Mail beta.

2226. SW Ohio Digital Sympsium, 1/13/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-11 14:01:09 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2205 Message: 2226

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

SW Ohio Digital Sympsium
Saturday January 13, 2007
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Location: Miami University, Middletown Campus, Middletown, OH

Notes:
See http://www.swohdigi.org for details

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2227. What Are You Doing Saturday?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-11 14:12:24 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2227 Message: 2227

Hey, got anything going Saturday? Drop by the clubhouse any time and get in on the great events centered on radio.

I'll buy you breakfast when you show up around 8:30 am.

Hang around or drop in later and you can purchase some great ham gear at really good prices. Bring your own gear for sale or maybe we can trade. There's a ham swap on Saturday. I've got some gear in there and so do other hams.

Like to contest? We're doing Winter Field Day that starts at noon on Saturday and runs until noon on Sunday.

Tons of stuff going on! And you thought this was another boring winter weekend??!

Bill, AB8SC

2228. Holland ARC open radio room night - Tuesdays @ 7 PM

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-11 22:05:36 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2228 Message: 2228

At the HARC monthly business meeting this week, it was decided to move our open radio room night to Tuesdays. So anyone interested in dropping by, don't do so on Wednesday. The door will be open by 7 PM, and possibly earlier.

As an aside, we were called on our 2 meter repeater by N8DGD at W8DC this Wednesday, and attempted to make contact on 6 meters, but were unable to do so. At least we got one attempt in...

-Joe, N8FQ
HARC secretary

2229. Re: [WestMichiganHams] What Are You Doing Saturday?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-11 22:48:51 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2227 Message: 2229

Bill wrote:

>Hey, got anything going Saturday? Drop by the clubhouse any time and
>get in on the great events centered on radio.

Bill,

There is one problem that I notice with this forum, and that each group within West Michigan that posts' on the forum, assumes that everyone knows absolutely everyone else, and where they are located. When I first read you email, I was thinking that the open house was for the Holland club. It took a few seconds to have the old noggin figure out that you meant the Muskegon club.

I have noticed several other event messages that do not indicate the location, or who is behind it.

Remember the old adage: Who,What, When, and Where.

Tom K8TB (from Hudsonville, member of the Holland group!!)

2230. Re: [WestMichiganHams] What Are You Doing Saturday?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-11 23:09:01 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2227 Message: 2230

Oops! BIG OOPS!!!

Yep, meant to say, the Muskegon radio club's facility on Scenic Drive north of Muskegon.

Still runs all day Saturday and half the day on Sunday.

VERY SORRY!

Bill, AB8SC

2231. Re: [WestMichiganHams] What Are You Doing Saturday?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-11 23:13:08 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 2227 Message: 2231

Unfortunately, homework homework and more homework. Just to keep things interesting, I'll be doing homework this weekend. *laugh*
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Fries
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2007 6:09 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] What Are You Doing Saturday?

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VERY SORRY!

Bill, AB8SC

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2232. Contact from Hell, anyone?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-12 01:42:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2232 Message: 2232

This is to announce that N8XX will be going to hell.

(Now, don't everyone cheer at once)

Actually, there's a QRP contest, sponsored by the AzScQRPions QRP club, call the annual F)reeze Y)our B)... O)ff (FYBO) which will be held between 1400Z and 2359Z on 3 February 2007. The idea is to take a QRP rig to the field, set up, and contact as many stations as possible. There's a category for home (indoor) stations for those who don't want to freeze their b...s off. :)

I figured that folks might like contacting someone from Hell, so I'm proposing to drive over to Hell, Michigan, and set up operation. (We hope Hell will be frozen over, though the probability is lower than for a typical winter. :)

There's one other fellow who has shown interest, and he will probably bring a SSB rig, so we should be able to operate on both CW and SSB. (My HW-9 only operates on CW).

I've reserved the special call N8H for the event, so, if you want a QSL from Hell, look for us on 7.04 MHz (CW) and 7.285 MHz (SSB).

For details on the contest see

http://www.azscqrpions.org/FYBO2007_01072007.htm

73 de n8xx Hg (N8H during FYBO 2007)

p.s. you DON't have to be running QRP <5 W, or be operating from the field to contact N8H. All contacts will be appreciated. If you want a special QSL, send #10 or larger SASE to N8XX QTHR.

2237. What Are You Doing Saturday? GOOD EATS waiting for you!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-12 05:15:09 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 2237 Message: 2237

Hello All,

Let's see here. The eats for Saturday

8:30AM till the food runs out.
Free Breakfast. all the normal good reakfast eats, plus biscuits & gravy, french toast and Bud's famous belgium waffles.

The sale of Ham equipment and the start of winter field day.

And more food if you stick around or come back later. Starting after noon there will be Chili & Gumbo and then sometime after 5:00PM I have about good number of leftover New York Strips from the steak fry. It will be first come first serve. If you want to bring anything else feel free.

Tom

2238. Reminder: Great Lakes area 2m digital net tonight 8e/7c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-12 13:47:44 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2238 Message: 2238

Here's the weekly reminder that the Great Lakes area 2 meter digital net will be held tonight:

Time: 8 PM eastern, 7 PM central
Freq: 144.150 USB +1500 Hz (144.1515 actual)
Mode: DominoEX, 11 baud with FEC

Attendance has been low lately, the last few nets have only had one or two checkins. The only one who showed up last week was Bill N9DSJ. If it continues like this I might suspend the net until conditions improve.

-Joe, N8FQ
Grand Haven, Michigan - EN62wx

2239. SWR/wattmeter ??

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-12 19:08:35 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2239 Message: 2239

Morning,I am using MFJ products for an example.
Is a swr/wattmeter that covers a wide band spread less accurate than a meter designed for a more specific band spread?
example
A MFJ-864 advertises to cover(1.8-60mhz,144mhz,440mhz).
A MFJ-815C advertises to cover (144/220/440mhz)??

73 KD8CBJ

2240. RE: [WestMichiganHams] SWR/wattmeter ??

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-12 20:04:04 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2239 Message: 2240

You do give up some accuracy with wide band units, but not anything that I have ever noticed. I don't know about MFJ units specifically though. I would think that the manufacturer should publish the specs somewhere on what the acceptable error is. MFJ does advertise that each band is calibrated individually, so there may not be any compromise for the wide band. Or, maybe I have been at work too long..... :-)

Tim

KC8MSE

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of kd8cbj
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2007 2:09 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] SWR/wattmeter ??

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73 KD8CBJ

2241. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SWR/wattmeter ??

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-12 21:04:31 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 2239 Message: 2241

It depends on what you'll want to do with it. I'd think either one would get the job done; however, an SWR meter designed for a specific band, I would think, should have less loss when connected in series with the co-ax.

----- Original Message -----
From: kd8cbj
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2007 2:08 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] SWR/wattmeter ??

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73 KD8CBJ

2243. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SWR/wattmeter ??

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-13 01:47:47 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2239 Message: 2243

Thank you,it's the cheap German in me showing through.No hard core application,just trying to prevent burning up radios.

73 KD8CBJ

2244. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SWR/wattmeter ??

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-13 02:33:07 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2239 Message: 2244

The icono-3 is about as exact as I need.If I am going to use the fire extinguisher here in the lab,it better be for something good.Being stupid does not fit in the"something good"category.

73 KD8CBJ

2245. ARLB003 FCC suspends vanity call sign processing

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-13 15:31:25 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2245 Message: 2245

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ARLB003 FCC suspends vanity call sign processing

ZCZC AG03
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 3 ARLB003
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT January 12, 2007
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB003
ARLB003 FCC suspends vanity call sign processing

The FCC has put new Amateur Radio vanity call sign processing on hold while it modifies the software that handles vanity applications. The suspension is a result of a rule change that went into effect December 15 to discourage the filing of multiple applications by one individual for the same call sign. The FCC is still processing vanity call sign renewal applications.

"The Commission continues to accept vanity call sign applications," says a brief announcement on the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS) Web page, http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/. "However, these applications will not be processed until software changes in accordance with the recent rule making have been fully implemented." Just when that might happen is not known.

As revised in the FCC's recent Report and Order (R&O) in WT Docket 04-140, §97.19(d)(1) stipulates that if the FCC receives more than one application requesting a vanity call sign from a single applicant on the same receipt day, it will process only the first application entered into the ULS. "Subsequent vanity call sign applications from that applicant with the same receipt date will not be accepted," the rule concludes.

The FCC says that when it resumes processing new vanity applications, it will handle pending applications "consistent with the date order in which they were received."

This suspension affects new vanity call sign applications submitted on December 18 or later. Typically, it takes 18 days from the time the FCC receives a vanity application until the call sign is issued -- or the application is denied. The FCC granted the last new Amateur Radio vanity call signs on January 4 for applications received December 15.

All vanity call sign renewal applications, including those for club stations, must be filed via the ULS. The current vanity call sign fee, payable for new applications as well as renewals, is $20.80 for the 10-year license term.
NNNN
/EX

Cheap talk?
Check out Yahoo! Messenger's low PC-to-Phone call rates.
http://voice.yahoo.com

2247. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SWR/wattmeter ??

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-14 17:41:33 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 2239 Message: 2247

Mark,

Can you make me a display with an ice cube, bunny, and radio on fire? It would be a great conversation piece.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2007 8:34 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] SWR/wattmeter ??

I would guess that the more broadband a meter is the less accurate it would be but that may not be true. The meters may have switches in them for different bands that indicate they are really more than one instrument sharing a display. That would present more accuracy than a single broadband device.

How much accuracy is needed in our hobby? Do we really care about the difference between a 1.2 to 1 and a 1.4 to 1 SWR? We are interested in which adjustment makes the lowest SWR and if that is acceptable life is good. Actually we don't even need numbers on the scale. All we need are three icons. An ice cube, a bunny and a radio on fire. Ice is the coolest, bunnies are warm but still good and radios on fire are bad. As long as we could see the needle move and see how close to the icons the needle was I am sure the meter would be just as useful to us as one with numbers on it.

The watt meters need a bit more accuracy for bragging rights. The human ear can't hear the difference between an 80 watt signal and a 120 watt signal but the human ego can tell the difference between 80 and 80 1/2 watts.

How do you know how accurate a meter is? A rule of thumb is that accurate meters are heavier and much more expensive than less accurate ones. Accurate meters are also usually made in countries that don't allow oxen to walk the streets of their largest cities.

I hope that these words of wisdom have helped some.

73,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: kd8cbj
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2007 14:08
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] SWR/wattmeter ??

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2249. Thanks!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-14 18:37:07 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2249 Message: 2249

All:

I hope you all enjoyed this weekend as much as many of our group. What a wonderful experience playing radio with friends. The MAARC sure enjoys some wonderful hams, friends, family, folks.

My thanks to all who participated, from the folks who stopped in just long enough to say a quick, "Hello" to the Tom, W8AMZ family who seemed to be there constantly and cooking much of the time. Wow, was that food excellent or what?! We really enjoyed some great treats with friends. I guess when you've got a few kids you have to really get good at menus and cooking. Amazing and delicious.

And thanks to everyone who participated.

I'm especially humbled to have met one of the oldest hams in our community who told stories of building the original clubhouse. Max, W8CPD is ninety-four years young and full of life. I'm so grateful.

Thanks to you for making this one really great weekend. We welcome and thank everyone who helped, participated, and made this a wonderful weekend.

Bill, AB8SC

2251. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Thanks!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-15 04:35:56 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2249 Message: 2251

Thanks to all that helped make it happen. Not many on the air contacts but plenty of face to face contacts, good food, and learning from other and the snow held off till we were done.
Special thanks to Tom, Trish and Bill
73s to all
Looks like the white stuff will make it here this year.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, January 14, 2007 2:00 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Thanks!

I have to admit that AMZ's contribution to WFD was vast and appreciated.

Great job and Thanks!! de K8MHZ, K0LEY and KLMJ49441.

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, January 14, 2007 13:37
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Thanks!

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Bill, AB8SC

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2252. Rain/snow

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-15 12:11:09 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2252 Message: 2252

Where to find more info on QMN rain/snow gauge projects other than QMN site.

73 KD8CBJ

2253. Re: Rain/snow

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-15 13:24:25 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2252 Message: 2253

Good morning.
On the WMTN Yahoo! Group you can find the QMN-NWS Rain Gauge Network's Standard Operating and Reporting Procedures manual. This is the most current and up-to-date version that just came out a couple of days ago. The WMTN has joined up with the QMN to help with reporting.
To find the group type in WMTN for the Yahoo! Group name. It is a listed group, membership does require approval which takes less than a day.

Best Regards,
Doc, KD8BGQ
NM WMTN
--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "kd8cbj" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
>
> Where to find more info on QMN rain/snow gauge projects other than QMN
> site.
>
> 73 KD8CBJ
>

2254. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Rain/snow

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-15 15:31:10 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2252 Message: 2254

Hi Paul ,

You can find the info at ;

http://michigannet.org/_wsn/page3.html

Mark

kd8cbj <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
Where to find more info on QMN rain/snow gauge projects other than QMN
site.

73 KD8CBJ

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2255. EMWIN Fremont

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-15 15:38:32 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2255 Message: 2255

The EMWIN transmitter on 162.300 in Fremont will be off the air today. We are re-arranging our radio room to make room for more equipment. It should be back on the air by 4:00pm.

Tim Deater

KC8MSE

2256. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Rain/snow

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-15 18:29:06 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2252 Message: 2256

That's what I heard on the net,but couldn't find a pen fast enough.I've been to the QMN site before what I heard last night sounded new.

73
KD8CBJ

2257. Burton, Michigan, Hamfest, Saturday 20 Jan 07

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-16 02:43:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2257 Message: 2257

Because of the dissolution of the Amateur Radio and Youth (ARAY) club, the GCARES board of directors has agreed to take over the sponsorship of the annual ARAY Ham Radio Swap & Shop...

The 15th annual ARAY/GCARES Swap & Shop is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2007, 8 AM till 12 PM, at Bentley Middle School, 1180 N. Belsay Road in Burton, Michigan.

This is a new, easier to find, location. Take I-69 to Exit 141 (Belsay Road), go North 1/4 mile. The school is on the right.

* The site is handicap accessible
* Parking is free
* All sales inside
* Talk-in will be on 147.100 MHz with 100 Hz tone
* Admission is $5 / under 12 free
* Door prizes will be given away hourly
* VE testing at 10 AM (contact Don, N8DI at 810.564.9638)

For more swap information, call Clay, KF8UI at 810.233.7889, or e-mail at kf8ui@...

To download a printable copy of the flyer click here.

2258. Fw: [frrl] School ISS Contact Tomorrow

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-16 03:57:58 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2258 Message: 2258

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Bill Muhr <kb9ysi@...>
To: frrl@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2007 9:50:56 PM
Subject: [frrl] School ISS Contact Tomorrow

There will be a ISS contact with a pair of schools in Streator, IL.
tomorrow (1/16) at approx 11.28 am local time.

The contact is planned to be streamed over IRLP node 9010, echolink
node 101377. There should also be a stream on the web at
http://www.discoveryreflector.ca:8000/listen.pls.

You can also go to the website at http://www.discoveryreflector.ca and
click on the "Listen" menu item.

Bill
KB9YSI

Yahoo! Groups Links

Have a burning question?
Go to www.Answers.yahoo.com and get answers from real people who know.

2259. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: [frrl] School ISS Contact Tomorrow

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-16 11:31:20 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2258 Message: 2259

Thanks for the heads up.I have been dabbeling with UISS,am a member ISS fan club,use Orbitron.My boy is only 6 and in 1st grade so I have time to refine my system.
73 KD8CBJ

2260. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: [frrl] School ISS Contact Tomorrow

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-16 12:40:57 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2258 Message: 2260

Have you ever tried NOVA ? I like that better than the other programs . I have made many contacts with satellite . Lots of fun .

KD8BIG

KD8CBJ@... wrote:
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73 KD8CBJ

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2261. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: [frrl] School ISS Contact Tomorrow

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-16 13:09:07 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2258 Message: 2261

I apologize . I forgot to send you the link for the software . Here it is below .

BIG Mark

https://secure.heze.lunarpages.com/~nlsa002/index.html

Mark Strait <muskegonjimquay@...> wrote:
Have you ever tried NOVA ? I like that better than the other programs . I have made many contacts with satellite . Lots of fun .

KD8BIG

KD8CBJ@... wrote:
Thanks for the heads up.I have been dabbeling with UISS,am a member ISS fan club,use Orbitron.My boy is only 6 and in 1st grade so I have time to refine my system.
73 KD8CBJ

Be a PS3 game guru.
Get your game face on with the latest PS3 news and previews at Yahoo! Games.

It's here! Your new message!
Get new email alerts with the free Yahoo! Toolbar.

2262. Ham in a Day, Grand Rapids - 21 January

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-16 17:15:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2262 Message: 2262

All I apologize if you have already received this. Please pass it on to your friends and family who may be interested in becoming a ham.

Ham in a day!

Get your Amateur Radio License in just one day!

Sponsored by the: Kent County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service

No Techno-Babble needed, this class is for anyone who wants their amateur radio license

Date: Sunday January 21st 2007

Cost: 30.00 Includes license Fee

Location: Red Cross 1050 Fuller Ave NE

Pre-Registration is required to reserve a spot in the class

Time: 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Testing will start at 6:00 PM

To register e-mail jnawrot@... or call 616-889-7101

Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult!

Bring either drivers license or 2 pieces of identification

Coffee and Treats will be provided! Dress comfortably!

Small Print: This class uses memory retention, everyone learns differently. Class is not a guarantee to getting your license.

Jeffrey Nawrot
Region 6 Assistant RACES Coordinator

2263. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: [frrl] School ISS Contact Tomorrow

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-16 18:01:24 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2258 Message: 2263

Pretty neat. I couldn't hear the school station "on the input" (maybe if they were using sideband and I had a decent preamp) but the downlink was S9+60 at times. If anyone's interested:

http://www.electroblog.com:8090/iss_20070116.mp3

-Joe, N8FQ

On Mon, 15 Jan 2007 19:57:58 -0800 (PST)
Mark Thompson <wb9qzb@...> wrote:

> ----- Forwarded Message ----
> From: Bill Muhr <kb9ysi@...>
> To: frrl@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Monday, January 15, 2007 9:50:56 PM
> Subject: [frrl] School ISS Contact Tomorrow
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>
> There will be a ISS contact with a pair of schools in Streator, IL.
> tomorrow (1/16) at approx 11.28 am local time.
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> The contact is planned to be streamed over IRLP node 9010, echolink
> node 101377. There should also be a stream on the web at
> http://www.discoveryreflector.ca:8000/listen.pls.
>
> You can also go to the website at http://www.discoveryreflector.ca and
> click on the "Listen" menu item.
>
> Bill
> KB9YSI

2264. N8XX in Hell (Michigan) 3 February 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-16 18:46:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2264 Message: 2264

This is to announce that it is official! Yes, a bunch of West Michigan hams are going to Hell. There will be a contingent of hams who will be participating from Hell, Michigan, during the Arizona ScQRPions' F)reeze Y)our B)... Off (You fill in the letters after the B) :) Contest. Right now the contingent includes Ed, AB8DF, Cortland, KA5S, and Hank, N8XX. We're looking for some more operators, particularly experienced contesters. Please let me know of your interest and availability.

It should be one H... of a contest. Since we get a larger multiplier if the temperature is lower, we hope that Hell will freeze over. :)

And, what call to use? Why no a Special Event 1 by 1 call, N8H? This has been reserved!

Please look for us (as N8H) on all the "QRP" frequencies including 7.04, 14,060, and 21060 KHz (CW) or 7.285, 14285, 21385 KHz (SSB) between 1400Z and 2359Z 3 February.. For the path Hell to this part of Michigan during the day, forty meters should be best, but occasionally 20 meters has short enough skip for such contacts.

We will try to activate a station on the preferred mode Hellschriber, but this is whether any of us can figure out how to run those fancy things called Computers to run software.

For details on the contest, see
http://www.azscqrpions.org/FYBO2007_01072007.htm

A special, pictorial "QSL from Hell" will be provided for a #10 or larger SASE to N8XX, Hank Greeb, 5727 11 Mile Rd NE, Rockford, MI 49341-9502

Note that you do NOT have to be running <5 watts, or be outside to make this contact. We'll appreciate any and all contacts, freezing or not!

73 de n8xx

p.s. If you know any of the 5 hams who live in Paradise, Michigan, please contact them. We'd LOVE a Hell to Paradise QSO! :)

2266. Mag-Lite, how to keep customers loyal

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-16 20:09:09 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2266 Message: 2266

Mag-lite products have an age divison,pre serial #(old)with serial # (newer).I have a mini mag.2-AA,no serial #(old)it would still work after years of treating it like a mag-lite can be.Lately 2+ years,It needed a sharp knock or two to spark.Last week I sent an e-mail asking for info on PURCHACING a new switch assembley.Today I got a package from mag-lite containing not only a new switch assembley but also a special tool to do the repair with----for free.Counting the ones in each vehicle and others strategicly placed through out the house,all 5 are my favorites.

KD8CBJ

2267. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: [frrl] School ISS Contact Tomorrow

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-16 21:29:51 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2258 Message: 2267

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----- Original Message -----
From: Joe Veldhuis
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 1:01 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: [frrl] School ISS Contact Tomorrow

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> click on the "Listen" menu item.
>
> Bill
> KB9YSI

2268. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: [frrl] School ISS Contact Tomorrow

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-17 02:14:11 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2258 Message: 2268

yep,5by9 on the downlink.
KD8CBJ

2269. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: [frrl] School ISS Contact Tomorrow

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-17 02:23:42 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2258 Message: 2269

It's on my shopping list,some where between a GOOD SWR/watt meter,TNC,and a VHF/UHF ant.tuner.Orbitron was the best of the"free"sat.track programs.Oh yea books,books and umm books

73 KD8CBJ

2270. Re: N8XX in Hell (Michigan) 3 February 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-17 02:36:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2264 Message: 2270

Mark:

I'm trying to get as much publicity as I can for this effort, so
please post the info on any ham reflector where you have access.

If you remember, please advise where you've done the publicity, so I
won't duplicate it, and not ask others to duplicate it.

Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Hank,
>
> Cool! I meant, Hot!
>
> Can I post this on eHam and QRZ? Maybe even HamSexy?
>
> 73 from Muskegon where it is usually colder than Hell
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Hank Greeb
> To: West Michigan Hams
> Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 13:46
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] N8XX in Hell (Michigan) 3 February
> 2007
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> hams who will be participating from Hell, Michigan, during the
> Arizona ScQRPions' F)reeze Y)our B)... Off (You fill in the
> letters after the B) :) Contest.

2272. Coffee Break This Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-17 12:14:38 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2272 Message: 2272

All
As I reported last month I am now working as General Manager of Tool Max Industrial Supply a new retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 behind the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant . We have tools and industrial suppliers and are looking for new things to add to the store.
We will be adding some HAM Radio items to our store. Come in and let me know what kind of radios and extras you want to see. I can get just about anything for close to the same prices at AES and HRO.
First I want to add items on consignment. Bring your items for sale in and we will sell them for you. Stop in and see the items we have now or bring your in.
Starting this Saturday January 20 and every Saturday from about 8:30AM-11:00AM I would like to host a Coffee Break with FREE Donuts,Juice and Coffee. Come in before or after your Breakfast in Ferryburg or Muskegon and have coffee with us. Just like us oldies did at H & R Electronics years ago. Looking forward to see you all this Saturday.

Tom KB8VEE
PS
For a Map click on the link below.
http://maps.msn.com/(d03m5m55moj40a45asdh3255)/map.aspx?L=USA&C=43.13424%2c-86.21350&A=7.16667&P=|43.13424%2c-86.21350|1|6516+Schamber+Dr%2c+Muskegon%2c+MI+49444-9752|L1|

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator & Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2273. WCRA Hamfest, Sunday, January 28th @ Du Page Expo Center, St. Charles, IL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-17 15:41:53 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2273 Message: 2273

WCRA Hamfest Flyer Available at:
http://wheatonhamfest.org/flyer2006.pdf

You can learn more about ham radio's digital modes at:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

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Now that's room service! Choose from over 150,000 hotels
in 45,000 destinations on Yahoo! Travel to find your fit.
http://farechase.yahoo.com/promo-generic-14795097

2274. D-STAR Introduction & How to Use Training, Noon - 3 pm @ WCRA Hamfest, Hilton Garden Inn, St. Charles

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-17 15:45:16 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2274 Message: 2274

D-STAR is the NEW Digital Voice AND Data Technology
That is Transforming Ham Radio as did SSB, FM & Packet Radio

Learn about D-STAR on Sunday, 1/28 at Noon after WCRA Hamfest.
The Training is at the Hilton Garden Inn next to the Hamfest/DuPage Expo Center, St. Charles.

If D-STAR is new to you or you already have a D-STAR radio then this training is for you.

Training Agenda

Introduction to D-STAR, Noon ☐1 pm by Mark, WB9QZB

How to Use D-STAR, 1 ☐ 2 pm by Kermit, W9XA

Programming Your D-STAR Radio, 2 ☐ 3 pm

Attend the Training and Get a Free Icom Hat
(Supplies Limited So Come Early)

The D-STAR Simplex Frequency at the Hamfest is 145.67 MHz.

Chicago☐s 1st D-STAR Digital Voice Repeater is now On-the-Air.
It's W9CEQ(FRRL), 442.100 at 370 ft. in Elburn, Central Kane County.

You can learn more about D-STAR at:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

Information about WCRA Hamfest on Sunday, January 28th at DuPage Expo Center available at:
http://wheatonhamfest.org/flyer2006.pdf

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Food fight? Enjoy some healthy debate
in the Yahoo! Answers Food & Drink Q&A.
http://answers.yahoo.com/dir/?link=list&sid=396545367

2275. packet net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-17 15:54:58 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2275 Message: 2275

I can not attend packet net.Notes on high points?

73 KD8CBJ
Don't miss me too much.

2276. Holland mini-Swap/Hamfest this Saturday?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-17 22:42:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2276 Message: 2276

Is there a mini-swap/hamfest in Holldand this Saturday? I'm looking for 450 Ohm twin lead to use on our excursion to Hell. Anyone have any that they're willing to sell?

73 de n8xx Hg

2277. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Holland mini-Swap/Hamfest this Saturday?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-17 23:10:24 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2276 Message: 2277

Hank the miniswaps are the first sat of the month in holland 73 John KC8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 5:42 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Holland mini-Swap/Hamfest this Saturday?

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for 450 Ohm twin lead to use on our excursion to Hell. Anyone have any
that they're willing to sell?

73 de n8xx Hg

2278. Re: Holland mini-Swap/Hamfest this Saturday?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-17 23:18:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2276 Message: 2278

Tnx 4 the info. I'll be sure to put the details on the GRARA
web page.

Hmmm, we'll be going to Hell, or maybe already in Hell when that
Mini-Swap is underway. Oh, well, we have time to scrounge around,
even to order from on line if needed. I'd like to support some
local ham, club, or vendor, though.

73 de n8xx Hg

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2279. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-18 00:07:39 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 37 Message: 2279

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 5:11 PM
Subject: Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

> On February 3, 2007, several hams are "Going to Hell" (Hell,
> Michigan, that
> is) to operate during the AzScQRPions F)reeze Y)our B)... O)ff (FYBO)
> contest. So far, the contingent will include Ed AB8DF, Courtland KA5S,
> and
> Hank N8XX. A special event call of N8H has been reserved. They'll be
> operating on all the "QRP" frequencies, but the best chance for
> folks in this
> area will be on 7.04 (CW) or 7.285 (SSB) MHz. They will be operating
> between
> 1400z and 2359z. They will also try to activate a station on the
> preferred
> mode Hellschriber (of course), but this is whether any of them can figure
> out
> how to operate those fancy things called computers to run the software.
> For
> details on the contest, see
> http://www.azscqrpions.org/FYBO2007_01072007.htm
>
> I am pleased to report that during the past year, the Michigan Section's
> number of ARRL Field Appointees increased by about 10% from 223 to 247.
> Our
> numbers of PIOs have increased, and we have more ECs taking leadership
> rolls
> within the ARES. We have added several new OESs and more LGLs as well.
> My
> thanks to each and every dedicated ham who offers his or her services to
> the
> amateur radio community. Make no mistake about it, everyone does play a
> vital part in helping amateur radio grow. We hope to recognize these
> efforts
> with ARRL appointments and acknowledge those efforts. Check the League's
> web
> page to see if there is an appointment in your area of interest and let me
> know: http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/
>
> Several Michigan amateur radio clubs are dedicating significant efforts
> to
> getting more youth involved in amateur radio. ARAY in the Flint area (now
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> merged with Genesee County ARES), ARGYL in Lowell, and DAR in Menominee
> are
> reporting great success. These results are very encouraging and clearly
> illustrate to the nay-sayers that amateur radio is active and exciting to
> youth. Several other Michigan clubs have now started similar efforts to
> encourage school age children into the hobby. Check these web sites for a
> look at what is happening: http://www.argyl.org/ http://www.thedar.org/
> http://www.gcares.org .
>
> From Marty, N8MG our Section Emergency Coordinator, I have the following
> comments: "Thank you all for the previous year's accomplishments and
> the
> many operations we successfully completed. I want to extend my best wishes
> for a happy and prosperous New Year and continued growth both personally
> and
> in your individual areas of responsibility. We all had struggles to meet
> our
> planned goals, and we met them successfully. Thanks!" - Marty N8MG.
>
> Our STM, John WB8RCR reports the following: "Reporting was down
> significantly
> due partly to the holidays, but largely due to terrible propagation. Many
> nets had great difficulty meeting late in the month, and that seems to be
> continuing into January. Interesting that we had so few PSHR reports, but
> quite a number of new stations providing their SAR."
>
> New Club officers for the L'anse Creuse ARC are: Pres-Elect, N8GEO,
> Secretary KC8WNK, Treas N8RLP, Tech Officer N8PYN, ARRL Liaison, N8NLK.
> The
> new Livingston Amateur Radio Klub (LARK) 2007 Board members are: Pres
> N8GVD,
> VP W8KDR, Sec KC8SER, Treas KC8QQN, Tech Dir WB8AZP, Prog Mgr KC8VAB, Dir
> W8CLK. The Milford Amateur Radio Club has elected its officers for 2007.
> They are: Pres WA8YUZ, VP KC8IDE, Sec KC8QAT, Treas KC8NQJ; Directors
> WA8WOQ
> & K8ZKJ.
>
> Station Activity Reports (SARs) for December, 2006: KC8WSE 225, K8LJG
> 183,
> K8AE 171, KC8MLD 87, WD8USA 53, W8RNQ 38, K8AMR 32, K8RDN 28, WI8K 27,
> WB8RCR
> 23, AB8WF 19, KD8BMV 12, K8YB 10, WA8OOH 4, KC8ZCF 4, AB8CB 1. SARs are
> reports of all the radiogram traffic you have handled in the past month.
>
> Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHRs) for December, 2006: KD8BGQ
> 153,
> K8AE 110, K8MFK 103, K8AMR 91, WB8RCR 79. PSHRs include your net and
> public
> service activities for the month. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly
> with

> WB8RCR. You can access a simple reporting form at:
> http://www.mi-nts.org/PSHR_entry.shtml to provide your reports to WB8RCR.
>
> December Official Emergency Station reports came in from KC8ZCF, KC8ULE,
> and W8RAE. Your OES reports should be filed with WA8EFK. In all cases,
> reporting by radiograms encouraged.
>
> 73,
> Dale WA8EFK
>
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> ---
> ARRL Michigan Section
> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

2281. Surplus feed line

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-18 20:31:45 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2281 Message: 2281

I have 3 spool ends of Andrew Heliax 1 5/8" LDF7-50A-PEA-29713-4 coax
that I am tired of looking at.

Spool 1 has 200 feet according to the markings on the cable.

Spool 2 has 183 feet

Spool 3 has a lot more, but it was dropped from the tower while it was
being installed so I don't know how good it is.

Specs are found at
http://www.andrew.com/catalog/product_details.aspx?id=1311

Personally, to me it doesn't look like there is that much cable there,
but according to the markings there is.

You can see the spools for yourself at the NC RESA complex in Fremont.
The spools are located to the north of the tower, just north past the
habitat for humanity house. I am here from 7:30 until 4:00 in the NCATS
office in the building under the tower if you have any questions.

Make me an offer. The spools are heavy! You may need a couple of
people to get them onto a trailer or something.

Tim Deater

KC8MSE

231-924-8806

Fax 231-924-8912

tdeater@...

http://www.tdats.net <http://www.tdats.net/>

2282. Coffee Break this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-18 23:23:19 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2282 Message: 2282

All
I am looking for some numbers of people planning on coming so I can buy enough Donuts for the coffee break this Saturday. Please e mail me back and let me know at kb8vee@...
We will be adding some HAM Radio items to our store. Come in and let me know what kind of radios and extras you want to see.
First I want to add items on Consignment. Bring your items for sale in and we will sell them for you. Stop in and see the items we have now or bring your in.
The time is this Saturday January 20 and every Saturday from about 8:30AM-11:00AM I would like to host a Coffee Break with FREE Donuts,Juice and Coffee. Come in before or after your Breakfast in Ferryburg or Muskegon and have coffee with us. Looking forward to see you all this Saturday.

Tom KB8VEE

2284. Welcome my Uncle

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-19 02:01:52 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 2284 Message: 2284

Hello Everyone ... I just wanted to welcome my uncle Glen WA8MTJ to West Michigan Hams ... He has told me in the past he wasn't going to get computerized but it looks like my cousin's got him into the modern age. So he is down there in Flordia well we are up here in this cold, snowy Michigan weather .... Hope everyone is haveing a nice winter ..

73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

2285. Would you train for a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-19 02:35:14 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 2285 Message: 2285

Hello Everyone ?.. I have been contacted by Sgt. Bo of Grand Haven Public Safety about forming class?s to train for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Sgt. Bo is a trainer for CERT and we have talked about working on forming some teams for the West Michigan area with trained hams as there means of communicating with the emergency units they would be assisting. The class?s involve 18 hrs of training and I would like to know if there are hams that would be interested in going through the training and be a CERT communications team member. I do not have times and place for the training yet, but I need to know if and how much interest there is, so please drop me a e-mail at kb8odb@... if you are interested in the training ?.. 73 Don

2286. Re: Would you train for a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-19 03:45:55 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2285 Message: 2286

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Don Meyer <kb8odb@...> wrote:
>
.. if you are interested in the training .. 73 Don
>

Hmmm..... I don't know enough about CERT to know if I'm interested
in the training. Do you have a site or other info that I could look at?

Laryn K8TVZ

2287. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Welcome my Uncle

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-19 03:31:00 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2284 Message: 2287

Glen
Good to have you on the group.What is the temp in FL? Tom KB8VEE
----- Original Message -----
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 9:01 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Welcome my Uncle

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73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

2288. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Would you train for a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-19 10:57:18 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2285 Message: 2288

Here is some info Larry .

https://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/

Have a good day .

KD8BIG

Laryn Lohman <larynl@...> wrote:
--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Don Meyer <kb8odb@...> wrote:
>
.. if you are interested in the training ?.. 73 Don
>

Hmmm..... I don't know enough about CERT to know if I'm interested
in the training. Do you have a site or other info that I could look at?

Laryn K8TVZ

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2289. Welcome!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-19 12:52:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2289 Message: 2289

WA8MTJ de N8XX

Welcome to West Michigan Hams! Why don't you come back here? Gee, it's balmy! It was -2 in Cedar Springs, and +2.5 here in Rockford Wednesday morning, with >4" of sn*w on the ground.

I suspect you're suffering with much warmer temperatures. Come back and experience some real winter. :)

73 de n8xx Hg

---------- Original Message follows ----------

Subject: Welcome my Uncle
Posted by: : "Don Meyer - KB8ODB" kb8odb@...
Thu Jan 18, 2007 6:02 pm (PST)

Hello Everyone ... I just wanted to welcome my uncle Glen WA8MTJ to West Michigan Hams ... He has told me in the past he wasn't going to get computerized but it looks like my cousin's got him into the modern age. So he is down there in Flordia well we are up here in this cold, snowy Michigan weather .... Hope everyone is haveing a nice winter ..

73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

2290. I'd train for Community Emergency Response

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-19 14:16:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2290 Message: 2290

Don:

I'd train for Community Emergency Response - that answer in obvious. I've been a communicator for Red Cross for 40 or so years (not currently certified because of red tape, but "probably" still qualified.)

But, would I submit to 18 consecutive hours (over four or five consecutive weekends) without a complete synopsis of what is involved? Probably not, because of my personal and travel schedule.

Would I eventually take 18 hours of training to become fully qualified? Probably yes, because even if I found that some parts were redundant, and identical to my past training, I'd like to find out what is so important that it takes 18 hours to teach.

Be informed that several communities around the Greater Cincinnati area (from whence I moved in late 2005) were offering one half to one day or less training courses in community emergency response. Many of my ham friends attended. They received a certificate that they had received the training. Were they "fully" trained? Probably not. But, did they have the "basic training" which would be helpful for response to a natural or man made disaster? Certainly! Did these short sessions encourage some/many of them to take even more training? Certainly? (The Cincinnati Red Cross was swamped with demand and giving extra training sessions during this period, probably because of this type of training.)

The folks in Kent County were offering similar training, only I think they required 20 hours training. When I informed the ham trainer that I thought 20 hours was a bit much to ask of the general public, he shrugged his shoulders and said "That's what we are required to do here in Michigan, and it's hard to fit all the requirements into even 20 hours."

Folks here in Michigan seem to believe:

1. That folks interested in community emergency response in Michigan have much less intellectual capacity than folks in other parts of the country AND.OR

2.. the bureaucracy sees a need to inflate the requirements. AND/OR

3. the bureaucracy doesn't understand basic human psychology which takes askance at submitting to a long regime of training without knowing what they're getting into.

I view things like this to things like First Aid training. At Red Cross one can generally find a course which takes a few hours, or one which takes a whole day, and probably one which lasts a week (though I've

never searched for one lasting that long.)

73 de n8xx Hg

---------- Original Message Follows ----------

Subject: Would you train for a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
Posted by: "Don Meyer" kb8odb@... ottawaaec911
Thu Jan 18, 2007 6:37 pm (PST)

Hello Everyone ?..
I have been contacted by Sgt. Bo of Grand Haven Public Safety about forming class?s to train for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Sgt. Bo is a trainer for CERT and we have talked about working on forming some teams for the West Michigan area with trained hams as there means of communicating with the emergency units they would be assisting.

The class?s involve 18 hrs of training and I would like to know if there are hams that would be interested in going through the training and be a CERT communications team member. I do not have times and place for the training yet, but I need to know if and how much interest there is, so please drop me a e-mail at kb8odb@... if you are interested in the training ?..

73 Don

2291. Leadership Seminar Saturday (Tomorrow)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-19 14:19:53 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2291 Message: 2291

All:

At the MAARC clubhouse in Muskegon will be a leadership seminar. The following message is a copy of a post from the club's president on this subject:

Just a reminder about the Leadership Seminar this Saturday January 20 from 9AM-3PM. So far we have a crock pot of chili on the working lunch menu. Like stone soup, any small additions you care to make to the menu enhance the final product. I would like to get some kind of count if you plan on attending. I want to make sure we have enough for everyone. The past couple of years have shown attendance of about 10 (give or take). We should have plenty of coffee and soda on hand.

The basic agenda is: going over the responsibilities of board members; going over goal setting and progress measurement; and planning for the coming year. Although the seminar is geared towards training our board members to lead effectively, any of our club members are certainly welcome to attend.

Jon AB8RD

2292. Deactivated Verizon Wireless Cellphone anyone willing to part with?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-19 16:45:18 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2292 Message: 2292

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SIEMENS
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S750, S760

SHARP
(Cable SH2)
GX30, GX30i, TM150, TM200

Ericsson (Cable ET2)
T10s, T10sl, T18d, T18di, T18ds, T18dsi, T18z, T20e, T20ec, T20s,
T20sc, T28, T28s, T28sc, T28w, T28z, T29, T29s, T29sc

2295. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Deactivated Verizon Wireless Cellphone anyone willing to part with?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-19 17:31:55 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 2295 Message: 2295

I've got a samsung phone that you can have.

----- Original Message -----
From: Jack Amelar
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; larc@k8sn.org ; grara_members@...
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 11:45 AM
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T725e, T730c, T730p, T731, T731c, U10, U15, V60, V60c, V60ci, V60g,
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V66i, V66ig, V70, V80, V150, V260, V262, V265, V266, V276, V300, V303,
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T306, T310, T316, T600, T608, T610, T610 NZ, T616, T618, T628, T630,
T637, V600i, W600a, V800, Z500a, Z600, Z608, Z710a, Z800, Z800i, Z1010,

Vodafone 802SE

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(Cable SM1)
Blackberry, A55, A56, A56i, A57, A60, A62, A65, A70, A75, AX75, C55,
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S750, S760

SHARP
(Cable SH2)
GX30, GX30i, TM150, TM200

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2296. $10.00 MFJ 922

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-19 17:32:27 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2296 Message: 2296

I've read bad reviews----good,bad, target practice,or parts depot?

KD8CBJ

2298. Great Lakes area 2 meter digital net tonight 8e/7c

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-19 19:10:20 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2298 Message: 2298

Time: 8 PM Eastern, 7 PM Central
Freq: 144.150 MHz USB +1500 Hz (144.1515 MHz actual center)
Mode: DominoEX, 11 baud with FEC

Due to poor band conditions and low attendance (I've only had one checkin the last 2 weeks), after tonight I am suspending the net until spring. So this is your last chance to get in on it for awhile.

-Joe, N8FQ
Grand Haven, MI - EN62wx

2299. Re: Deactivated Verizon Wireless Cellphone anyone willing to partwith?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-19 23:11:37 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 2297 Message: 2299

Mark,

My wife uses simple freedom 15 cents a min. You can setup service at Kmart or the Anti-christ store or also none as (Walmart). they use Alltell network. Good luck,

Tom w8amz

-- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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> Jack,
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> Have you looked into pre-pay land lines?
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> I am sure there are cheaper ways than pre-pay cell phone. You can expect to pay 25 cents per minute and also expect to have minutes deducted for each month of use, depending on the service provider.
>
> I don't see the need for a business line. They are more expensive than non-business lines.
>
> Usually pre-pay providers will have a minimum use rate of one minute per day. That means if no time is used on the account your bill will be about 10 dollars a month as there are sometimes one or two dollar fees for access.
>
> If the patch was used for 10 minutes a week with 2 calls on different days, a pre-pay bill would be about 20 dollars.
>
> The bad thing about pre-pay is that if a call is made and not dropped you get charged for the time. Also, when the pre-pay time is up so is the conversation. Service will abruptly halt and not be re-activated until more money is put on the account. This would be very bad in an emergency scenario.
>
> If you have not tried to get a cheaper service from Verizon or one of their competitors, I would suggest that before getting a pre-paid cell service for a phone patch.
>
> Just my observations after much experience with both cell and landline phones from both sides of the repair truck.
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> 73,
>
> Mark K8MHZ
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T725,
> T725e, T730c, T730p, T731, T731c, U10, U15, V60, V60c, V60ci,
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i450,
> i530, i560, i580, i605, i670, i710, i730, i733, i736, i760, i830,
> i830e, i833, i833 Baby Phat, i833 Pininfarina, i835, i836, i850,
i860,
> i870, i930
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> ST3000, ST6000, ST6500, ST7000, ST7760, ST7762, ST7767, ST7790,
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> si, ST7790i, ST7797, ST7860W, ST7867W, ST7868W, ST7890, ST7897,
ST8000,
> ST8600, V3620, V8160, V8162, P7389, P8060, P8067, P8090 , P8097,
P8160,
> P8162, P8167, P8190, P8767, T8060, T8067, T8090, T8097, T8160,
T8167,
> T8190, T8197, T8367, T9097
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> (Cable EG2)
> A1228, F500i, J300a, J300c, J300i, K300a, K300c, K300i, K500c,
K500i,
> K506c, K508c, K508i, K600, K600i, K700c, K700i, P800, P802, P900,
P908,
> P910a, P910c, P910c, P910i, R270, R280d, R300d, R300Lx, R300z,
R310s,
> R310sc, R320, R320s, R320sc, R380, R380e, R380s, R380sc, R380w,
R520,
> R520m, R520mc, R600, S10a, S700, S700c, S700i, S710a, T39m, T60c,
T60d,
> T60Lx, T61d, T61ds, T61Lx, T61z, T62u, T65, T68, T68i, T68ie,
T68m,
> T200, T226, T226m, T230, T237, T237s, T290a, T290c, T290i, T300,
T300c,
> T306, T310, T316, T600, T608, T610, T610 NZ, T616, T618, T628,
T630,
> T637, V600i, W600a, V800, Z500a, Z600, Z608, Z710a, Z800, Z800i,
Z1010,
> Vodafone 802SE
>
> SIEMENS
> (Cable SM1)
> Blackberry, A55, A56, A56i, A57, A60, A62, A65, A70, A75, AX75,
C55,
> C56, C60, C61, C62, C65, C66, C70, CF62t, CF65, CF75, CFX65,
CL65,
> CT56, CT66, CV66, CX65, CX70, CX70 Emoty, CX75, EF51, EF81, EF91,
M55,
> M65, M75, MC60, S55, S56, S65, S66, S68, S75, S80, S81, S88,
SF60,

> SFG75, SK65, SL56, SL65, SL75, SP65, ST55, ST60, SX1, SXG-75,
U10, U15
>
> SANYO
> (Cable SY1)(Caller ID not available)
> 200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 3100, 4500, 4900, 4920, 4930, 5400, 5500,
5600,
> 6600, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 9000, M1,
MVP,
> S750, S760
>
> SHARP
> (Cable SH2)
> GX30, GX30i, TM150, TM200
>
> Ericsson (Cable ET2)
> T10s, T10sl, T18d, T18di, T18ds, T18dsi, T18z, T20e, T20ec, T20s,
> T20sc, T28, T28s, T28sc, T28w, T28z, T29, T29s, T29sc
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> Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
> Checked by AVG Free Edition.
> Version: 7.1.410 / Virus Database: 268.16.10/625 - Release Date:
1/13/2007
>

2300. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-20 01:00:47 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 2300 Message: 2300

Hello Everyone ... From the responce I had from my posting on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) I see there is interest and I will post more information on class?s and what the class?s are about and times and all that good stuff as they are avalible ....73 Don

2301. Speaking of Contests this weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-20 01:57:59 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2285 Message: 2301

This weekend also is the ARRL Winter VHF contest. Yup, the bands are basically dead, but fire up the radios anyway. It starts Saturday at 2PM. I believe that Dave, KF8QL,f from the southern Grand Rapids area will be mobile roving, so listen for him, and listen for Erv, K8EB, just NE of GR will be on all bands. He will be running multi op.

If you have one of those IC-706/7000 etc types radios, start poking around 50.125-50.150, 144.2-.25 and 432.1-.15 starting Saturday at 2pm/

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2302. 2007 ANNUAL SKYWARN TRAINING SCHEDULE POSTED

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-20 04:43:14 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2302 Message: 2302

The Grand Rapids NOAA NWS office has posted the 2007 Annual Skywarn
Training Schedule on its' webpage.
The URL is http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grr/

Best Regards,
Doc, KD8BGQ

2303. ARLB004 Codeless Amateur Radio testing tentatively begins February 23

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-20 04:12:27 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2285 Message: 2303

SB QST @ ARL $ARLB004
ARLB004 Codeless Amateur Radio testing tentatively begins February 23

ZCZC AG04
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 4 ARLB004
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT January 19, 2007
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB004
ARLB004 Codeless Amateur Radio testing tentatively begins February 23

The ARRL has learned that the FCC's Report and Order (R&O) in the ''Morse code proceeding,'' WT Docket 05-235, http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-178A1.pdf, is scheduled to appear in the Federal Register Wednesday, January 24. Assuming that occurs, the new Part 97 rules deleting any Morse code examination requirement for Amateur Radio license applicants would go into effect Friday, February 23, 2007. The League cautions that this date is tentative, pending official confirmation and publication.

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On or after the effective date of the new rules, an applicant holding a valid Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for a higher license class will be able to redeem it for an upgrade. For example, a Technician licensee holding a valid CSCE for Element 3 (General) could apply at a VEC exam session, pay the application fee -- which most VECs charge -- and receive an instant upgrade. A CSCE is good only for 365 days from the date of issuance.

The new rules also mean that all Technician licensees, whether or not they've passed a Morse code examination, will gain HF privileges identical to those of current Novice and Tech Plus (or Technician with Element 1 credit) licensees without having to apply for an upgrade. Novices and Technicians with Element 1 credit have CW privileges on 80, 40, 15 meters and CW, RTTY, data and SSB privileges on 10 meters.

The FCC R&O includes an Order on Reconsideration in WT Docket 04-140 -- the so-called ''omnibus'' proceeding. It will modify the Amateur Service rules in response to ARRL's request to accommodate automatically controlled narrowband digital stations on 80 meters in the wake of other rule changes that were effective last December 15. The Commission designated 3585 to 3600 kHz for such operations, although that segment will remain available for CW, RTTY and data.

The ARRL has posted all relevant information on these important Part 97 rule revisions on its ''FCC's Morse Code Report and Order WT Docket 05-235'' Web page, www.arrl.org/fcc/morse/.
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/EX

2304. Re: Deactivated Verizon Wireless Cellphone anyone willing to part with?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-20 05:44:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2292 Message: 2304

A not for profit organization like a repeater group can get a home phone rate for their repeater.

After all, one cannot use the repeater for business, so in every case where it has been questioned, a home phone line and rate has been obtained. I don't know the details of how this has been negotiated, but if anyone wishes to know, I can refer you to folks who have been successful.

Of course, as you say, this is becoming a moot point, because cell phones are taking most of the traffic which formerly was handled via repeater autopatches.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Jack Amelar <jamelar@...> wrote:
> Deactivated Verizon Wireless Cellphone anyone willing to part with?
>
> Unlike the glory days of repeater autopatch, calls are now far
> and few between. The Lowell Amateur Radio Club (LARC), sponsor
> of the 145.27-(94.8Hz) repeater has had the autopatch land line
> disconnected. With autopatch calls and repeater donations down,
> we could no longer justify the cost of a business land line.
>
> In order to continue repeater autopatch on the cheap, we are
> looking for a deactivated Verizon Wireless phone which we will
> put on pre-paid minutes through Page Plus Cellular
> http://www.pagepluscellular.com
>
> To do this, LARC will purchase a docking station which effectively
> turns a cell phone into a land line, which in turn can be connected
> to the repeater controller. Although there are other docking
> stations available, the only one I find that can be connected to
> a standard telephone, and repeater controller, is made by Phone
> Labs http://www.phonelabs.com with an appropriate cell phone
> adapter.
>
> If you have such an item you'd be willing to donate (we're 501c3),
> please contact me. Below my contact info is a list of compatible
> phones. It has to be a Verizon phone to work with the plan we
> found. Thank you for your consideration.
>
> Jack Amelar
> 1554 Lincoln Lake Ave NE

> Lowell, MI 49331-9711
> Home: (616)897-6885
> Office: (616)493-8736
> mailto:jamelar@...
> Pager: (616)339-0802 mailto:6163390802@... or
> http://www.arch.com/cgi-bin/wwwpreproc.cgi?PIN=6163390802

2305. January Run For The Bacon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-20 06:13:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2305 Message: 2305

This doesn't conflict with the VHF contest

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: January RFTB
Date: Sat, 20 Jan 2007 00:36:44 -0500
From: Larry Makoski W2LJ <Makos327@...>
Reply-To: Makos327@...
To:

This Sunday evening, the Flying Pigs Amateur Radio Club International will be holding its monthly Run For The Bacon. This is a friendly, two hour QRP CW Sprint, which is open to ALL radio amateurs, will last from 9:00 - 11:00PM EST (0200-0400 UTC Monday).

You may work stations once per band on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 or 10 Meters. Suggested starting frequencies are 1.812, 3.562, 7.044, 14.062, 21.062, and 28.062 MHz.

The exchange is RST, S/P/C (State, Province, Country) and Flying Pigs membership number. If you're not a member of the Flying Pigs, and would like to be; then please click on the "membership" hyperlink on .http://www.gentzow.com/fpqrp/ Otherwise, non-members can just use their output power figure.

You can report your score via the Autolog page which can be found at : http://gentzow.com/fpqrp/autolog.asp or you can mail your logs to the address given on the Autolog page. The deadline for logs is January 27th at 2400 UTC.

Hope to catch you on the air Sunday evening!

72 es "oo"
Larry W2LJ FP#612

2306. Codeless Amateur Radio Testing Regime Appears Set to Begin February 23

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-20 20:17:10 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2306 Message: 2306

Codeless Amateur Radio Testing Regime Appears Set to Begin February 23

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Publication of the R&O in the Federal Register starts a 30-day countdown for the new rules to go on the books. The FCC reportedly completed its work on the R&O this week and forwarded it to the Federal Register receiving desk. The Federal Register must make the document available for public inspection 24 hours prior to publication. Federal Register personnel are constrained by law from saying if a particular R&O is in the publication queue, however. Rules and regulations that appear in the Federal Register constitute their official version.

Deletion of the Morse requirement is a landmark in Amateur Radio history. Until 1991, when a code examination was dropped from the requirements to obtain a Technician ticket, all prospective radio amateurs had to pass a Morse test. Once the new rules are in place, Amateur Radio license applicants no longer will have to demonstrate Morse code proficiency at any level to gain access to the HF bands.

On or after the effective date of the new rules, an applicant holding a valid Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for a higher license class will be able to redeem it for an upgrade. For example, a Technician licensee holding a valid CSCE for Element 3 (General) could apply at a VEC exam session, pay the application fee -- which most VECs charge -- and receive an instant upgrade. A CSCE is good only for 365 days from the date of issuance. Candidates for General or Amateur Extra between now and the effective date of the new rules still must have Element 1 (5 WPM Morse code) credit to obtain new privileges, however.

The new rules also mean that all Technician licensees, whether or not they've passed a Morse code examination, will gain HF privileges identical to those

of current Novice and Tech Plus (or Technician with Element 1 credit) licensees without having to apply for an upgrade. Novices and Technicians with Element 1 credit have CW privileges on 80, 40, 15 meters and CW, RTTY, data and SSB privileges on 10 meters.

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Looking for earth-friendly autos?
Browse Top Cars by "Green Rating" at Yahoo! Autos' Green Center.
http://autos.yahoo.com/green_center/

2307. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Coffee Break this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-20 22:57:19 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 2282 Message: 2307

Hey Mark, check out your computer clock relative to "this Saturday"...

I pray it is NOT really Feb?
If it is - I missed something important :-(

:-) Skip

On Sun, 2007-02-18 at 19:26 -0500, k8mhz@... wrote:
> Hi Tom,
>
> Me, KC8MDL and one other are planning on attending.
>
> We shouldn't be too hard on the donuts though....
>
> 73 de K8MHZ
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Tom VanderMel
> To: West Michigan Hams
> Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 18:23
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Coffee Break this Saturday
>>SNIP<<
>
>

73
de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

2309. Net Features You Enjoy?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-21 08:10:07 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2309 Message: 2309

All:

What do you like in a two meter net? Are there features you enjoy?
What about the things you detest?

For example, is the Amateur Radio Newsline an interesting and useful
service? Or do you get your amateur radio news from the internet?

Wondering . . .

Bill, AB8SC

2310. repeater

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-21 18:22:10 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2310 Message: 2310

Fremont .92--cat-1000

KD8CBJ

2313. RE: [WestMichiganHams] repeater

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-22 01:23:28 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2310 Message: 2313
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

??? I must of missed something.... Tim KC8MSE

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com on behalf of kd8cbj
Sent: Sun 1/21/2007 1:22 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] repeater

Fremont .92--cat-1000

KD8CBJ

2314. ISA network card needed for SSTV server

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-22 03:29:19 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2314 Message: 2314

I now have the computer for the SSTV image server on my bench, and will probably spend a good portion of the evening getting the OS set up on it. Unfortunately, the computer does not have a network card. I have a spare PCI card, but this computer only has ISA slots. So, does anyone have an ISA Ethernet card sitting around somewhere that they'd be willing to give us?

-Joe, N8FQ

2315. Re: [WestMichiganHams] ISA network card needed for SSTV server

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-22 03:50:09 UTC
From: Don LaBrenz
Topic: 2314 Message: 2315

Joe,
I think I have a bunch of old ISA NIC laying around,
Drop me a not and let me know how to get in touch with you

73 de Don, WB8I

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> -Joe, N8FQ
>
>

2316. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Deactivated Verizon Wireless Cellphone anyone willing to partwith?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-22 14:01:42 UTC
From: John Field
Topic: 2297 Message: 2316

try ebay kc8azr
--- k8mhz@... wrote:

> Jack,
>
> Have you looked into pre-pay land lines?
>
> I am sure there are cheaper ways than pre-pay cell
> phone. You can expect to pay 25 cents per minute
> and also expect to have minutes deducted for each
> month of use, depending on the service provider.
>
> I don't see the need for a business line. They are
> more expensive than non-business lines.
>
> Usually pre-pay providers will have a minimum use
> rate of one minute per day. That means if no time
> is used on the account your bill will be about 10
> dollars a month as there are sometimes one or two
> dollar fees for access.
>
> If the patch was used for 10 minutes a week with 2
> calls on different days, a pre-pay bill would be
> about 20 dollars.
>
> The bad thing about pre-pay is that if a call is
> made and not dropped you get charged for the time.
> Also, when the pre-pay time is up so is the
> conversation. Service will abruptly halt and not be
> re-activated until more money is put on the account.
> This would be very bad in an emergency scenario.
>
> If you have not tried to get a cheaper service from
> Verizon or one of their competitors, I would suggest
> that before getting a pre-paid cell service for a
> phone patch.
>
> Just my observations after much experience with both
> cell and landline phones from both sides of the
> repair truck.
>
> 73,
>
> Mark K8MHZ

>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Jack Amelar
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ;
> larc@... ; grara_members@...
> Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 11:45
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Deactivated Verizon
> Wireless Cellphone anyone willing to partwith?
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> Deactivated Verizon Wireless Cellphone anyone
> willing to part with?
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> are now far and few
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> 145.27-(94.8Hz) repeater has had the autopatch
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> In order to continue repeater autopatch on the
> cheap, we are looking
> for a deactivated Verizon Wireless phone which we
> will put on pre-paid
> minutes through Page Plus Cellular
> http://www.pagepluscellular.com
>
> To do this, LARC will purchase a docking station
> which effectively
> turns a cell phone into a land line, which in turn
> can be connected to
> the repeater controller. Although there are other
> docking stations
> available, the only one I find that can be
> connected to a standard
> telephone, and repeater controller, is made by
> Phone Labs
> http://www.phonelabs.com with an appropriate cell
> phone adapter.
>
> If you have such an item you'd be willing to
> donate (we're 501c3),
> please contact me. Below my contact info is a list
> of compatible
> phones. It has to be a Verizon phone to work with
> the plan we found.
> Thank you for your consideration.

>
> Jack Amelar
> 1554 Lincoln Lake Ave NE
> Lowell, MI 49331-9711
> Home: (616)897-6885
> Office: (616)493-8736
> mailto:jamelar@...
> Pager: (616)339-0802
> mailto:6163390802@... or
>
>
http://www.arch.com/cgi-bin/wwwpreproc.cgi?PIN=6163390802
>
> The following cell phones are compatible with the
> docking station:
>
> NOKIA
>
> (Cable NM1)
> 3285, 5110, 5120, 5120i, 5125, 5140, 5140i, 5160,
> 5160i, 5165, 5170,
> 5170i, 5180, 5180i, 5180ip, 5185i, 5190, 6120,
> 6120i, 6121, 6150, 6160,
> 6160i, 6160m, 6161, 6161i, 6162, 6162i, 6162m,
> 6185, 6190, 6310, 6310i,
> 6360, 7110, 7160, 7190
>
> Pop Port Phones (Cable NP1)
> 3100, 3108, 3120, 5100, 6610, 7250, 7250i
>
> MOTOROLA
>
> PCS Phones (Cable MV3)
> 120c, 120e, 120t, 120x, 280, A388, A630, A660,
> A760, A780, A830, A840,
> A920, A925, A1000, C331t, C332c, C332t, C333c,
> C336, C341, C343c,
> C353c, C353t, C698p, E360c, E390, E398, E550,
> E680, E1000, T300p, T720,
> T720c, T720g, T720i, T721, T721i, T720ig, T722,
> T722i, T300p, T725,
> T725e, T730c, T730p, T731, T731c, U10, U15, V60,
> V60c, V60ci, V60g,
> V60i, V60ig, V60is, V60it, V60p, V60s, V60t,
> V60tc, V60x, V65p, V66,
> V66i, V66ig, V70, V80, V150, V260, V262, V265,
> V266, V276, V300, V303,
> V303p, V330, V350, V400, V400p, V500, V501, V505,
> V525, V540, V545,
> V547, V550, V551, V555, V557, V600, V620, V635,

> V650, V700, V710, V975,
> V980, V1000, Enigma, ROKR E1
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> i736, i760, i830,
> i830e, i833, i833 Baby Phat, i833 Pininfarina,
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> i870, i930
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> ST7890, ST7897, ST8000,
> ST8600, V3620, V8160, V8162, P7389, P8060, P8067,
> P8090 , P8097, P8160,
> P8162, P8167, P8190, P8767, T8060, T8067, T8090,
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> P800, P802, P900, P908,
> P910a, P910c, P910c, P910i, R270, R280d, R300d,
> R300Lx, R300z, R310s,
> R310sc, R320, R320s, R320sc, R380, R380e, R380s,
> R380sc, R380w, R520,
> R520m, R520mc, R600, S10a, S700, S700c, S700i,
> S710a, T39m, T60c, T60d,
> T60Lx, T61d, T61ds, T61Lx, T61z, T62u, T65, T68,
> T68i, T68ie, T68m,
> T200, T226, T226m, T230, T237, T237s, T290a,
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> T306, T310, T316, T600, T608, T610, T610 NZ, T616,
> T618, T628, T630,
> T637, V600i, W600a, V800, Z500a, Z600, Z608,
> Z710a, Z800, Z800i, Z1010,

> Vodafone 802SE
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> SIEMENS
> (Cable SM1)
> Blackberry, A55, A56, A56i, A57, A60, A62, A65,
> A70, A75, AX75, C55,
> C56, C60, C61, C62, C65, C66, C70, CF62t, CF65,
> CF75, CFX65, CL65,
> CT56, CT66, CV66, CX65, CX70, CX70 Emoty, CX75,
> EF51, EF81, EF91, M55,
> M65, M75, MC60, S55, S56, S65, S66, S68, S75, S80,
> S81,
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2317. CPR Saturday - Ottawa County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-22 18:49:25 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2317 Message: 2317

Hello, below is an email from Ed Wirth, Director of Health & Safety at the American Red Cross of Ottawa County, reference to their yearly CPR Saturday, which provides FREE Adult CPR/AED training all in one Saturday morning.

Register early, slots fill up quick.

Best regards,

Steve N8UJD

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From: Ed Wirth [mailto:ewirth@...]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 12:09 PM
To: svanderhill@...
Subject: RE: CPR Saturday

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2318. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Deactivated Verizon Wireless Cellphone anyonewilling to part with?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-23 00:57:50 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2295 Message: 2318

Thank you, Chris. I was given a Motortola Startac this weekend that looks like it will work.
If it doesn't, I'll give you a call

73 Jack NY8D

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-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of
Chris Schulte
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2007 12:32 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Deactivated Verizon Wireless Cellphone anyonewilling to part
with?

I've got a samsung phone that you can have.

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Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.385 / Virus Database: 268.12.2/443 - Release Date: 9/11/06

2319. Re: Deactivated Verizon Wireless Cellphone anyone willing to part with?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-23 00:57:43 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2292 Message: 2319

Thanks Mark and Hank for the comments about replacing our repeater land line with a cell phone.

"You can expect to pay 25 cents per minute and also expect to have minutes deducted for each
month of use, depending on the service provider."
The plan we're looking at is 12 cents / minute, unless you leave thier service area where it
goes up to 99 cents. Obviously, I already made certain the repeater location has a good signal in the service area. As long as you add minutes every 4 months, unused minutes roll over. There is no monthly minimum. I know all this for a fact because I personally have a cell phone with this plan for over a year now, with no surprize "gotcha" fees. Works for me because I'm not much of a phone gabber.

"I don't see the need for a business line. They are more expensive than non-business lines."
"A not for profit organization like a repeater group can get a home
phone rate for their repeater."
The repeater controller is located at a non-residence. As such, we could not get a residential rate, period. I've heard of groups somehow able to pull this off, but when we tried, we got absolutley nowhere.

"If the patch was used for 10 minutes a week with 2 calls on different days, a pre-pay bill would be about 20 dollars."
10x.12=$1.20 per week or just under $5 per month. Much more econmical than the $30 to $40 per month the land line was running.

"The bad thing about pre-pay is that if a call is made and not dropped you get charged for the time. Also, when the pre-pay time is up so is the conversation. Service will abruptly halt and not be re-activated until more money is put on the account. This would be very bad in an emergency scenario."
Excellent points. We'll just have to keep track of minutes remaining. Although you point out
some valid shortfalls, we're in a position where we can't ignore the cost savings. Its better this way than no autopatch at all.

I want to thank Josh and Chris for offering phones. I was given a Motorola Startac over the weekend by Dennis N8CUF that looks like it will work. If not I will contact Josh and Chris.

73 Jack NY8D

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2320. Re: ISA NIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-23 03:52:16 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2320 Message: 2320

I got one (well, two actually) from Alan NV8A today. Thanks to all who offered cards.

Working with an old 486 sure stands in stark contrast from what I'm used to these days. Having to put the boot partition in the first 1024 cyls of the hard disk (at least it can handle the 4.3 GB disk I put in there!), no USB, no PCI slots, no plug-and-play, no software power control, and a non-IDE 2x CD-ROM drive. But despite all of this it works fine, and now it's even on the internet! Next step is to get the sound card working. Do the numbers 220, 5 and 1 bring back unpleasant memories for anyone else?

-Joe, N8FQ

2321. Re: CPR Saturday - Ottawa County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-23 18:50:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2317 Message: 2321

Which Saturday? This Saturday, the 27nd?

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Steve Vander Hill"
<svanderhill@...> wrote:
>
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> Safety at the American Red Cross of Ottawa County, reference
> to their yearly CPR Saturday, which provides FREE Adult CPR/AED
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> Best regards,
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> Steve N8UJD
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> Patrick Catholic Church) Hudsonville (Baldwin St. Middle School)
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> register call the chapter house 3966545

2322. CPR Saturday - Ottawa County (DATE)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-23 18:52:49 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2322 Message: 2322

CPR Saturday is being held this year on March 3, 2007

-----Original Message-----
From: Steve Vander Hill [mailto:svanderhill@...]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 1:49 PM
To: NCEC; WestMichiganHams; OCEC/ WMSAR; Holland Club K8DAA
Cc: Bill Smith
Subject: CPR Saturday - Ottawa County

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which provides FREE Adult CPR/AED training all in one Saturday morning.

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Best regards,

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To: svanderhill@...
Subject: RE: CPR Saturday

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2323. WEAVER'S WORDS -- A NEW WORLD IS COMING

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-23 23:18:08 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2323 Message: 2323

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2007 4:44 PM
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- A NEW WORLD IS COMING

> [As always, send replies to k8je@.... Do not click on REPLY. The
> ARRL reflector that gets this newsletter to you is one-way, only.]
>
> - An Opportunity or a Disaster -- It's up to you
> - What Can We Do?
> - ARRL Legislative Goals for the 110th Congress
> - HQ Organizational Changes
> - Report: E-mail, I receive E-mail
> - Unique Special Event Station
> - Board of Directors Assignments
> - Tentative Travel Schedule
>
> AN OPPORTUNITY OR A DISASTER -- IT'S UP TO YOU
>
> We've learned the FCC's Report & Order that abolishes testing on Morse
> code for Amateur Radio licensing will probably (no guarantee, yet)
> become effective Friday, February 23. This would be the first day new
> General and Extra class licenses can be earned without needing to pass
> the 5 wpm Morse code test. Whether one likes or hates the idea, code
> testing will no longer be required.
>
> We can make of this what we choose. We can take the attitude this
> marks the pending death of Amateur Radio or we can look upon it as the
> best opportunity Amateur Radio has had in decades for regaining its
> health and growth. It is up to you . . . and to no one else. If we
> choose to take the first attitude, you will be right. Amateur Radio's
> pending doom is on the horizon. You will make this happen. It will be
> a self-fulfilling prophesy.
>
> If we take the second attitude, we will again be right and we will see
> resurgence in Amateur Radio. Through our own will, we will have a
> favorable, self-fulfilling prophesy.
>
> In other words, the future of hamming is in our own hands. Will we
> grab hold of it and hold on for dear life, or will we let it fall like
> an egg on concrete to be crushed?
>
> If we greet new, codeless hams with a sullen attitude, we will drive
> them away before they even know what Amateur Radio is. If we meet them
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> with welcoming arms and nurturing friendship, and help them get started
> and on the path to good operating practices, they will become good,
> friendly, active amateurs -- just like we did.
>
> Look back over the years. How was it that we became active hams after
> we were first licensed? Was it because some old goat growled at us and
> made us feel unwanted and ignorant each time we made a mistake on the
> air? Or, was it because an established ham took us by the hand and led
> us along the path to become good hams? Was it because everyone ignored
> us and made us feel unwelcome when we went to our first amateur club
> meetings, or was it because members of the club made us know they
> wanted us to come back . . . wanted us to join them . . . truly wanted
> us to become part of them?
>
> If we don't want new hams in our clubs or even in your communities, we
> shouldn't offer VE Exams. This would be much better than to get new
> people licensed and then abandon them as though they were "unclean."
> The decision to be a welcoming, nurturing club and club member is the
> first decision club officers and members should make concerning
> incoming amateurs. Do we want them or not? Will we go out of the way
> to make them feel welcome or not? Will we help them become good
> amateurs or will we let them drift by themselves to pick up bad
> operating habits so we can complain about how ignorant new licensees
> are these days?
>
> I've heard the officers and members of club after club after club cry
> out for new, active members. The rising tide of new amateurs that will
> soon reach our doors is your opportunity to get the needed new members.
> Will you open the door to this tide of new blood or will you pile
> sandbags to prevent them from coming in?
>
> WHAT CAN WE DO?
>
> What can we do to get new licensees interested in joining local ham
> groups . . . to become the good amateurs we need? Here are a couple of
> ideas that just might spark interest.
>
> HAVE A MIDNIGHT MADNESS licensing session followed by a pizza party.
> At midnight of the first day exams can be given under the new, no-Morse
> test rules, hold a VE session at midnight on (presumably) February 23.
> Have a pizza party before or after the session. Print special Midnight
> Madness VE Session certificates complete with the names of successful
> candidates, the date of the exam session, the name of the sponsoring
> club and have at least one of the VEs who heads the session sign the
> certificate. If you have a laptop and portable printer, and enough
> help to do the job, you could print the certificate and hand it to the
> candidate before he or she walks out of the session. If you can't do
> this, mail the certificate to them over the weekend.
>
> If you publicize this well, you will be surprised at the response you

> will receive to this "special" VE session. Be sure to invite them to
> the next club meeting and arrange for a club member to bring them to
> the meeting.
>
> HOLD A SPECIAL NEW OR RECENT LICENSEE Night at your club. Welcome new
> amateurs, including the "no-coders" with open arms. Assign a member of
> the club to be a tour guide for groups of one or two new people at the
> meeting. Instruct these guides to introduce the newbies to the members
> and show them your club station . . . in action. Encourage them to
> operate. During the evening, find out if the recent licensees would
> welcome having an Elmer, if they would like help in putting a station
> together or would like someone to come over to help them get
> comfortable with operating their station on the air. Make certain one
> or more members of the club will take care of advising them on
> equipment and putting the station together, or helping the new people
> learn how to operate.
>
> FIND A RECENT LICENSEE and have one or two of your members visit them
> to welcome them to the local amateur community. Make the new people
> feel welcome. Give them any Elmering assistance they might need.
> Bring them to a meeting and treat them as discussed above.
>
> AT LEAST UNTIL NEWBIES BECOME INTEGRATED into the club, be sure someone
> drops by their homes and brings them to meetings and other club
> functions. At meetings and club activities, be certain to give new
> people things to do. Put them on committees that actually do
> something. Get them involved in on-air operating.
>
> I'm sure many of you can come up with still more and better ideas than
> these. Whatever you do, welcome new amateurs into your club as though
> you want them to become valued parts of your group. Recruit them to
> join. Make them want to join.
>
> Oh, yes, you might even want to form a Member-Search Committee. Task
> this committee with finding ways to attract new -- and older --
> amateurs to your club. Put people with innovative thinking on this
> committee. They need to develop fresh ideas or at least fresh
> approaches to attracting and keeping new members.
>
> Keep in mind that getting new members is less than half the job.
> Keeping them as active members is the main job. Club leadership is the
> key to this job.
>
> ARRL LEGISLATIVE GOALS FOR THE 110TH CONGRESS
>
> You've seen me write about ARRL members needing to become active in
> helping get our national legislative agenda passed in Congress. Many
> of you have wondered if the Board of Directors, our officers or I were
> serious about this. Well, folks, we are as you can see below.
>

> Last week, the ARRL Board of Directors voted unanimously to pursue five
> objectives in this Congress. These objectives are:
>
> - To have Congress expand the requirement of "reasonable accommodation"
> for Amateur Radio antennas (such as in FCC PRB-1) to all forms of land
> use throughout the U.S. This would be equivalent to having a national
> PRB-1 rule, but enact it through U.S. law.
>
> - To have Congress require the FCC to conduct a comprehensive
> evaluation of the interference potential of BPL to public safety and
> other license radio communication services, and to adopt improved rules
> to prevent deployment of BPL systems having potential to cause
> destructive interference to radio communication systems.
>
> - To oppose legislation that would diminish the rights of Federal
> licensees in favor of unlicensed emitters, especially unintentional
> emitters.
>
> - To recognize the unique resources, capabilities and expertise of the
> Amateur Radio Service in any legislation addressing communications
> issues related to emergencies, disasters or homeland security.
>
> - To support the complementary legislative objectives of other radio
> communication services, particularly the public safety and scientific
> services that require spectrum access and protection from interference
> for noncommercial purposes that benefit the public.
>
> How do we expect to accomplish some or all of these goals? We expect
> to do this by activating the new, ARRL Legislative Action Program in
> addition to our Washington Government Relations experts.
>
> Now you know the specific agenda we have set. We can accomplish much
> of this agenda during the coming two years provided you as ARRL members
> agree to help out. We need two or three of you in each Congressional
> District and for each Senator to join in our Legislative Action Program
> by agreeing to make visits to the "home" offices of your own U.S.
> Representative or U.S. Senator a couple of times a year. No one will
> ask you to go to Washington to do the job.
>
> To learn more about how you can help pass the ARRL legislative agenda,
> please contact Great Lakes Division Legislative Action Chair, Val Rose,
> N8EXV at n8exv@... or me at k8je@.... We seriously need help
> with this program. Please find out how you may fit into it.
>
> HQ ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES
>
> When Wayne Mills, N7NG resigned, I received a number of E-mails asking
> who would follow him. The answer was not immediately available. The
> search for a successor was still underway. At our meeting last week,
> the Board heard the plans COO Harold Kramer, W1JB and CEO Dave Sumner,

> K1ZZ had not only for finding a new head of Membership Services, but
> for upgrading the Field & Educational Services organization as well.
> We enthusiastically approved the plans which were announced officially
> yesterday.
>
> Well-known and accomplished DXer Dave Patton, NN1N is the new head of
> what is tentatively being called the Programs & Services Department.
> This puts Dave squarely in charge of the DXCC, Contests and Awards
> Programs as well as continuing his old job as head of F&ES. I'll talk
> more about this and its ramifications for beefing up our Em Comm
> services in my next newsletter. Until then, let me say that Dave is a
> frequent DXpeditioner, has 348 confirmed countries, has 2475 Qs in the
> Challenge listing with 340. Dave has also been instrumental in
> developing LoTW.
>
> Dave is a fine, dedicated gentlemen, a fact I believe all who need to
> interface with him will appreciate.
>
> REPORT: E-MAIL, I RECEIVE E-MAIL
>
> I want to bring you up to date on the response I received from two
> topics during recent weeks. These are my poll concerning what you
> think ARRL should be doing and not doing, and my personal perspective
> on losing code requirements for licensing.
>
> What ARRL Should and Should Not Do
>
> In contrast with the blasts often directed at ARRL over Internet
> reflectors and bulletin boards, nearly each one of the 200-plus
> responders to my poll on this subject were essentially satisfied with
> what ARRL is doing and wants these items continued. A few people
> suggest additional emphasis on certain tasks, such as our effort to
> undue overly restrictive codes, covenants and restrictions against
> antennas in deeds, leases and rental contracts as well as one or two
> additional actions they encourage the Board to undertake. My takeaway
> from all this is that the Board is doing pretty much what the
> membership has told me you want done. Tackling CC&Rs is, of course, a
> fight the Board has already accepted. Selecting the best timing for
> our effort is crucial.
>
> Before going on to the next topic, let me add here that the effort on
> CC&Rs will be carried to a large extent by the ARRL Legislative Action
> Program (LAP). If you are interested in overturning overly restrictive
> CC&Rs, you ought to be interested in helping in the LAP. We are
> approaching the "fish or cut bait" time. In other words, it is getting
> to the time when one either need to "put up" of "shut up." Contact
> Division Legislative Action Chair Val Rose, N8EXV, at n8exv@... to
> see how you might fit in to the LAP and our fight to influence
> legislation that affects Amateur Radio.
>

> My Personal Perspective on Losing Code Requirements.
>
> On this one, I received about 300 comments. I had expected many
> responders would really tear into me for my rather neutral position
> which, in the end, can be summarized as "Don't sweat the small stuff;
> we have more pressing things to worry about." I was surprised that
> only three responders expressed disagreement with my position.
> Certainly, many responders indicated they were not pleased with the FCC
> decision to drop code testing, but they recognized it was a done deal
> and that in the long run it might even be good for Amateur Radio. This
> puts them squarely in the same category I am in.
>
> Agree with me or not, I want you all to know that I appreciate the time
> and thought you invest when you write to me. Agree with you or not, I
> need to know your opinions so I can include your thinking in the facts
> I collect before voting on topics in Board meeting. Whether my vote on
> Board issues follows your line of thought, I consider every comment and
> suggestion very seriously -- testing my personal thinking against your
> thinking and against other information I receive. Thanks.
>
> UNIQUE SPECIAL EVENT STATION
>
> I don't usually list Special Event stations or operations, but the
> following is sufficiently unique I will make an exception. This is
> from my old friend Hank Greeb, N8XX, who takes somewhat perverse
> pleasure in, well, being a little bit different.
>
> "On February 3, 2007, several hams are going to Hell -- Hell, Michigan,
> that is -- to operate during the AzScQRPions FYBO (Freeze Your Buns
> Off) contest. So far, the contingent will include Ed, AB8DF,
> Courtland, KA5S, and Hank, N8XX. A special event call of N8H has been
> reserved.
>
> "We'll be operating on all the QRP frequencies, but the best chance for
> folks in this area will be on 7.04 CW or 7.285 SSB MHz. We will
> operate between 1400Z and 2359Z. We will try to activate a station
> using the preferred mode, Hellschriber."
>
> If the weather stays as warm as most of this winter, maybe the contest
> should be renamed the MOTF "Melt off the Fat."
>
> BOARD OF DIRECTORS ASSIGNMENTS
>
> At the January ARRL Board of Directors meeting, Great Lakes Division
> Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA was named to chair the ARRL
> Historical Committee and I was named to the membership Program &
> Services Committee. The ad hoc Legislative Action Committee I had
> chaired was discharged after it had completed its assigned task.
>
> As some of you may know, Gary is President of the Behringer-Crawford

> Museum in Covington, Kentucky. The ARRL Historical Committee is
> charged with reviewing items of historic interest held at ARRL HQ and
> maintaining an accurate, historic record of ARRL and Amateur Radio.
>
> The Programs & Services Committee is responsible for reviewing programs
> and services offered to members by ARRL, for developing modifications
> to these programs and services as this is appropriate and for
> developing and recommending new programs and services to the Board of
> Directors. The EmComm operations of ARRL are included in the
> activitites of this Committee.
>
> Gary has previously served as liaison from the Board to the Public
> Relations Committee. I've previous served on the P&SC (and Membership
> & Services Committee as it was titled previously), the P&SC and the
> Administration & Finance Committee that oversees administration of the
> League and its financial health.
>
> TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR K8JE
>
> Feb 7: Cincinnati FM Club, Cincinnati.
> Feb 8: Milford ARC, Milford, OH.
> Feb 11: Mid-Winter Hamfest, Mansfield, OH.
> Mar 12: West Chester ARA, West Chester, OH.
> Mar 15: Bellbrook ARC Dinner Meeting, Waynesville, OH.
> Mar 18: Toledo Hamfest, Toledo.
> Apr 14: QCWA Meeting, Cleveland, OH.
> Apr 20: KY Colonel ARC, Bowling Green, KY.
> Apr 26: SUMCO ARES, Stow, OH.
> May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH.
> Jun 17: Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI.
> Jul 20-21: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
> Aug 18-19: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL.
> Sep 8: GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI.
> Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH.
> Sep 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH.
> Sep 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH.
> Oct 2: OH-KY-IN ARRL Night, Cincinnati, OH.
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> 73,
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> Jim, K8JE
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
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> k8je@...
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
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> -- webmaster@...

2324. Code Gone, Party On?!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-24 15:13:07 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2324 Message: 2324

All:

The word is out and the code is gone. Friday, February 23 the end of code testing for General and Extra is history.

Jim, K8JE has suggested the VE folks hold a special commemoration of the occasion disguised as a party. The idea? Hold a late night VE test session, bring in candidates and pizza, and administer the test at the stroke of midnight.

Sounds like fun? Are you ready? Want to get this ball rolling?

I'm all wet and you'd never get three VE guys to stay out that late on a weeknight?

What say you?

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2325. Fw: ARRL Headquarters Reoganization Announced

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-24 18:27:37 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2325 Message: 2325

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: "dick@..." <dick@...>
To: smc@...; nidxa@yahoogroups.com; frrl@yahoogroups.com
Cc: nn1n@...; ka1rwy@...; dsumner@...; w5zn@...; hkramer@...; k9km@arrl.org
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 11:47:29 AM
Subject: [frrl] ARRL Headquarters Reoganization Announced

24 JAN 2007 - 1140 CST

Over the past few weeks, some of you have asked me about Wayne Mills resignation and more important, who will take his place and manage Logbook of The World (LoTW).

Now that ARRL staff members have been fully briefed, the full reorganization has been published on the ARRL website at:

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/01/22/100/?nc=1

Dave Patton, NN1N, is now the head of the combined Membership Services Department (Wayne's job) and the Field & Education Services Department now called the Programs & Services Department (PSD). ARRL's education programs are being moved to a separate Education Department. The head of this department is yet to be determined.

Day-to-day management of LoTW is now in the very capable hands of Kathy Allison, KA1RWY. Kathy had been providing part-time support of LoTW and is very good at helping users establish and manage their LoTW accounts.

However, if users' problems with LoTW are due to user lack of experience with setting up and using the various versions of Microsoft Windows or Linux, ARRL staff is not obligated to provide computer operating system user support. If prospective and current LoTW users have operating system (OS) problems, they should contact Microsoft Customer Support, the various Linnux support groups, or a knowledgeable friend. In the past, the large amount of staff time spent on this type of problem has caused a severe overrun in LoTW support costs which must be reduced.

In an effort to reduce this support cost, I understand the instructions for using LoTW (user interface) are being re-written for clarity and ease of use. This change should be in place before the end of this year.

- Dick Isely, W9GIG
ARRL Central Division Director

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2326. Fw: Morse Code Licensing Requirment Ends 24 Feb 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-24 18:29:22 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2326 Message: 2326

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: "dick@..." <dick@...>
To: smc@...; nidxa@yahoogroups.com; frrl@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 10:55:03 AM
Subject: [frrl] Morse Code Licensing Requirment Ends 24 Feb 2007

24 JAN 2007 - 1055 CST

As expected, the FCC posted its ruling on the elimination of the Morse code licensing requirement in the Federal Register today. The change becomes effective on 24 FEB 2007. For some of the details, see the story on the ARRL website at:

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/01/24/100/?nc=1

73 - Dick, W9GIG

Yahoo! Groups Links

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2327. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Code Gone, Party On?!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-24 23:12:34 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2324 Message: 2327

Sounds like fun. I'd be there!

-Joe, N8FQ

On Wed, 24 Jan 2007 15:13:07 -0000
"Bill" <bill_fries@...> wrote:

> All:
>
> The word is out and the code is gone. Friday, February 23 the end of
> code testing for General and Extra is history.
>
> Jim, K8JE has suggested the VE folks hold a special commemoration of
> the occasion disguised as a party. The idea? Hold a late night VE
> test session, bring in candidates and pizza, and administer the test
> at the stroke of midnight.
>
> Sounds like fun? Are you ready? Want to get this ball rolling?
>
> I'm all wet and you'd never get three VE guys to stay out that late on
> a weeknight?
>
> What say you?
>
> Bill, AB8SC
> MAARC guy

2328. CODE PROFICIENCY PROGRAM FIELD PILOT TEST

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-26 02:45:02 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2328 Message: 2328

Please pass to all VE's

Subject: CODE PROFICIENCY PROGRAM FIELD PILOT TEST

[As always, reply only to k8je@.... Do not hit the REPLY buttom.]

TO GREAT LAKES DIVISION ARRL VE TEAMS

If you are interested in learning about a pilot project that I am putting together to perform Field Code Proficiency testing, please get in touch with me. I have been authorized to develop a do-it-locally version of the ARRL Code Proficiency Program that has been a fixture on W1AW for decades. The purpose of this project is to determine if this voluntary program will help stimulate further interest in Morse code.

As I currently envision the project, ARRL VEs will manage the program in their home communities. I am responsible for selecting 3 or 4 ARRL VE teams that wish to participate, share the tentative outline of the project with them and enroll them into the Field Test.

The first step in identifying VE teams to participate in the program is to gather representatives of a number of interested teams into a telephone conference call (no cost to the participants) to discuss a variety of aspects of how the project will operate in their hands.

I am looking in particular for VE teams that cover fairly large ham populations and who might be expected to have a number of area amateurs wish to participate in Code Proficienty testing at a local site.

If your VE team is interested in discussing this pilot poject, please send me the name, call, city and E-mail address of the person who would represent you in the teleconference. Send this information to k8je@....

Tnx, 73,

Jim, K8JE

Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
ARRL Great Lakes Division
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Mason, OH 45040
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2330. New Used iRadios and other Ham equiment For Sale at Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-25 23:57:43 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2330 Message: 2330

I have lots of new things for sale at the Tool Max Store this week.

Just In Used Equipment on Consignment

HF Radios Icom and Ten-Tec
HF Tuners
HF set of Antennas
VHF Tuner
VHF/UHF SWR Meters
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VHF Mobile Antenna
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Icom Desk Microphone
Low Pass filter
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Other items coming in Daily.
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2331. New Used iRadios and other Ham equiment For Sale at Store

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Date: 2007-01-26 04:00:36 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2330 Message: 2331

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Icom Desk Microphone
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2332. Fw: Fwd: ARLB006 ARRL Board accepts National Emergency Response Planning Committe...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-27 03:38:02 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2332 Message: 2332
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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ARLB006 ARRL Board accepts National Emergency Response Planning
Committee report

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ARRL Bulletin 6 ARLB006
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT January 26, 2007
To all radio amateurs

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ARLB006 ARRL Board accepts National Emergency Response Planning
Committee report

The ARRL Board of Directors accepted the Report of the National
Emergency Response Planning Committee (NERPC) when it met January 19
and 20 in Windsor, Connecticut. Upon dissolving the committee with
its thanks, the Board set in motion a process to identify and
implement action items in the report as soon as possible. ARRL First
Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, chaired the 13-member NERPC,
charged with developing comprehensive recommendations to improve the
League's response to regional, national and international disasters.
Among other things, panel members evaluated the responses and
actions of ARRL and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)
during Hurricane Katrina as well as lessons learned.

"If 'lessons learned' are not followed by 'behaviors changed,' then
the lessons have not been learned at all," the report concludes. The
report describes disaster preparedness as "a moving target, moving
faster all the time." No recommendations, plans or systems should be
considered "the permanent answers for all circumstances and
hazards," the report asserts.

The unprecedented scope of the Katrina response placed ARRL
Headquarters into a leadership coordination role through
national-level requests for help from served agencies such as the
American Red Cross. While the level of expertise in emergency
communications and emergency management among US radio amateurs is
growing, the report noted, so is the expectation that the ARRL
provide first-rate leadership and guidance.

Among the report's wide-ranging recommendations and suggestions:

* enhance ARRL and ARES training in basic message handling.

* develop a continuing education course covering installation, configuration, and use of Winlink 2000 for e-mail.

* formally establish a national ARES volunteer database for use during major disasters and establish training criteria.

* institute a Major Disaster Emergency Coordinator (MDEC) function to coordinate responses to large-scale national or regional disasters or emergencies.

* become better acquainted with the emergency response needs of distant ARRL sections, such as Pacific, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Alaska.

* improve working relationships with national-level served agencies.

* ensure ARRL staff training in the Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) and, as necessary, adapt ARRL's emergency response structure to the Unified Command model.

In addition, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, has appointed an ad hoc committee to study issues relating to background investigations as they apply to ARRL Amateur Radio volunteers and to recommend a background investigation policy.
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2333. D-STAR Introduction & How to Use Training, Noon - 3 pm @ WCRA Hamfest, Hilton Garden Inn, St. Charles

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-27 18:02:12 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2274 Message: 2333

D-STAR is the NEW Digital Voice AND Data Technology
That is Transforming Ham Radio as did SSB, FM & Packet Radio

Learn about D-STAR on Sunday, 1/28 at Noon after WCRA Hamfest.
The Training is at the Hilton Garden Inn next to the Hamfest/DuPage Expo Center, St. Charles.

If D-STAR is new to you or you already have a D-STAR radio then this training is for you.

Training Agenda

Introduction to D-STAR, Noon ☐1 pm by Mark, WB9QZB

How to Use D-STAR, 1 ☐ 2 pm by Kermit, W9XA

Programming Your D-STAR Radio, 2 ☐ 3 pm

Attend the Training and Get a Free Icom Hat
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The D-STAR Simplex Frequency at the Hamfest is 145.67 MHz.

Chicago☐s 1st D-STAR Digital Voice Repeater is now On-the-Air.
It's W9CEQ(FRRL), 442.100 at 370 ft. in Elburn, Central Kane County.

You can learn more about D-STAR at:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

Information about WCRA Hamfest on Sunday, January 28th at DuPage Expo Center available at:
http://wheatonhamfest.org/flyer2006.pdf

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http://farechase.yahoo.com/promo-generic-14795097

2334. On the lighter side

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-27 21:15:08 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2334 Message: 2334

Watch this video and see if anything seems familiar.

Or uncomfortable.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1K9lxujiuAE

tom K8TB

2335. Re: On the lighter side

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-27 23:13:46 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2334 Message: 2335

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> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1K9lxujiuAE
>
> tom K8TB
>

Tom, the part about not being <normal>. I.....think..... that.....
may.....be.......m....e

Laryn K8TVZ

2336. IS 100 & IS200 training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-27 23:50:51 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2336 Message: 2336

On Feb 12,2007 7:00PM, The training at the monthly Muskegon County Emergency Communications Service meeting(ARES), will be and overveiw of IS100 and IS200. This is intended to prepare you to take the Online test and recieve your IS100 & IS200 certificates from FEMA. The instructor will be Joe Kinnucan of Norton Shores Fire Department. If you already have your IS100/200 please at least attend the bussiness part of the meeting. You may go to the the links below and download the forms and manuals for the training. There will also be copies available at the meeting.

http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp

http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is200.asp

Jim Meyers
KC8PCJ
Training AEC / MCECS

2338. Re: [WestMichiganHams] On the lighter side

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-28 01:57:17 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2334 Message: 2338

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LOL
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2340. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Used iRadios and other Ham equiment For Sale at Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-28 03:14:49 UTC
From: steve Cowan
Topic: 2330 Message: 2340

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2341. Re: [WestMichiganHams] On the lighter side

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-28 03:24:36 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2334 Message: 2341

I have hundreds of Ferrite Toriodal Cores . My son has them for whatever a 12 yr. old needs and my wife uses them to keep notes on the fridge. I have them all over the shack and in the garage . I love magnets . I have a huge supply of Rare Earth Magnets .

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I am sure it will remind many of us of ourselves when we were young. My mother used to buy radios at yard sales for me to dissect. The deal was that if she kept buying them I wouldn't go after the household radios and other appliances.

What is real funny is that I was at a doctor's appointment one day and they were hearing an FM station in their ultrasound machine. The techs from the company couldn't figure it out. I looked at the leads to the machine and did some quick math and it came out that the leads were a near perfect 1/2 wave on the FM broadcast band. I took the lead home and also found the shield had broken. I repaired the shield and added enough length in the lead to be able to put several wraps around a ferrite toroid and still keep the same working length of the lead. Problem solved.

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:)

73

Mark K8MHZ

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2342. BTW

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-28 03:38:38 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2334 Message: 2342

By the way , I know the transducer probe is the main part of the ultrasound machine. The transducer probe makes the sound waves and receives the echoes. It is, so to speak, the mouth and ears of the ultrasound machine. The transducer probe generates and receives sound waves using a principle called the piezoelectric (pressure electricity) effect, In the probe, there are one or more quartz crystals called piezoelectric crystals. When an electric current is applied to these crystals, they change shape rapidly. The rapid shape changes, or vibrations, of the crystals produce sound waves that travel outward. Conversely, when sound or pressure waves hit the crystals, they emit electrical currents. Therefore, the same crystals can be used to send and receive sound waves. The probe also has a sound absorbing substance to eliminate back reflections from the probe itself, and an acoustic lens to help focus the emitted sound waves.

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2343. Re: [WestMichiganHams] IS 100 & IS200 training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-28 05:48:57 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2336 Message: 2343

So, where exactly does this meeting take place?

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2344. IS 100 & IS200 training location

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-28 11:39:30 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 2336 Message: 2344

The meeting location is at the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department, Emergency Services Department, 1611 Oak Ave., Basement floor. Muskegon, MI.

It's located across the street from Mercy-General Hospital. Apple Ave & US 31 would be the off ramp from the X-way. For Muskegon Co people it's the old County Health Department building.

We will be monitoring 146.520 if anyone needs directions to the facility.

Jim, K8COP

2345. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Used iRadios and other Ham equiment For Sale at Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-28 13:32:58 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2330 Message: 2345

Steve
A 2GXAT Icom 2 meter the works great for $75. A W31 Icom 2mt/440 that works great on bat pack but need new Batteries in the NiCad packs for $125. Both have chargers and Manuals. Call me Monday 231 798-7898 Tom KB8VEE

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2347. IS 100 & IS 200 Training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-28 17:06:34 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2347 Message: 2347

We will set up a talk in on the 146.820 repeater with a back up of using the 146.940 repeaters.

2348. MAARC Monthly Meeting - Peter I Island DXpedition DVD - February 1st

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-28 17:49:00 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 2348 Message: 2348

Last year at this time, amateur radio enthusiasts around the world were eagerly anticipating the beginning of what would be THE Dxpedition of 2006 (and, perhaps, the decade). This was the activation of Peter I Island, located near the coast of Antarctica. In November 2006, a DVD of the 3Y0X team's intrepid foray to the coldest of the cold DX entities was released. Guess what? We have a copy! We're going to show it to you, if you attend our next Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council meeting. The DVD presentation lasts for about an hour, following by our regular business meeting. All are welcome to come. It's as much a travelogue as it is a documentary of the complexities involved in a DXpedition of this magnitude. We'll be showing the DVD beginning at 7:00 p.m., February 1st, at the clubhouse located at 2888 Scenic Drive, Muskegon. Come and be amazed and leave feeling not so rotten about the snowy weather here in Michigan.

73,
Linda, AB8QH
Vice-Presidente, MAARC

2349. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MAARC Monthly Meeting - Peter I Island DXpedition DVD - February 1st

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-28 18:18:05 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2348 Message: 2349

As Bill would say "Why Cool".

----- Original Message -----
From: Linda
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2007 12:49 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] MAARC Monthly Meeting - Peter I Island DXpedition DVD - February 1st

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2350. Re: [WestMichiganHams] It's Official! Morse Code Requirement Ends Friday, Feb...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-26 12:38:45 UTC
From: mapscenes@aol.com
Topic: 2350 Message: 2350

Hi K8MHZ! :-)

Morning Mark! Did you know that if either you or I "slur" our call, it seems to sound just like mine!! haha I don't know how many times I've heard your call, and go to pick up my mike!! k8mhz ~ k8mic Too funny. Have actually considered changing it ... but what the heck. :-)

I read your posting and must agree. CW has been such a stalwart in amateur radio. I personally like watching old western's in B/W and when I hear the teletype rattling, or when watching an old war picture on TV and seeing the communications lad doing his crafty thing with his key ... oh boy, those were the days! I'm drawn to recognize that what I just described has one common descriptor ~ "old" (unintentionally).

As one who travels on average away from home in excess of 40 weeks a year, having to find the 'focus' time in different hotel settings around the nation, and north America, to study for CW & higher privileges has been tough. However, once qualified after that date next month, I'll feel more like I can use the ability, talent and equipment I've been blessed to possess.

I have personal acquaintances who are sailing (as we speak) through the Caribbean and are hams out of Montreal. I hear them as plain as day, every day at 0700 and just because I don't possess the CW/Gen. privilege, I can't speak with them (giving strength & weather reports) and they don't use CW at all. This is one tiny, personal advantage these new privileges will provide me, when qualified, next month.

Therefore, "doing away" with CW doesn't really have to happen for all of us that either like to use it or WISH WE COULD, and at the same time ... permit the other ham operators to expand their horizons accordingly.

I just hope the anticipated "flood" of new hams on HF won't overload the frequencies (is that all bad?) and that courtesy, self-governing operation, and following the law will rule the day.

73

Mick k8mic

2351. Tower

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-29 17:18:59 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2351 Message: 2351

The Newaygo Schools transportation supervisor says that she has a tower next to their bus garage that they want taken down. She asked me to put the word out to the local Hams to see if anyone wants it.

It appears to be in good condition, I am guessing around 40 feet.

Contact Chris Cronk at 231-652-1112 if you have any questions or are interested.

Also, the Newaygo County monthly ham breakfast is this coming Saturday at Samuels restaurant in Fremont at 8:00am. Stop by here for breakfast and then go to Tom's for desert and coffee. :-)

Tim Deater

KC8MSE

231-924-8806

Fax 231-924-8912

tdeater@...

2352. Update on Expedition to Hell (Michigan) 3 Feb 07

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-29 18:32:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2352 Message: 2352

Thought you all needed an update on the Expedition to Hell (Michigan) where three hardy souls will brave the elements to generat a "signal from Hell." Yes, it's official, and Ed, AB8DF, Courtland, KA5S, and Hank, N8XX will activate the special event call N8H from the parking lot in the rear of the General Store in Hell, Michigan, on Saturday February 3 2007 beginning at aproximately 1400Z and staying until approximately 2359Z.

Unless the NOAA weather forecast is completely wrong, we expect to seel Hell frozen over, since the low temperature is predicted to be near 4° on that day, and the high is not supposed to reach 15°F.

KA5S and N8XX believe they've figured out how to operate Feld Hell (Hellschriber), which appears to be the preferred mode from that location. We'll be trying Feld Hell at the top of each odd hour, on 7.068-7.072, 14.075-14.082 and possibly 21.068-21.072 MHz. Other times look for us on the standard QRP frequencies in the 40, 20 and 15 Metre bands on CW and SSB. There's a 10-10 international 10 metre contest at the same time, so if 10 metres is open, we'll probably appear there.

I'd appreciate announcement of this activity on any local club reflectors and at club meetings, such as the one listed for 1 February. The Hellxpediton isn't nearly as tough as the expedition which will be discussed there, but the three of us who are going there hope to have a lot of fun.

73 de n8xx Hg

2354. Coffee Break, 1/27/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-30 05:12:37 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2354 Message: 2354

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday January 27, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and Donuts at the only Ham Hang out located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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2356. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Ham

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-30 16:11:49 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2355 Message: 2356

Barb, KD8FBY:

Congratulations and welcome to a wonderful hobby and a pretty good group of folks, too.

West Michigan hams is always around to answer your questions. Take some time to lurk and learn.

We also encourage you to look at the local radio club, the MAARC. We'll be meeting Thursday evening, 7:00 pm at our clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive. If you have a radio, tune to our two meter repeater and we'll give you directions. Otherwise find us on the www. The program on Thursday is a wonderful story of folks traveling way, way, way down south to play radio on a very remote island in the Antarctica (or is that the Antarctic?) area. You'll enjoy the story and the video.

There are tons of ways to enjoy the hobby. You will certainly enjoy hearing of our particular brand of radio in the coming years.

73

Bill, AB8SC
from the MAARC

2357. RE: [WestMichiganHams] New Ham

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-30 18:07:24 UTC
From: lists@n8jsn.org
Topic: 2355 Message: 2357

Once again congrats to Barb. She was one of our 11 participants from the January HIAD program.

Jeff

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of k8mhz@...
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2007 10:28 AM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] New Ham

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce a new ham.

Barbara Grob became Barb KD8FBY yesterday.

I just added her e-mail address to the group list.

I encourage Barb and others to read the info that comes through the group and post questions about what they see along with general questions about ham radio.

73 Barb and welcome to The King of Hobbies, and the Hobby of Kings!

Mark K8MHZ

2358. 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-31 04:12:44 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 2358 Message: 2358

Hi, all.

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73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

2359. 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-31 04:09:39 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 2359 Message: 2359

Hi, all.

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I'm in the process of getting workable ham antennas on the unit.

I have been working with, and getting a lot of help from a professional RV service mechanic who works for the dealer where we bought the RV, and who just happens to be a very knowledgeable ham.

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Any helpful suggestions would be most appreciated.

Thanks, and 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

2361. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Digest Number 345

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-31 14:18:59 UTC
From: ayoung@chartermi.net
Topic: 2361 Message: 2361

I would say setting up an antenna that takes advantage of the very big ground plane provided by the motorhome would be your best bet. I like NMO mounts, but you have to drill holes. Of course, you'll probably keep the antenna on there forever, so go for it!

> 3. 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again
> Posted by: "T Behler" tbehler@... kb8tyj
> Date: Tue Jan 30, 2007 8:13 pm ((PST))
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> 4. 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV
> Posted by: "T Behler" tbehler@... kb8tyj
> Date: Tue Jan 30, 2007 8:16 pm ((PST))
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2363. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-01-31 15:32:47 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 2358 Message: 2363

Actually Al, he may be using a watt meter that LDG electronics makes. It has a speech synthesizer on it. Not sure how well it works as compared to other meters, but seeing as how he is totally blind, that's possibly what he is using, Tom, can you give us an idea of that? If you are using that kind of meter, I'd be interested in knowing how you've found it to work. 73,
Chris,
w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2007 7:43 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

Now you are starting to sound like Chris W8CJS.

W8CJS is the new call of AB8WO. CJS is Chris' initials. Congrats on the vanity call!

mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: T Behler
To: west michigan hams
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2007 23:12
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

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73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

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Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.410 / Virus Database: 268.16.10/625 - Release Date: 1/13/2007

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.410 / Virus Database: 268.17.17/661 - Release Date: 1/30/2007

2364. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-01 00:00:35 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 2358 Message: 2364

Mark:

Well, you know what they say. ... It's always best to communicate your
situation, so that people don't send you information you can't use.

Anyway, look forward to any suggestions the good folks on this list may have
for my 2-meter and 440 antenna installation on the new RV.

73 from Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ, Big Rapids

----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
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2365. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-01 00:10:37 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 2359 Message: 2365

Hi, al.

Well, the device I use to measure SWR is a talking SWR meter that is manufactured by a guy out of Quebec, Canada named Remy Simmard. I think his call is VE2AZZ.

Here are some more specific SWR readings with the KC8YOE j-pole. For these readings, I used 5, 10 and 45 watts via a Kenwood TMV7A mobile rig.

On the Big Rapids 146.74 2-meter repeater, my SWR was 1.6 to 1. Keep in mind that the transmit frequency was 146.140. On 146.52, I believe my SWR was 1.7 to 1.

Then, I shifted up the band to the Grand Rapids IRA link frequency of 147.160. Since that repeater pair involves a positive offset, the transmit frequency is 147.760.

At that frequency, my SWR was 2.2 to 1. This was true at all three power levels mentioned before.

This leads me to believe that the antenna is resonating somewhere probably in the lowest part of the 2-meter band, maybe around 144 or 145 MHZ.

I should point out that I didn't seem to have this problem when I used the YOE J-pole on my older travel trailer. In that case, the antenna was mounted on the front of the trailer, using a painter's pole to get me 10 or 12 feet above the trailer.

I have the YOE J-pole currently mounted to the side of the aluminum trailer ladder. One thing I would like to try is taking a piece of rubber garden hose to insulate the mounting bracket of the antenna from the aluminum ladder, to see if that makes any difference.

I hope this information helps.

I'll be looking for any more questions that you have, or any info you can provide.

I'm willing to spend the money for a better antenna for the RV, but don't want to do this if I don't have to, and certainly don't want to spend any more money than necessary.

73 from Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ, Big Rapids

----- Original Message -----
From: "Al Pepping" <kv8x@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2007 9:45 AM

Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV

Hi Tom

The J pole antenna is a stable design which is a half wave
antenna. It does not need a ground plane to work with such as a ground
plane antenna would. In theory a J pole is the electrical equivalent of a
vertical dipole. One problem that comes into play with J poles is
decoupling the coax feed line from the antenna so that the coax does not
radiate RF. A small balun at the feed point of the antenna will do the
trick. You mention your SWR is questionable. Can you provide some specific
numbers ????? Keep in mind that a half wave radiator does not provide a 52
ohm direct match with coax. You're going to see SWR above 1:1. The next
question is what piece of equipment you use to make your measurements ?? I
would question any measurements from an MFJ analyzer or similar piece of
equipment until they are compared to a standard such as Bird wattmeter.
What you see may not be a true analysis.

Al....KV8X

-------Original Message-------

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Date: 01/30/07 23:17:00
To: west michigan hams
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2366. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Digest Number 345

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-01 00:19:21 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 2361 Message: 2366

Hi.

I hear your arguments about the big ground plane of the RV, so I now have to figure out the best way to take advantage of it.

73 from Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: <ayoung@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2007 9:18 AM
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2367. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-01 00:22:57 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 2358 Message: 2367

Chris:

As I indicated in an e-mail a bit ago, I'm using a talking SWR meter that's designed by a Canadian ham named Remy Simard.

I bought it about a year before the LDG units came out.

I've always wanted an LDG unit, but haven't had the bucks for it so far, so have stuck with this other model in the meantime.

It seems to be fairly accurate on HF, but I haven't had as much experience with it on 2 meters.

And, it doesn't measure SWR on 440.

So, I'm not sure how totally accurate it is, but at least it seems to give me ball park figures.

73 from Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Chris Schulte" <ab8wo2006@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2007 10:32 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

Actually Al, he may be using a watt meter that LDG electronics makes. It has a speech synthesizer on it. Not sure how well it works as compared to other meters, but seeing as how he is totally blind, that's possibly what he is using, Tom, can you give us an idea of that? If you are using that kind of meter, I'd be interested in knowing how you've found it to work. 73,
Chris,
w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2007 7:43 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

Now you are starting to sound like Chris W8CJS.

W8CJS is the new call of AB8WO. CJS is Chris' initials. Congrats on the vanity call!

mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: T Behler

To: west michigan hams
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2007 23:12
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

Hi, all.

I forgot to put in my last e-mail that I am a legally totally blind ham, so
please make any responses verbal and descriptive. ... Pictures or graphics
don't do me any good. HI! HI!

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.410 / Virus Database: 268.16.10/625 - Release Date: 1/13/2007

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.410 / Virus Database: 268.17.17/661 - Release Date: 1/30/2007

2369. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-01 00:35:28 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 2358 Message: 2369

Mark:

Of course, I know you were just rattling my chain!

One of these days, by the way, I want to meet you personally. ... And, in case I haven't already said it, I really like your call!

73 from Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ, Big Rapids
----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2007 7:10 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

Hi Tom,

I was just messin' with you. And Chris too.

Don't worry, we will get you radio active, that 's for sure.

Some of the best radio minds haunt this reflector.

73

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: T Behler
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2007 19:00
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

Mark:

Well, you know what they say. ... It's always best to communicate your situation, so that people don't send you information you can't use.

Anyway, look forward to any suggestions the good folks on this list may have
for my 2-meter and 440 antenna installation on the new RV.

73 from Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ, Big Rapids

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2371. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-01 01:56:25 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 2358 Message: 2371

Sounds like a plan, Mark. ... Will keep you and everyone posted, and for all on the list, keep those thoughts and suggestions coming. ... I'll read all of them, and give them each serious consideration.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2007 8:31 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

Thanks Tom,

My call is a vanity call but Brian N8MHZ from Spring Lake got his assigned to him. Cool eh?

I sure wish you were closer. I would enjoy the challenge of getting your RV station on the air.

If you don't get it figured out by Spring let me know. Big Rapids is much closer in warm weather!

73 de K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: T Behler
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2007 19:35
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 2-meter and 440 antenna for an RV again

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2372. Emergency Radio Web Site

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-01 14:49:05 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2372 Message: 2372

All:

The ARRL web site is beginning a new site dedicated to emergency radio. There you'll find tons (or should this be megabytes?) of information quite useful to not only the individual family and friends of hams but also useful to emergency communications organizations.

Visit: http://www.emergency-radio.org/

I really liked the video files.

There is a related story on the ARRL web page highlighting this asset. Visit and enjoy!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2373. SSTV radar image server online!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-01 15:43:17 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2373 Message: 2373

Last Wednesday at about 7 PM, K8TVZ, N8XPQ and I went over to the Manley tower in Holland and put the much-anticipated Ottawa County SKYWARN SSTV image server on the air. The radio equipment and software were found to perform almost flawlessly, but we had some problems with the cable modem. N8XPQ resolved the issue and hooked the modem back up this morning at about 10:15 AM. Initial tests showed that the system is now 100% operational. You should hear it IDing every 10 minutes on 445.125 MHz FM.

I have compiled a user's manual:
http://www.electroblog.com:8090/sstvwx.pdf

And a 3x5 command reference card:
http://www.electroblog.com:8090/sstvwx_ref.pdf

Now we need to gather coverage data. Get an image from the system (I'd suggest the WOOD-TV local radar, slot 12) and send me a signal report. Signals to the north (along 136th Avenue) will be relatively poor due to shadowing from the tower (the antenna is on a sidearm on the south side of the tower), but I have been able to work it from my home station, 13 miles straight north from the site. Our goal is to provide acceptable-quality images to HTs and handheld scanners throughout at least the western half of the county. Commanding the system from such stations is not as important. You may need a base or high-power mobile station to command it from the northern part of the county.

If you have any questions about using the system that the manual doesn't answer, tell me.

-Joe, N8FQ

2374. Fwd: Ham Radio on TV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-01 16:21:12 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2374 Message: 2374

So the question is, "Who was W6XR in the 1960s?"

-----Original Message-----
From: KA9QJG@...
To: carmachicago@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, 1 Feb 2007 1:03 AM
Subject: (CARMA) FCC Test

Now for Some Real Entertainment go here http://tinyurl.com/2h2mpc Turn on the Speakers, some of us are actually old enough and remember the FCC being like this.

Happy Scanning

Don KA9QJG

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2375. Reminder N8H, the signal from Hell (Michigan), during FYBO 3 Feb 07

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-01 17:06:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2375 Message: 2375

This is to a reminder to all West Michigan Hams that, on February 3, 2007, between 1400z and 2359z several hams are "going to Hell" (Hell, Michigan, that is) to operate during the AzScQRPions "F)reeze Y)our B)... O)ff (you fill in the letters after the B) :) (FYBO) contest. So far, the contingent will include Ed, AB8DF, Cortland, KA5S, Jim, K8SIA, and Hank, N8XX. A special event call of N8H has been reserved. We'll be operating on all the "QRP" frequencies, 40 through 15 metres. We'll try 80 metres if it looks like it might be opening up after 2100z or so.

Note that you don't need to operate outside (Freezing) to contact us. And, you can operate above 5W, if you're NOT in the contest for points. We'll appreciate, and respond to all calls. A special pictorial "QSL from Hell" will be sent to those who send us a #10 or larger SASE to the QTH listed for N8XX on qrz.com

Details on the contest, are at
http://www.azscqrpions.org/FYBO2007_01072007.htm

Note, that the temperature is supposed to be well below freezing, so it would appear that Hell will be frozen over for our event! :)

73 de n8xx Hg (operating as N8H during FYBO 2007)

2378. GRARA Monthly Meeting, 2/2/2007, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-01 23:26:50 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2378 Message: 2378

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

GRARA Monthly Meeting
Friday February 2, 2007
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(This event repeats every month on the first Friday until Friday November 9, 2007.)
Location: Red Cross, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE, Grand Rapuids
Street: 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City State Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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2380. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Buddy Holly Special Event

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-02 00:50:08 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2379 Message: 2380

Mark they have a nice qsl card of the real peggysue I worked them in 2005 Peggy sue is K5PSG 73 KC8UNY
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@k8mhz.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2007 6:55 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Buddy Holly Special Event

From my pal Steve in LA:

Special event in honor of Buddy Holly begins tomorrow...

Feb 2-Feb 5, 1500Z-0400Z, Lubbock, TX. Buddy Holly Memorial, W5B. 48th anniversary of the death of Buddy Holly. 18.150 14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. W5B Buddy Holly QSL, c/o Bryan Edwards, 3801 68th St, Lubbock, TX 79413. www.amcrc.com/w5b

WB2WIK/6

2382. Race in Grand Haven

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-02 03:17:12 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 2382 Message: 2382

Hello Everyone ?.
We almost dodged the snow this winter ? but then again we live in Michigan so we put up with lake effect snow ?.
I have been contacted by Grand Haven Public Safety for help with a 5K Road Race on Saturday, February 17th. The Run is for 9:00am to 10:00am and we should be clear by 10:30am by the latest. We will be meeting to get assignments starting at 8:00am so we can be in place by 8:30, some places along the route we will be assisting GHPS with traffic. At this time I do not know who is putting on the race and what the route will be, I will up date you on that as soon as I know.
If you can help please send me a email at kb8odb@... or call me at 616-846-7307 or let John Fisher know you can help.
Thanks for all your help in the past and I hope to see you soon ?. 73 Don Meyer KB8ODB
P.S. Some of our regular helpers have gone south for the winter so if you could please consider helping out with this event we can use you .

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

2383. New item For Sale at Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-02 12:42:39 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2383 Message: 2383

New this week
Power Pole connectors in Stock.
The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals. Technician, General and Extra Class Study Manuals. More in next week.

Used Equipment on Consignment

HF Radios Icom and Ten-Tec
HF Tuners
VHF Tuner
VHF/UHF SWR Meters
HF SWR Meters
VHF/UHF Hand Held Radio
VHF Mobile Antenna
VHF Tuner
Low Pass filter
VOM in good condition
Heathkit items
Johnson Speaker
Other items coming in Daily.
For more information call me at 231 798-7898

Come in and Join us for FREE Coffee and cookies every Saturday mourning from 9AM-12PM

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the new retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 behind the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@comcast.net Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2384. License Testing

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-02 13:14:48 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 2384 Message: 2384

Sorry for the short notice.

The Muskegon (M.A.A.R.C.) will be giving Amateur Radio License Tests on all elements this Saturday February 3rd (Tomorrow) at the Muskegon Red Cross Chapter. Testing starts at 9 A.M. Test fee is $14.00 CASH ONLY. If you are upgrading remember to bring a copy of your license and any CSCEs that are needed.

The Muskegon Red Cross Chapter is located at the corner of 3rd and Webster, across from the Hackley Library and Hackley Park in Muskegon.

Yes for those that are interested we will give a code test.

Denny N8CTT VE
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

2385. Coffee Break, 2/3/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-02 13:58:58 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2385 Message: 2385

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday February 3, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and Donuts at the only Ham Hang out located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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2386. Free: 19" monitor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-02 16:42:20 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2386 Message: 2386

I have a 19" Sony G400 CRT monitor with a couple of small scratches on the faceplate and a too-bright but low-contrast display: I don't think the problem is in the tube itself.

It's free to anybody who feels like fiddling with it. I'm in Holland Township. but I could bring it to the HARC miniswap tomorrow as long as I know I don't have to bring it home again.

73

Alan NV8A

2388. KB8SEW.NET

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-03 01:38:23 UTC
From: lists@n8jsn.org
Topic: 2388 Message: 2388

All,

I thought everyone might be interested in Graham's web site. He offer's several services to Ham's for FREE!

He has some very cool things to send our updates for ham radio call signs that come in your email box and also has several weather options also.

www.kb8sew.net is the web site

Thank You Graham for your hard work!

Jeff
N8JSN

2389. Party! er. . . Test Session! 2/22

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-03 15:30:04 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2389 Message: 2389

Not unlike Chicken Little's cry, "The sky is falling, it hit me on the head!" the end of code testing for amateur radio is coming and will be here in late February.

Are you ready?

Technicians wanting to upgrade and citizens entering the hobby will all benefit from the new conditions related to the license testing regimen. You can now get a ham ticket and travel up the ranks and through the three license tests without suffering the trials of Morse code.

It is suggested that everyone study hard and be ready when the FCC takes away the code requirement. To encourage this all local hams are being enticed with a carrot reward of sorts disguised as a party. Yep, we'll enjoy a licensing party opportunity and you are invited.

The code test goes away and the new day dawns February 23, a Friday morning at midnight, local time. To celebrate we are having an open shack night, last minute cram session, commiserating in public blues event, and celebration culminating with license testing at midnight. Deb, KC8WSG and the Volunteer Examiners squad are hosting a fun evening of free food, fun, radio, open shack (yep, pass the test and get on the air that night, too), study, and more fun Thursday evening until the wee hours of Friday morning, February 22 and 23.

Break out the books and begin chasing those on line tests for your upgrade or entry into the ham fraternity. Tom, KB8VEE has study materials available at his store in the Norton Shores area or you can chase the material around on line.

The event starts around 8:00 pm on February 22 at the MAARC clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive between Muskegon and White Lakes. You know the place and now you know the time.

You will need $14 cash for the test session. You can take all three tests for this one fee. Bring a copy of your old license if you have one and identification in any event. We'll distribute the test booklets at the stroke of midnight, or 0500 UTC. Be there for the fun and opportunity. Remember, all three tests will be available, Technician, General, and Amateur Extra.

Please pass the word and encourage your friends to take advantage of this opportunity at the stroke of midnight when you can get in on the fun. Or, if you need a new call sign the VE folks can assist. How about a new call sign and that very nice Amateur Extra wallpaper? It is possible with some preparation, study, and a dash of fun to spice

the mix.

We hope to see everyone Thursday evening, February 22, at the clubhouse in Muskegon. This event is sponsored by the VE testers, the MAARC, and your encouraging friends in amateur radio. And even if you are already an Extra and don't need to take more tests you can stop in and encourage and promote. We'll enjoy all manner of fun things. Anyone in for a little game of pin the antenna on the transceiver? Break the piñata? Try that new suffix, /AG or /AE with your call sign? Are there any hams on the air that early in the morning? What might be on the menu? What ever could you bring to the party? Will we enjoy pizza or other delicacies? You can help!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2390. 146.920 repeater

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-03 19:59:24 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2390 Message: 2390

Upon checking out the 146.920 repeater duplexer with a technician this afternoon we discovered that it is quite a way off on its tuning. The tech will be taking it back to his shop to tune it there.

So, until further notice the 146.920 repeater is off the air.

As soon as I have any updates I will let you all know.

Thanks!

Keep Warm!

Tim Deater

KC8MSE

231-924-8806

Fax 231-924-8912

tdeater@...

2391. I HATE COMPUTERS-well useta

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-04 15:18:52 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2391 Message: 2391

If it had not been for Tom(N8YJT)and the Wed.night Packet Training Net,my computer use would still be at level 3.
1. turn it on.
2. get on line
3. crash it and have to take it some where to get it fixed.
The first time I heard of Packet was during Tech.class---Packet=computer--instant Not interested.
For somtime now I have had a desk top in the lab.(Bought the family a new one so I could have the old one)The" system recovery"disc's and I are old friends by now.
I have a laptop in my truck that I track satellites on and tune in ISS school contacts.Yes it does Packet,I just haven't learned enough to do Packet.Figuring out the home brew interfaces was my big joy.My current condition of being semi computer literate I put 100% of the blame on you Tom (N8YJT)----------Thank You so very much.
I realize than repeater time is a valuable resourse that should be used to benefit as many as possible.For the Packet net the numbers just weren't there.What ever the direction or subject matter that replaces the Packet net I'll be there.The above is an example of Diversity of Information Application.With my luck you'll do something like Feedline Installations and I'll learn how to cross stitch out of it.Careful what you teach.

73 KD8CBJ
P.S. "The good of the many out weigh the good of the few,or of the one"

2392. To Hell and Back

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-04 23:00:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2392 Message: 2392

This is to inform you that Cortland, KA5S and Hank, N8XX have been to Hell (Michigan) and back, where we operated the special event station N8H. I haven't checked the log to see if we worked any West Michigan Hams, but we did work several Michigan stations.

Because of technical problems, we didn't get started until after 10 a.m., then ran into several logistical problems associated with the weather. The worst one was when the temporary window we jerry rigged into a woodshed we were using for shelter blew in and fell on the rig and a propane lantern which we had for light and for a bit of heat. This was quite exciting. The mantles for the lantern were in shreds. The rig didn't suffer any permanent damage, just torn apart a cable between the computer and the keying jack. All in all, we were down for about an hour fixing a better window, and the cable.

You might say we had a "great time in Hell."

If you worked us, and wish a pictorial "QSL from Hell" send me a #10 or larger SASE and I'll send a QSL as soon as we get the final design of the card to the photo shop.

73 de n8xx Hg

2394. Re: To Hell and Back

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-05 00:25:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2392 Message: 2394

How about an expediton to Hell on BUBBA 2007?

The date hasn't been announced, but last year it was the 3rd Saturday
of August, or August 19, 2006, 1600Z-2200Z.

The idea is similar to FYBO, except you get larger multipliers the
warmer the temperature at the operating site. For example:

< 90 F = x1; A nice winter day
90 - 99 F = x2; A nice spring day.
100 - 104 F = x3; A nice day in May.
105 - 109 F = x4; A nice summer day.
110 - 114 F = x5; A warm summer day.
115F and UP = x6. But it's a dry heat

We could operate with >5 Watts if desired, and not be in the contest,
but with better antennae, which should be easy because the weather
won't be frigid. QRP is fun - I'm sure we could have gotten much
more RF radiated had we taken time to get our antennae up to 50' or
so, which is the height of several of the trees. As it was, there
was a snag in one of the halyards, and the 40 metre antenna was up
only 25 feet instead of >40 feet. I'd have thrown another string
across the tree, but at 2°F when I arrived, I said, (unprintable) and
went with the lower antenna.

It would be best to be in some sort of contest, as a "magnet point"
for folks.

Another thought would be to go there for the Michigan QSO party -
that would be Saturday, April 21, 2007.

There are scheduled events in Hell, so we'd have to be sure we
wouldn't interfere with them, or we might find ourselves competing
for space with thousands of other people.

I talked with the "Mayor of Hell" prior to this event, and he seemed
very amenable to anything which will publiciz the existence of the
location.

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. The commemorative QSL card for this event will have a space
for "you were hotter/colder/ascoldas Hell" on it

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
><snip>
> AB8SC and I were talking about the event a short bit ago. I came

up with the idea of having a Summer mini DXpedition back to Hell, this time running QRO instead of QRP and giving extra points for stations that are hotter than Hell that day.

2396. Re: To Hell and Back

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-05 02:59:02 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2392 Message: 2396

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:

> I looked for a town called Heaven and could not find one. Too bad.
I think we should be able to offer Heaven equal time and attention.
I would like to be able to know first hand if Heaven has ever froze over.
>
> 73 de K8MHZ

Seems like Paradise, MI could work... Ironically, it's probably
colder than Hell.

Laryn K8TVZ

2397. Re: To Hell and Back

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-05 02:59:01 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2392 Message: 2397

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Laryn K8TVZ

2398. ARRL Seeking Emergency Communications Manager

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-05 14:38:06 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2398 Message: 2398

http://www.arrl. org/news/ stories/2007/ 01/22/100/

Never miss an email again!
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2399. Let's think about Field Day while it snows...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-05 14:31:19 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2373 Message: 2399

I'm one of those people who always believes that the glass is half full.

As we sit in this 0 degree weather, remember that each day, the sun
is out longer.

Also, I believe that we should all start thinking of Field Day.

As a member of the Holland ARC, I would like to challenge my fellow
members,
and all other West Michigan clubs to
come with a plan like shown in this picture:

http://earthsignals.com/add_CGC/FieldDay2003_1.jpg

Yes, I can hear the comments now..

tom bosscher K8TB

2400. Famous Local Ham!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-06 00:15:19 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 2400 Message: 2400

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2401. Famous Local Ham!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-06 03:18:59 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2400 Message: 2401

For all of you that did not read the story this is it. Tom KB8VEE

When all else fails, local radio hobbyist will be there

BY MARK BROOKY
mbrooky@...

Don Meyer's hobby has proven to be a crucial link in some of the most dire emergency situations, and he's prepared to jump when local officials call him for help.

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The 54-year-old Ferrysburg man was the driving force in getting an amateur ("ham") radio station set up inside the Ottawa County Central Dispatch Center in Grand Haven, said John Wehmer, the Ottawa County emergency coordinator for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

Meyer, who is also known to other ham radio operators by his federally licensed call letters KB8ODB, was alerted by Central Dispatch about 20 minutes before the severe windstorm that devastated northwest Ottawa County in May 1998. He was manning the center's ham station five minutes later.

Meyer said he sleeps with a cell phone and pager, which is used by Central Dispatch to alert him should radio amateurs be needed to supplement emergency communications, such as serving as storm lookouts or for a search-and-rescue effort.

"One thing that has been proven is, when a disaster hits, ham radio operators are there to help provide communications," he said. "A ham in Michigan can provide communications help for an area hundreds of miles away that has been devastated, lost all means of telephones, by relaying messages of need to officials that can provide help from adjacent areas - and this happens all the time."

Capt. Rick Yonker of the Grand Haven Department of Public Safety is the city's emergency management liaison. He said hams like Meyer could provide the main - and possibly only - line of communications in the event of a disaster.

"He does a lot, as far as working in the emergency management area, providing us with a lot of resources should we call on (the hams)," Yonker said.

Meyer became interested in ham radio in the 1960s when visiting the radio "shack" of his uncle, Glenn Hinkle, a licensed amateur radio operator living in Ferrysburg. Meyer earned his first license, a Novice "ticket," in 1968, but life got in the way and he let it lapse.

Meyer was relicensed in 1992, and that's when he got involved with the emergency communications part of the hobby. With the help of Jack Cook, Meyer worked with law enforcement and emergency officials to get amateur radios installed at the Central Dispatch Center in Grand Haven in 1993.

"I was able to show how valuable ham radio could be to the dispatchers during storms through their training in Skywarn, being able to spot the activity that is going on in the storms coming though the Tri-Cities and the county, and forward that on to Central Dispatch so they can warn the community when there is a danger," Meyer explained.

A ham station was also installed at the county's Fillmore Street complex about 10 years ago.

Meyer and local hams also offer crowd control and assistance at community events, such as the many foot races and festivals in the area.

"I could never do this without the hams that come out and volunteer, giving up their Saturdays to help make the Tri-Cities a better place to be," Meyer said. "They have fun doing it, and they love to have someone along the way ask them about their hobby."

Meyer currently serves as the assistant emergency coordinator for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service in Ottawa County and is the volunteer liaison to Central Dispatch. He lives in Ferrysburg with his wife, Berta. They have three children and four grandchildren; and he pays his bills by working for Metropolitan Appliance Repair, a mobile service that covers West Michigan from Saugatuck to Manistee.

For more information about amateur radio's emergency communication services, go online to: www.emergency-radio.org.

----- Original Message -----
From: jason mackay
To: hams
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2007 7:15 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Famous Local Ham!

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2403. Are You Ready?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-06 22:12:31 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2403 Message: 2403

All:

Are you studying for an upgraded license? You'll get additional privileges and tons more fun on the amateur bands with a General or Extra license. Come on in, the water's fine!

Your next opportunity to pass the FCC exam without the burden of Morse code proficiency is coming later in February. Will you be ready? Folks in the ham community are encouraging and welcoming you.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2404. Re: [WestMichiganHams] I HATE COMPUTERS-well useta

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-07 00:55:50 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2391 Message: 2404

Did you check into that NOVA Tracking software yet ?

Big Mark

KD8CBJ@... wrote:
If it had not been for Tom(N8YJT)and the Wed.night Packet Training Net,my computer use would still be at level 3.
1. turn it on.
2. get on line
3. crash it and have to take it some where to get it fixed.
The first time I heard of Packet was during Tech.class---Packet=computer--instant Not interested.
For somtime now I have had a desk top in the lab.(Bought the family a new one so I could have the old one)The" system recovery"disc's and I are old friends by now.
I have a laptop in my truck that I track satellites on and tune in ISS school contacts.Yes it does Packet,I just haven't learned enough to do Packet.Figuring out the home brew interfaces was my big joy.My current condition of being semi computer literate I put 100% of the blame on you Tom (N8YJT)-------------Thank You so very much.
I realize than repeater time is a valuable resourse that should be used to benefit as many as possible.For the Packet net the numbers just weren't there.What ever the direction or subject matter that replaces the Packet net I'll be there.The above is an example of Diversity of Information Application.With my luck you'll do something like Feedline Installations and I'll learn how to cross stitch out of it.Careful what you teach.

73 KD8CBJ
P.S. "The good of the many out weigh the good of the few,or of the one"

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2405. Ottawa Co Volunteer of the Year award

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-07 01:11:10 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2405 Message: 2405

All
Congratulation to Bill King K8WLK Assistant Emergency Coordinator of Ottawa County for receiving the Volunteer of the year award at the annual dinner last night. Bill has spent endless hours on the Skywarn program the last year. This is a much deserved award for him. k8wlk@... is his e mail address to send him congratulation Tom KB8VEE DEC-6

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@comcast.net Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2406. Re: Famous Local Ham!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-07 05:33:28 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2400 Message: 2406

Awesome Don!

Laryn K8TVZ

2407. FYBO N8H M/M QRP FIELD HELL, MICHIGAN

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-07 13:38:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2407 Message: 2407

Freeze Your B???. Off - 2007
N8H M/M QRP FIELD OPERATION FROM HELL, MICHIGAN
OPS AB8DF, KA5S, N8XX
Power - QRP (of course, for FYBO)
Location - Outside in Frozen Hell.:)

Band Raw Q's Valid Q's Points SPC

40CW 30 30 60 19
20CW 15 15 30 9

TOTAL 45 45 90 28

90 QSO PTS
28 SPC Multiplier
6 Temp Multiplier
4 Field OP Multiplier
10000 Worked WQ7RP
70480 Total Claimed Score

Murphy struck early - one antenna halyard was tangled in a tree, which caused the 40 meter antenna height to be <30 feet instead of 50 feet. Then the rig wouldn't put power to the tuner, and after some sleuthing a broken coax was found and fixed. Also, alternate power from a generator wouldn't start at such a cold temperature, so we gave up and plugged into the AC mains. At least they have 110VAC in Hell!

We tried Feld Hell on 40 metres at 1900Z and 2100Z with no takers. (we thought the mode would be appropriate for the venue!) We knew the rig was working because we were making quite a few CW contacts, even with a low antenna. We didn't try 20 meters Feld Hell because of technical difficulties with one rig.

It was 2?F when we arrived in Hell, and never got above 13?F during the operation. You might say it was a cold day in Hell:)

The weather was getting blustery and snowy around 2100Z, so we decided to close up at 2200Z while it was still light.

Thanks to the Arizona ScQRPions for running a nice contest. There will be a longer writeup on the AzScQRPions web site. We hope to CU during FYBO 2008. Unless things change drastically, we'll be in Hell again, and will have a much better idea of what is needed for such an operation.

72 from Ed, AB8DF, Cortland, KA5S, and Hank, N8XX

2408. Midnight Madness

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-07 13:47:10 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2408 Message: 2408

All:

From one of the many newsletters I receive, the following gives a bit more detail about license upgrades, the calendar, and code. Check out my comments at the end. This material quoted from the ARRL Club News:

Midnight Madness

The Report & Order pertaining to the removal of the Morse testing requirement for Amateur Radio licensing has been printed in the Federal Register, and on February 23, 2007 at 12:01 AM Eastern Standard Time, testing for Morse code will no longer be required for any Amateur Radio license.

Many clubs are preparing to have a team of Volunteer Examiners ready to administer a paperwork upgrade session at 12:01 AM EST so those hams who are ready can upgrade their licenses and immediately take advantage of their new privileges.

There are many hams who have anticipated this day and are holding a Certificate of Successful Completion for General and/or Extra class written exam credit.

License upgrades are not automatic for those holding a CSCE. The only thing now for these eager operators to do is take their CSCE to a Volunteer Examination Session on or after February 23, 2007 and have the paperwork processed so they can upgrade and receive a new CSCE allowing them new operating privileges.

Under the new regulations Technicians will receive CW privileges on 80, 40 and 15 meters and CW, RTTY and SSB privileges on 10 meters. These privileges for Technicians will be automatic and no paperwork will need to be submitted.

ps: We are doing a party test session on this special night at the MAARC clubhouse.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2409. How Cool is That?!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-07 14:05:20 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2409 Message: 2409

How Cool is That?!

It has come to my attention that there is a special certificate available to commemorate a ham's first QSO. It's free and a nice wallpaper.

Imagine, you're a brand new General or Amateur Extra license signing your call with a /AG or a /AE on the hf bands for the first time. And you call W1AW, the shack for the ARRL out in CT.

This can be YOU!

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2411. Re: [WestMichiganHams] I HATE COMPUTERS-well useta

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-07 15:11:41 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2391 Message: 2411

Yes,tried demo in '05 when I got my ticket,tried demo again a little bit ago
para you e-mail.I 'm have fun pitting Orbitron on one computer,and J-track
on another.I'm thinking of getting a 3rd old computer and tossing SatTrack into
the fray."Battle of the three free"HiHi

73 KD8CBJ
P.S.It reminds me of cranking the heat and the A.C.and letting them duke
it out.

2412. Re: [WestMichiganHams] I HATE COMPUTERS-well useta

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-07 15:30:58 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2391 Message: 2412

Very Kewl . Your not the only one that hates computers this week . Mine crashed last week . I lost so many files . Now I'm spending hours putting my system back the way I had it . Not to mention trying to remember my fav. web sites . Have to learn to do system back-ups more often instead of every year in a half . LOL

Just glad that I did not loose my e-mails . That would really hurt .

Good luck on the battle .

Big Mark

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Need a quick answer? Get one in minutes from people who know. Ask your question on Yahoo! Answers.

2413. Re: [WestMichiganHams] How Cool is That?!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-07 15:22:07 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2409 Message: 2413

Die of curiosity? Never!

Imagine you are studying for a license upgrade. You drop by the MAARC
on a late Thursday evening in late February.

You're successful taking the exam and can legally sign your call with /AG.

The radio club has a really great shack that will be available. Put the
two together and you're radio active early in the morning of a Friday.
Dial around hf and QSO W1AW. Simple? Possible!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2415. W1AW Special Opportunity

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-07 22:33:58 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2415 Message: 2415

All:

From a recent email message from the ARRL, the following talks about a special opportunity to QSO the W1AW station. They are calling this a special event but it seems more appropriate to call this a special opportunity. By any measure having a QSO with W1AW is special. If it is your first QSO with new privileges it might be extra (would that be Amateur Extra?) special.

Special Event

This is a historic event in Amateur Radio and clubs will want to open the club station or activate the club callsign to allow these new hams to make their first contact on the HF bands.

W1AW will be on the air beginning 12:01 AM February 23 making available the opportunity for a new General, or any ham, to contact the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station in Newington, Connecticut. How exciting is that?

W1AW will be active throughout the weekend in the General bands and the Technician portion of the 10 meter band. The station is expected to be on the air during the day when band conditions and peak activity can be expected.

Suggested SSB frequencies are:

160m 1855 kHz
80m 3990 kHz
40m 7290 kHz
20m 14290 kHz
17m 18160 kHz
15m 21390 kHz
10m 28480 kHz

2416. Re: [WestMichiganHams] I HATE COMPUTERS-well useta

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 03:32:00 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2391 Message: 2416

I use an external hard drive like a program bank.If I have to use the recovery discs to reload,I unplug the external.I have to reconfigure and register key,but original programs are unultered.I just keep forgetting to copy my documents before reloading,those tidbits are what hard to re find--rig manuals,schematics,blah blah.RW cd's are cheap enough,I just forget to do it.

73
KD8CBJ

2417. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSTV radar image server online!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 04:20:04 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 2373 Message: 2417

Joe,
Have been trying to find the signal tonight. Heard an ID, good signal, but no SSTV. Is it off?
Tom

Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote:
Last Wednesday at about 7 PM, K8TVZ, N8XPQ and I went over to the Manley tower in Holland and put the much-anticipated Ottawa County SKYWARN SSTV image server on the air. The radio equipment and software were found to perform almost flawlessly, but we had some problems with the cable modem. N8XPQ resolved the issue and hooked the modem back up this morning at about 10:15 AM. Initial tests showed that the system is now 100% operational. You should hear it IDing every 10 minutes on 445.125 MHz FM.

I have compiled a user's manual:
http://www.electroblog.com:8090/sstvwx.pdf

And a 3x5 command reference card:
http://www.electroblog.com:8090/sstvwx_ref.pdf

Now we need to gather coverage data. Get an image from the system (I'd suggest the WOOD-TV local radar, slot 12) and send me a signal report. Signals to the north (along 136th Avenue) will be relatively poor due to shadowing from the tower (the antenna is on a sidearm on the south side of the tower), but I have been able to work it from my home station, 13 miles straight north from the site. Our goal is to provide acceptable-quality images to HTs and handheld scanners throughout at least the western half of the county. Commanding the system from such stations is not as important. You may need a base or high-power mobile station to command it from the northern part of the county.

If you have any questions about using the system that the manual doesn't answer, tell me.

-Joe, N8FQ

2418. Re: [WestMichiganHams] I HATE COMPUTERS-well useta

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 03:52:20 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2391 Message: 2418

As one who has lost one hard drive too many, I use the freeware
version of SyncBack. (I like free)

http://www.pcworld.com/downloads/file/fid,23166-order,1-page,1-c,alldownloads/description.
html

(watch any line wrap)

That program and an external USB hard drive makes backing up easy. I've
gone so far as to have a network drive in the basement that backs up all
my ham cpu items, and K8AJ's family pictures. Great peace of mind to
have back ups.

tom bosscher K8TB

KD8CBJ@... wrote:
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2419. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSTV radar image server online!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 05:01:17 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2373 Message: 2419

Unless the server is in loop mode, which it is only during testing, demonstrations or skywarn nets, images must be explicitly requested via DTMF commands. Try 11 or 20. The complete list is in the manual I posted.

-Joe, N8FQ

On Wed, 7 Feb 2007 20:20:04 -0800 (PST)
Tom Porritt <jtporritt@...> wrote:

> Joe,
> Have been trying to find the signal tonight. Heard an ID, good signal, but no SSTV. Is it off?
> Tom

2420. Re: I HATE COMPUTERS-well useta

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 05:24:26 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2391 Message: 2420

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, K8TB <k8tb@...> wrote:
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html
>
> (watch any line wrap)

> tom bosscher K8TB

I use Synctoy, a Microsoft invention. It gives 5 different types and
directions of data flow between drives. Works for me, and free IS good.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/prophoto/synctoy.mspx>

Bracket your links in the < and >. The link will stay intact even
when it wraps.

Laryn K8TVZ

2421. Red Cross Backgrouns Check is changing

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 11:36:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2421 Message: 2421

I just received this from Jim Weaver, K8JE, Great Lakes Division Director. It appears that comments from Red Cross volunteers have "gotten through" to the hierarchy at the National Offices in Washington. It would appear that the only background check which will be necessary for most volunteers is a criminal background check.

I'm glad I can continue my 40+ years of volunteering for the Red Cross.

From: americanredcross@...
[mailto:americanredcross@...]
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 9:54 AM
To: AMERICAN_RED_CROSS@...
Subject: Execs, Chairs, AFES: Changes to Aspects of Background Check Program

Distributed to: Chapter Executives, Chairs; All Service Area Staff; Biomedical Services Division VPs, Blood Services Region CEOs; AFES Station Managers; All NHQ/BHQ Staff.

The following message is from Jack McGuire, Interim President and CEO AndKate Forbes, National Chair of Volunteers:

On December 22, 2006, we announced that the background check deadline wasextended until March 31, 2007 and that a leadership team would examine specific aspects of the program so that they were better understood and accepted across the organization. This week, we approved key modificationsto the program, specifically related to the consent form. We believe these changes respond to legitimate concerns and still maintain a strong organization-wide background check program.

The following summarizes the changes:

* A new consent form will be developed that eliminates all references to credit checks and mode of living.
* The Red Cross will not run future credit checks or mode of living checks on anyone who has signed the previous consent form. The Red Cross will consider that consent form null and void as to the credit check and mode of living authorizations, and promises not to conduct a credit check on individuals unless we obtain a second consent form from them authorizing those checks. Mode of living checks will not be conducted under any circumstances.
* In an effort to establish and maintain consistency across the organization, Jane Gilbert, Senior Vice President, Service Area Support, will convene a working group to establish an ongoing credit check policy that willdefine which positions require a credit check in the future and how to evaluate credit checks for those positions.

You may be wondering why we made these changes and particularly, why now. We listened to your concerns and feedback and determined that adding Another consent form in the event that a credit check is needed best met the needs of our volunteer force. This change does not reflect negatively upon the admirable efforts of the many units that worked extremely hard to meet the goals of this initiative by conducting background checks on their Employees and volunteers. We believe it underscores the fact that anopen dialogue on these issues is critical to the success of this program. These are positive changes that do not compromise the program, but rather advance our shared goal of having a consistent and standard background check program for all employees and volunteers who serve under the American Red Cross symbol. All other aspects of the program remain unchanged, including the deadline of March 31, 2007, by which all employees and volunteers must undergo and clear a background check. Employees and volunteers who have not cleared a background check by this date will no longer be able to serve with the Red Cross until they do so.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the National Background Check Office for their hard work and dedication in assisting the implementation of the program across the organization. If you have questions, please contact the National Background Check Office at backgroundchecks@... or (800) 507-3960.

2422. Re: [WestMichiganHams] I HATE COMPUTERS-well useta

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 14:48:47 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2391 Message: 2422

External drives are OK until somebody bumps one while it is spinning.
Don't ask how I know.

I have been using DDS/DAT tape for my backups for years now. Currently
using a Compaq/Sony 8-tape DDS4 autoloader for which I paid $25 on eBay,
including a magazine full of tapes. 20GB per tape without compression.
I've never paid more than $9 per tape and often far less, and I can bump
them, drop them, mail them, store duplicates in another location, etc.

73

Alan NV8A

On 02/07/07 10:52 pm K8TB wrote:

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2423. Thanks Howard!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 18:06:21 UTC
From: ke8fo
Topic: 2423 Message: 2423

Letter to the editor in the Grand Haven Tribune, Feb. 8:

Great article on Meyer
To the Editor:
The "Making a Difference" article on Don Meyer was great. And it sounds like Don does a great job at Central Dispatch.
Whenever I hear of a storm brewing, I always turn on our scanner. You can hear first hand on what the weather is doing, and what is happening along the shoreline before we ever hear it on T.V.
All of our ham operators are doing a great job, and it is free,which is hard to find something free now days.
I don't know how many people know this, but during our 9/11 crisis, all phone lines went down and the only way they could communicate was through ham radio operators. What a great job our ham operators are doing. Keep up the good work, Don Meyer.
Howard Rasey
West Olive

Does anyone know Howard, and is he a ham?

KE8FO

2424. Re: I HATE COMPUTERS-well useta

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 18:48:49 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2391 Message: 2424

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>
> External drives are OK until somebody bumps one while it is spinning.
> Don't ask how I know.

Yup, could be bad news. My external drive is spinning only a few
minutes per month total. The rest of the time it is unplugged and out
of physical danger...

Laryn K8TVZ

2425. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Thanks Howard!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 19:18:37 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2423 Message: 2425

Over on qrz.com you can access the main menu and then search the call sign database for names, addresses, cities, and etc. If you do this you'll find:

KC8TOC
Howard L Rasey
14419 Lawton Stn
West Olive MI 49460

2426. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSTV radar image server online!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 20:10:17 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2373 Message: 2426

I heard the SSTV signals on my HT today. It seemed that people were sending the DTMF commands, but I didn't hear any callsigns.

Shouldn't people be IDing before sending commands, just as they would before activating a phonepatch or Echolink/IRLP feature?

Alan NV8A

On 02/08/07 12:01 am Joe Veldhuis wrote:

> Unless the server is in loop mode, which it is only during testing, demonstrations or skywarn nets, images must be explicitly requested via DTMF commands. Try 11 or 20. The complete list is in the manual I posted.

>> Have been trying to find the signal tonight. Heard an ID, good signal, but no SSTV. Is it off?

2427. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSTV radar image server online!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 20:57:44 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2373 Message: 2427

Indeed they should. However, keep in mind that this station is not a repeater. Don't assume that the person commanding the station is doing so without IDing if you can't hear them. If both of you are using HTs, you're probably out of eachother's mutual range.

However, if you heard the DTMF tones being sent, then it's quite possible that someone neglected to ID.

-Joe, N8FQ

On Thu, 08 Feb 2007 15:10:17 -0500
Alan NV8A <nv8a@...> wrote:

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> sending the DTMF commands, but I didn't hear any callsigns.
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> Shouldn't people be IDing before sending commands, just as they would
> before activating a phonepatch or Echolink/IRLP feature?

2428. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Thanks Howard!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 21:52:11 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2423 Message: 2428

Mark yes he is a ham his call is kc8toc john kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: ke8fo
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2007 1:06 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Thanks Howard!

Letter to the editor in the Grand Haven Tribune, Feb. 8:

Great article on Meyer
To the Editor:
The "Making a Difference" article on Don Meyer was great. And it sounds like Don does a great job at Central Dispatch.
Whenever I hear of a storm brewing, I always turn on our scanner. You can hear first hand on what the weather is doing, and what is happening along the shoreline before we ever hear it on T.V.
All of our ham operators are doing a great job, and it is free,which is hard to find something free now days.
I don't know how many people know this, but during our 9/11 crisis, all phone lines went down and the only way they could communicate was through ham radio operators. What a great job our ham operators are doing. Keep up the good work, Don Meyer.
Howard Rasey
West Olive

Does anyone know Howard, and is he a ham?

KE8FO

2429. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSTV radar image server online!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 22:44:08 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 2373 Message: 2429

Joe,
I tried the WestMichiganHams file section and all email from you since January 1st but did not find a manual or reference to a manual. BTW, I was able to receive pictures using my fixed station antenna but not my scanner antenna from my location in North Muskegon. I think I need to work with it a lot more to get the pictures looking good.
Tom

Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote:
Unless the server is in loop mode, which it is only during testing, demonstrations or skywarn nets, images must be explicitly requested via DTMF commands. Try 11 or 20. The complete list is in the manual I posted.

-Joe, N8FQ

On Wed, 7 Feb 2007 20:20:04 -0800 (PST)
Tom Porritt <jtporritt@...> wrote:

> Joe,
> Have been trying to find the signal tonight. Heard an ID, good signal, but no SSTV. Is it off?
> Tom

2430. Re: SSTV radar image server online!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 23:01:22 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2373 Message: 2430

Joe,
I tried the WestMichiganHams file section and all email from you since January 1st but did not find a manual or reference to a manual.

...Answering for Joe...

Message 2373 has the links for the instructions. Here is the main one for your convenience:

<http://www.electroblog.com:8090/sstvwx.pdf>

Laryn K8TVZ

2431. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: SSTV radar image server online!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-08 23:43:56 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 2373 Message: 2431

Laryn,
Thankyou very much.
Tom, N8YJT

Laryn Lohman <larynl@...> wrote:
Joe,
I tried the WestMichiganHams file section and all email from you since
January 1st but did not find a manual or reference to a manual.

...Answering for Joe...

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for your convenience:

<http://www.electroblog.com:8090/sstvwx.pdf>

Laryn K8TVZ

2432. Re: [WestMichiganHams] I HATE COMPUTERS-well useta

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-09 00:22:58 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2391 Message: 2432

I hate to tell you this Al, but two weeks ago at work,
I threw away a HP 8 tape autoloader and around 50 tapes!

Tom K8TB

Alan NV8A wrote:
>I have been using DDS/DAT tape for my backups for years now. Currently
>using a Compaq/Sony 8-tape DDS4 autoloader for which I paid $25 on eBay,
>including a magazine full of tapes. 20GB per tape without compression.
>I've never paid more than $9 per tape and often far less, and I can bump
>them, drop them, mail them, store duplicates in another location,

2434. SSTV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-09 02:04:59 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 2434 Message: 2434

I am now getting good pictures. Thanks to the person that started the update function so I could experiment.
Tom, N8YJT

2435. Feb MCECS (Muskegon ARES) Training for Feb meeting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-09 03:07:27 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2435 Message: 2435

On Feb 12,2007 7:00PM, The training at the monthly Muskegon County Emergency Communications Service meeting(ARES), will be and overveiw of IS100 and IS200. This is intended to prepare you to take the Online test and recieve your IS100 & IS200 certificates from FEMA. The instructor will be Joe Kinnucan of Norton Shores Fire Department. If you already have your IS100/200 please at least attend the bussiness part of the meeting. You may go to the the links below and download the forms and manuals for the training. There will also be copies available at the meeting.

http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp

http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is200.asp

The meeting location is at the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department, Emergency Services Department. 1611 Oak Ave., Basement floor. Muskegon, MI. It's located across the street from Mercy-General Hospital. Apple Ave & US 31 would be the off ramp from the X-way. For Muskegon Co people it's the old County Health Department building.

We will talk in on 146.820 if anyone needs directions to the facility.

Jim Meyers
KC8PCJ
Training AEC / MCECS

2436. New item For Sale at Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-09 04:19:02 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2383 Message: 2436

All Hams
The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals. Technician, General and Extra Class Study Manuals.

Used Equipment on Consignment

Allied A-2515 Short Wave Receiver $75
HF Radios Icom IC-751 $300
Ten-Tec Argosy $200
HF Tuners
VHF/UHF SWR Meters From $5
HF SWR Meters
VHF/UHF Hand Held Radio IC-T7A $150 IC W31A $125
Vibroplex Code Key $115
Low Pass filter
VOM in good condition
Heathkit items
Johnson Speaker
Kenwood SP-520 Speaker $35
Power Pole connectors in Stock. 5 pack for $5.50
Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily
For more information call me at 231 798-7898

Come in and Join us for FREE Coffee and sweets every Saturday mourning from 9AM-12PM

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the new retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 behind the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2437. four letter word I'm teaching my 6 year old

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-09 10:51:05 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2437 Message: 2437

FREE
XYL is teaching him the other one SALE
Thank you all for computer advice.

73 KD8CBJ
P.S. I just can't find a four letter version of improvise.

2439. Coffee Break, 2/10/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-09 14:05:21 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2439 Message: 2439

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday February 10, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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2440. Re: SSTV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-09 14:18:56 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2434 Message: 2440

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Tom Porritt <jtporritt@...>
wrote:
>
> I am now getting good pictures. Thanks to the person that started
the update function so I could experiment.
> Tom, N8YJT
>

Tom glad you are getting good pix. You, of course can command it too.
Just use the commands in the online manual. Now you just need to
take your setup mobile so you can see the images while you spot...

Laryn K8TVZ

2441. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-09 19:27:35 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 2441

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /sstvwx.pdf
Uploaded by : electrode_kd8atu <kd8atu@...>
Description : SSTV image server user's manual

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/sstvwx.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

electrode_kd8atu <kd8atu@...>

2442. Re: [WestMichiganHams] four letter word I'm teaching my 6 year old

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-10 02:37:14 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2437 Message: 2442

"Smart _*@#^$_ (mailto:*@#^$) "oops I meant Guy

KD8CBJ

2444. Re: [WestMichiganHams] four letter word I'm teaching my 6 year old

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-10 13:37:50 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2437 Message: 2444

What did you say,your a Taurus?I'm a Pisces.
I did not realize the auto up to Teck Plus on Feb.24.I have this Fox Tango FT-101EX sitting here that I've been using to monitor with for a few months.I need a few things for TX.
1.a mic.---Got an old mic,solder in 4pin plug,101ex mic diagram.--done
2.an antenna---Got plenty material (wire,coax,copper tubeAlum.rod) to improvise"make"an antenna,but no swr for HF range.Saw a $20.00 Tram?at Tom's tool and Shack yesterday.
3.A good CW read and write program.I know,cheating.

73 KD8CBJ
P.S.Made a mistake,for kicks I took the on line General test,and passed.I was at the Tool and Shack to get the general book and FCC 97.The 97 is right next to my current BATF regs.book"Ignorance of the law is no excuse".

2445. Fw: W1AW SPECIAL EVENT, MIDNIGHT EXAM SESSIONS TO MARK NEW AMATEUR RULES

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-10 17:16:20 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2445 Message: 2445

==>W1AW SPECIAL EVENT, MIDNIGHT EXAM SESSIONS TO MARK NEW AMATEUR RULES

As new Amateur Radio Service rules phase in Friday, February 23, eliminating the Morse code requirement, Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will mark the milestone with a weekend-long special event. In addition, a number of Central Connecticut volunteer examiners will be on hand at ARRL Headquarters -- both before and after the new rules become effective at 12:01 AM EST -- to offer Amateur Radio examinations under the current and new rules. ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND, is helping to coordinate the celebration. He says Headquarters staff and other volunteers will keep W1AW active for the "Welcome Weekend" event.

"W1AW will be on the air all weekend for this special event to celebrate the fact that so many amateurs have gained or will earn new privileges as a result of the rule changes," he said. "The station will operate starting at 12:01 AM Eastern Time on Friday, February 23, continuing into the wee hours and resuming operation during the day. Then W1AW will be on the air on both days of the weekend, from 10 AM until 5 PM -- perhaps longer as conditions and enthusiasm dictate."

Operation will be on both SSB and CW. W1AW operators will concentrate their activities on the Technician and General class HF subbands. On SSB, the station will use its normal phone frequencies -- 1.811, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160 and 21.390 MHz. On 10 meters, W1AW will operate SSB on or about 28.480 MHz.

Henderson says operating will be casual unless pileups develop. "The purpose is to welcome newcomers to new privileges," he said.

"First Contact" certificates will be available as part of this event. ARRL invites anyone making a first contact or first HF contact to enter the contact information on the ARRL "Welcome Weekend" Web site <http://www.arrl.org/HFWelcome/> and receive a certificate in return. "If the first contact is with W1AW we will also be including a W1AW QSL card for the contact," Henderson added.

The ARRL anticipates a huge influx of upgrade applications once the Morse code requirement disappears. In addition, all Technician licensees will have limited HF privileges starting February 23, whether or not they've passed a Morse code test.

Amateur Radio exam sessions both before and after the zero hour will offer an opportunity for applicants either to upgrade under the outgoing licensing rules at the last possible opportunity or under the new licensing rules at the first possible opportunity.

"Dual exam sessions are scheduled at ARRL Headquarters around the effective time of the new licensing rules," says Brennan Price, N4QX, a former ARRL staff member and an ARRL VEC volunteer examiner. "At 11 PM on February 22, a session will be held for candidates wishing to upgrade under the existing rules. A few folks have expressed interest in such a session." Price says all Amateur Radio written and telegraphy elements will be offered until midnight.

"At 12:01 AM February 23, a second session will begin under the new licensing rules," he said. "Examiners will not only be evaluating previously earned Certificates of Successful Completion of Exam (CSCEs) for upgrades, but will be offering all written elements." Two teams of volunteer examiners will be on site until all applicants have been served.

On or after February 23, applicants upgrading on the basis of a valid CSCE must present the certificate for element credit, fill out an application and pay any applicable exam session fee, which most VECs charge. Only after the VE team has issued a CSCE for upgrade credit may applicants actually use their new operating privileges on the air.

Additional details and more information will be available on the ARRL Web site in the days leading up to February 23.

Do you Yahoo!?
Everyone is raving about the all-new Yahoo! Mail beta.
http://new.mail.yahoo.com

2446. Anybody want anymore study materal??

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-10 19:09:20 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2446 Message: 2446

All
I am going to be placing a order for more General study books on Monday. I sold out in a week. If their is any more study books, CD's or other material you want please e mail before Monday,I will add it to the order to save on shipping cost. The w5yi website is listed below to go to and see what can be ordered. I want to have in the Store what people want and need to help people upgrade. Thanks Tom KB8VEE Tool Max

http://www.w5yi.org/catalog.php?sort=4

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
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2447. K8FLY SK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-10 20:01:23 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 2447 Message: 2447

William "Bill" Skofic K8FLY age 54 became a Silent Key on February 8, 2007 as reported in his obtuary in the Muskegon Chronicle today. It also noted that Bill was a U.S. Marine.

When Bill was active he could be found on the CW portions of the amateur bands. He was a member of M.A.A.R.C., the Muskegon Amateur Radio Club.

For those that are interested the funeral is scheduled for Monday Feb. 12 at 1PM at Clock Funeral Home Chapel in Whitehall. Visitation is on Monday from 11AM until service time.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

2448. Speaking of CW

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-11 16:46:02 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2448 Message: 2448

As we near the end of FCC mandated Morse Code testing, it is time to go back and see what equipment was employed on CW in commercial duty. The link supplied shows the old KSM shore station being fired up. Transmitter power out is nominally 15 KW.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaiwKJgS-Q4

tom bosscher K8TB

2449. Bird Wattmeter for 900Mhz

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-12 02:23:57 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 2449 Message: 2449

Does anyone locally have a 900mhz 250W+ capable BIRD Wattmeter? I am having a horrible SWR problem on my repeater in Greenville, MI since the ice storm and I can't find it, expected broken coax.

Just trying to borrow one before I have to buy one off of EBay.

Mike Wolthuis
kb8zgl

2450. R U Ready 2 Upgrade?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-12 13:59:58 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2450 Message: 2450

R U Ready 2 Upgrade?

Have you gotten your study material from Tom, KB8VEE at his new store? You've been working hard and pounding the on-line test sites? You're glad the code requirement will go away?

The first opportunity to get a code free license comes late on Thursday, February 22 and technically at 00:01 Friday morning, Eastern Standard Time. The MAARC will celebrate this occasion with last minute cramming, food, fun, an open shack, and the actual test session at midnight. Visit our clubhouse at 2888 Scenic Drive, between Muskegon and White Lakes on the shores of Lake Michigan.

We'll have a wonderful time. You've got a week and a half to get ready. You've been working on this already? I guarantee you'll enjoy the HF bands with tons of modes, frequencies, and a lot of new things to learn and enjoy.

If you are already a Technician you will be automatically upgraded to Tech Plus with limited CW and voice privileges on some bands. Take that next step, earn a General class license, and enjoy many more radio opportunities.

Drop me a reply with any questions. We're looking forward to a great time. It will be more fun with you attending and testing.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2451. Need a Tech Class?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-12 14:04:25 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2451 Message: 2451

Are you looking for a Technician licensing class? You're in luck!
Two opportunities present.

Starting February 19, Mark, K8MHZ is teaching an eight week class on the subject. The classes are in downtown Muskegon on Monday nights.

Starting February 25, Tom, N8YJT is teaching a six week class on the subject. The classes are in North Muskegon on Sunday afternoons.

Contact these instructors for details. They will welcome you and assist you with the world's GREATEST hobby, amateur radio.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2452. Marshall Hamfest, March 17

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-12 14:15:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2452 Message: 2452

Marshall (Michigan) Hamfest - March 17, 2007 - 0800-1300 EST, Marshall High School, Marshall, Michigan

For more info see http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html

Last year I found this hamfest one of the better hamfests in Michigan - the vendors and flea marketers were "wall to wall" in halls and the entire gymnasium.

Sorry if this turns out to be a duplicate. I sent a message from my e-mail programme last evening, and it never showed up.

2453. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Marshall Hamfest, March 17

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-12 14:34:11 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2452 Message: 2453

All:

Yep, this is THE BEST hamfest. And another item of interest: we pay no attention to that groundhog in early February. Older hams Know that spring won't come unless we all attend the hamfest in Marshall.

Do your part, bring on spring, and simultaneously enjoy the best hamfest in Michigan in the spring.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2454. Re: R U Ready 2 Upgrade?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-12 16:34:41 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2450 Message: 2454

Do you realize that if you're currently a Technician ham and you pass the General or Extra test that you will INSTANTLY be able to enjoy your new privileges? Yep, you use your call sign and add a /AG or /AE and you're legal and using the HF bands, modes, and new privileges.

Instantly and painlessly. But instantly does not start before February 23 and very early in the morning. That's why we are enjoying open shack and testing session at the clubhouse.

We would ever so enjoy having you drop in and test. Takes $14 cash, a copy of your current license if you have one, identification if you don't, and a passing grade on the test.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2456. Re: Need a Tech Class?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-12 22:13:03 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2451 Message: 2456

All:

I misrepresented the two class scenario. Mark's class is being held for the benefit of the general public and offers seats to about anyone willing to take the class on Monday evenings.

Tom's class is being run to benefit the Boy Scouts in our area. This class will not be open to anyone without the Boy Scout connection.

I am terribly sorry for the confusion. If you know of someone who would benefit from Mark's class then get them onboard and thinking along the lines of a Monday evening class session.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2458. A Wedding on the Roof

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-13 15:30:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2458 Message: 2458

Excerpt from "Weaver's Words" by Jim Weaver, K8JE, Great Lakes Division Director, ARRL

"Two aerials meet on a roof, fall in love, get married. The ceremony wasn't much but the reception was brilliant." (Received from daughter, WD8BMK. She obviously has too much time on her hands! Hi!)

2459. Would You Elmer?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-13 17:21:16 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2459 Message: 2459

Would You Elmer?

There are two Tech classes starting rather soon. Each class could use assistance from Elmer. Would you volunteer?

A good Elmer does not have to take the class with his new friend. Elmer might be available to answer questions, encourage the student, encourage the student to attend classes, help him take the practice tests on-line, and make sure the student follows through and takes the licensing test. Then the fun begins when Elmer and his new Tech friend enjoy purchasing a new radio and making that first contact. It is a whole new world for a new ham. Elmer soothes the process. Maybe Elmer and the student visit a hamfest together.

If you can help I encourage you to contact Mark, K8MHZ and Tom, N8YJT to volunteer.

It is an easy and important step along the road to enjoying a wonderful hobby.

Thanks in advance to Elmer for this assistance.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2460. Re: Would You Elmer?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-14 00:46:48 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2459 Message: 2460

Hi Bill
In Scouts we have the "Merit Badge List" and it is broken down into specifc areas such as electronics, radio, first aid,etc.. Each Scout unit would maintain a list of Merit Badge Counselors; those individuals that offer to help the scouts become familiar and more knowledgable with that skill.

I wonder if there is a "Elmer List" that is broken down into specifcs such as CW, packet, repeaters, getting on the air, DXing, etc.. I wonder if any clubs do have such a list?

Best Regards,
Doc, KD8BGQ

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> wonderful hobby.
>
> Thanks in advance to Elmer for this assistance.
>
> 73

>
> Bill, AB8SC
> MAARC guy
>

2461. Somthing New

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-15 15:11:22 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2461 Message: 2461

All:

A handful of hams participated in something new on the MAARC repeater last night. Did you hear that?!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2463. Help needed for 5K run this Saturday at Grand Haven

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-15 18:29:27 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 2463 Message: 2463

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Talk-in NOARC Repeater in Grand Haven 145.490 +600 94.8 tone.

8:00 AM public service parking lot 5th and Columbus, Grand Haven

8:30 AM in place for run

9:00 AM run starts

10:00 AM run ends

10:30 AM we should be clear

Please contact Don kb8odb@sbcglobal.net <mailto:kb8odb@...>
616-846-7307 or me.

73

John Wehmer WB9JSR
Ottawa County EC
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cell 616-502-4800

pager 800-218-4083
wb9jsr@... <mailto:wb9jsr@...t>

2464. Kent County CERT Training - Open to all interested

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-15 19:19:25 UTC
From: n8jsn
Topic: 2464 Message: 2464

All this is open to EVERYONE interested. You just will not get a bag at the end of the class if your not from Kent and will have to provide your own gear during the class.

Kent County Community Emergency Response Team training:

New Class

Starting March 6, 6pm KCSD EOC

Tuesday and Thursday nights 6 ☐ 10 pm

Thru March 20.

RSVP Required:
Matt Blythe mblythe@...dcross.org
616-456-8661
www.cert-wcm.net

Notes:
Persons not residents of Kent County may attend the training.
CERT bag / Equipment is only issued to current residents of Kent County

2465. Boat anchor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-15 19:59:44 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2465 Message: 2465

I have a Comanche Siltronix 1011D 10 meter tube radio boat anchor. Anyone want it? I just tried to plug it in and it blows the fuse. So, I would think it is for parts. I hate to just toss it out. I would rather give it to someone that wants to play with it.

It has all of the knobs, but many of them are missing the little silver cover on the front of them.

Tim Deater

KC8MSE

231-924-8806

Fax 231-924-8912

tdeater@...

2466. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Help needed for 5K run this Saturday at Grand Haven

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-15 22:01:23 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 2463 Message: 2466

Thanks for posting this John and for the ones that let me know Marshall is next month ...I see you are reading the posts ....
One more thing we will be meeting in the training room at GHPS which is across the street from the parking lot on the corner marked employee entrance... it will be warmer inside ... hope to see you there ...

73 Don ..

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2467. NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-15 23:27:15 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2467 Message: 2467

Hello everyone.
I am looking for a microphone that will work well with a Kenwood TS-440S or another Kenwood MC-50 Mic. If you have one or know where I can get one, besides Ebay, in the next few days please let me know.

Thank you
Doc, KD8BGQ

2468. Specal guest at the coffiee break this Sat at the Tool Max Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-16 00:02:37 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2468 Message: 2468

All Hams
This week we will have a special guest at the Tool Max Store. Charlie Chapman KB8SFR the Michigan 5th District ARES/RACES Emergency Coordinator from Kalamazoo will be in the house with one of the Kalamazoo County Emergency Management Trucks. Charlie is know for his LOST Team around the Country. Come and meet him and find out about the LOST Team this Saturday form 9AM -12 Noon at the Tool Max Industrial Supply Store. Charlie is know around the State for his Wit and humor. Once you meet him you will not forget him.

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VOM in good condition
Heathkit items
Johnson Speaker
Kenwood SP-520 Speaker $35
Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily
For more information call me at 231 798-7898

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From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2470. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-16 10:50:47 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 2467 Message: 2470

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I am looking for a mic that will work on a yaesu ft-50. Mine must have run away, I can't find anywhere. Jason KC8OVS

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with theYahoo! Search movie showtime shortcut.

2471. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-16 11:59:16 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2467 Message: 2471

Doc
I think I have a Kenwood desk mike at the store on consignment. Give me a call or come in and we can check Tom
----- Original Message -----
From: jason mackay
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2007 5:50 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

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2472. Coffee Break, 2/17/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-16 13:58:30 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2472 Message: 2472

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday February 17, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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2473. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-16 14:51:24 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2467 Message: 2473

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ravennaelectronics <ravennaelectronics@...> wrote: Hello everyone.
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Thank you
Doc, KD8BGQ

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2474. Phone Patch

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-16 17:01:56 UTC
From: gbm1783
Topic: 2474 Message: 2474

Fruitport repeater.

Can anyone tell me if Phone patch will work on 147.38 repeater and if so, just how do I get it to work. I am using a Kenwood TM-271A. Any info would be great.

Thanks
George KD8EOO

2475. Re: NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-16 17:53:24 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2467 Message: 2475

Hi Al.
I do have one of those mic elements here. I have used in the past on various electronic projects and repair jobs. They work well for many applications as you stated. The problem with the current mic is the fact that the cord is messed up. I found out later last night that the MC-50 Mic was not even designed for the TS-440S. That explains why the mic cord is messed up. The cord has been spliced so that there is a 8 pin connector on one end and a 5 pin connector on the other. Only one wire is actually hooked up to. I thought it may be simplier to get another mic than to redo the mic cord.

Thank you for reminding me about those mic elements from Radio Shack. That presents some possibilities too.

Best Regards,
Doc, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Al Pepping" <kv8x@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Doc....I'm passing along what could be the best kept secret in ham radio.
> For real. A group of hams on 3913 kHz one night were playing around with
> mikes and different setups. One of the crew hooked up a $3.95 electret
> microphone from Radio Shack and honestly, it sounded just as good as a Heil
> mike selling for 30 times that amount. I thought the guy was pulling our
> leg. I have heard this same scenario from other hams as well. Remember, we
> don't need flat response high fidelity mikes as most transmitters cut off
> everything below 100 cycles and above 2700 cycles anyway (unless you are
> running high fidelity SSB or AM). If you look around, you can find good
> deals on Turner or Sure microphones, or if your are in a pinch, grab one of
> those el cheapo RS mikes. It probably won't sound any worse that the crappy
> hand held mikes the radios come with. Icoms gotta be the worse.
>

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> Al.....KV8X
>
> -------Original Message-------
>
> From: ravennaelectronics
> Date: 02/15/07 18:29:00
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR
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2476. Re: NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-16 17:55:40 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2467 Message: 2476

Hi Jason.
The Radio Shack may work. Do you know how many pins are on the
connector and what the pinout information is?

Thank you
Doc, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, jason mackay <kc8ovs@...>
wrote:
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2477. Re: NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-16 18:01:13 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2467 Message: 2477

Hi Tom.
I stopped by the store yesterday and did not find any. I found a
Yaesu mic that was similar and that was it. I did pick up the Tech
books for Mark's, K8MHZ, class while I was there too.

Thank you for the help
Doc, KD8BGQ

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2478. Re: NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-16 17:59:30 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2467 Message: 2478

Hi Paul.
If the mic is a MC-60A, 85, 80, 55, or 42S it will work. Those are the mics the manual lists as accessories to the radio. It does not show the MC-50 as a accessory mic.

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2479. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-16 18:38:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 37 Message: 2479

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Monthly Michigan Section News Summary
Date: Fri, 16 Feb 2007 13:18:36 -0500
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
To:

Greetings everyone,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of our new Section Public Information Coordinator, Bobby N8CY. Bobby is replacing our long-term PIC Harold KC8QMH who has served for several years and now is retiring from the position. Thanks Harold for your sincere dedication. The PIC works with all of our Section Public Information Officers to present a coordinated effort in presenting amateur radio to the public. With the recent very positive image portrayed by ham radio, we are continuing with a very aggressive effort to keep the public informed and interested. Bobby's plans for the coming year include more involvement within clubs and ARPSC groups to organize and plan getting information in clear and concise form to the media.

There are several national award programs that recognize the efforts of radio amateurs and their dedication to this hobby, in addition the ARRL Great Lakes Division offers several select awards and Michigan has over the years offered several of our own. With the goal of providing distinct recognition to outstanding hams, I am pleased to announce the inception of the Michigan Section Awards Committee. This committee is charged with coordinating the efforts of all League sponsored recognition programs in the state, to insure that Michigan hams are provided the opportunity to be nominated for national Division and State award programs. Assistant Section Managers Roger WB8WJV wb8wjv@... and John N8ZE n8ze@... will coordinate this program.
They will be working with clubs and ARPSC organizations as well as our list of League appointees in the state to begin this task. WE will be determining the awards Michigan will be offering and the criteria for qualification. Needless to say, your input is valued and you may contact Roger and John to provide your suggestions. As this is program in its early formative stages, we have an excellent opportunity to consider a wide range of options.

It was observed that many clubs were not receiving the latest news releases of material directly related to club activities. One of the discussions at the recent Section Staff meeting related to offering the opportunity to have an assigned liaison at each ARRL Affiliated radio club. This person would receive direct emails from League Headquarters and the Michigan Affiliate Club Coordinator that were directly related to radio club activities. Clubs can contact Dan KB6NU kb6nu@... to name a liaison person to serve as an interface. This will be an easy solution to insure the club gets the latest data on national and state happenings.

Good news on the National Traffic System front. ARRL is emphasizing its continued support of the NTS and our Michigan Section Traffic Manager reports that Michigan NTS-ers are really doing an over-the-top job. Check this out: MI NTS check-ins for 2006 were up 30% over the previous year and traffic is up 50% over 2005. OUTSTANDING and even better yet, considering the bands have been so tough for the latter part of the year.

Jill KC8PVQ from the Traverse City area reports: "I would like to introduce you to the efforts of the Cherryland ARC in building the BSA camp in the region. It includes a Ham shack for the scouting youth in Michigan that visit the camp in the summer. Plans are underway to hold a license class and test sessions at the camp. We now have 8 scouts with tech class licenses and several adults that visit the station in the summer to help the boys earn the radio merit badge. We have our own call, W8BSC, and are open to youth groups that want to camp and work the station arranged through the camp office. We have rental cabins and wilderness cabins to rent. The shack is heated and would make a great outing for the youth groups in Michigan. We have 2 HF rigs, a VHF rig, 80m loop, tribander beam, 6 M beam, and a RigblasterTM for digital modes".

Congratulation to the Movers and Shakers: These newly elected club officers for the Genesee County ARC are Pres K8KZB, Treas K8VW, Sec L8LJG Trustee K8LJG. The new officers of the Saginaw Valley ARA are Pres. Keith N8XD, VP Jim WA8GRI, Sec Jeff KC8BDQ, Treas Judy KC8BYI. New officers of the Monroe County RCA are Pres N8YQW, VP KB8JAI, Sec KB8KQC, Treas KA8EBI, Dirs KB8VIU, W8PI and W8JDY.

Amateur Radio continues to receive plaudits and recognition from our served agencies. The Amateur Radio Public Service Corps in Michigan consists of ARES, ARCES, NTS and Skywarn and is considered to be a "First Responder" in disasters. With this thought in mind, it bears reminding that when a disaster occurs, hams should first check in with their EC/RO before taking any step to mobilize. This insures that you will be assigned to the most appropriate location, insures that you will not waste travel time going to an area where you may not be needed, and insures the continued excellent relationships with our served agencies.

Station Activity Reports (SARs for January, 2007: WB9JSR 805, KC8WSE 274, K8AE 220, K8LJG 148, KC8MLD 113, AB8SY 101, K8AMR 60, W8RNQ 49, KD8BGQ 47, AA8SN 38, WB8RCR 35, AB8WF 34, WI8K 29, K8RDN 25, KD8BMV 16, AB8CB 14, WD8USA 14, KC8ZCF 10, K8ZJU 9, WA8OOH 7, N8UN 4, KC8ZGB 1. SARs are reports of all the radiogram traffic you have handled in the past month.

Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHRs) for January, 2007: WB9JSR 270, WB8RCR 219, KD8BGQ 205, K8AE 128, K8MFK 120, KC8WSE 90, K8AMR 83, AB8SY 78, K8ZJU 71, K8RDN 58.

PSHRs include your net and public service activities for the month. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR. You can access a simple reporting form at: http://www.mi-nts.org/PSHR_entry.shtml to provide your reports to WB8RCR.

January Official Emergency Station reports came in from KC8ULE, N8HA and W8RAE. Your OES reports should be filed with WA8EFK. In all cases, reporting by radiograms encouraged.

73,
Dale WA8EFK

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
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2481. Fwd: SPECIAL BULLETIN - PRIORITY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-17 15:11:16 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2481 Message: 2481

Note: forwarded message attached.

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2482. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-17 15:48:58 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2467 Message: 2482

the mic i have is a mc-43c if that helps. thanks paul

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2483. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-17 16:33:13 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 2467 Message: 2483

I have a TS-something desk mic hiding around here Doc.
The other thing is I don't have any other Kenwood equipment.

One Identifying feature is that it has the older style 4-pin connector.
I remember a friend trying it and finding the connector to be wrong for
his use.
If it is OK for your use, I'd look hard for it, and make the price
"right"...

On Thu, 2007-02-15 at 23:27 +0000, ravennaelectronics wrote:
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>>snip<<
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de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

2484. Needed Tower

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-17 19:01:03 UTC
From: George P Brewster Sr.
Topic: 2484 Message: 2484

Needed Tower

Fifty feet or more. (Free standing). If you know of any that
some one does not want any more please let me know.

Thanks
George
KD8EOO

2485. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Needed Tower

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-18 02:15:33 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2484 Message: 2485
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Contact the Newaygo public schools bus garage. Chris Cronk, 231-652-1112. they have a tower that they may want taken down soon.

Tim
KC8MSE

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com on behalf of George P Brewster Sr.
Sent: Sat 2/17/2007 2:01 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Needed Tower

Needed Tower

Fifty feet or more. (Free standing). If you know of any that
some one does not want any more please let me know.

Thanks
George
KD8EOO

2486. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fwd: SPECIAL BULLETIN - PRIORITY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-18 03:32:11 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 2481 Message: 2486

Roger your Priority MSG- Thanks DE WD8USA / AAM5IMI MI Army MARS

2487. Former owner

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-18 18:37:55 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2487 Message: 2487

I have come into possession of A Siltronix 1011D.On the bottom is scribed Chas Fortune 1063 Morning Side Muskegon Mi. 777-1024.Calling the "Fortune's"in the phone book revealed no relatives.A call sign search using Name and Location turned up nothing.Does the name ring a bell with anyone?

73 KD8CBJ

2488. Re: NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-18 20:06:10 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2467 Message: 2488

Hi Skip.
Thank you for your effort. The radio is a 8 pin connector so the
mic will not work without redoing the cord/pinouts.

Thank you though.
Doc, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "(Skip) K8RRA" <k8rra@...>
wrote:
>
> I have a TS-something desk mic hiding around here Doc.
> The other thing is I don't have any other Kenwood equipment.
>
> One Identifying feature is that it has the older style 4-pin
connector.
> I remember a friend trying it and finding the connector to be
wrong for
> his use.
> If it is OK for your use, I'd look hard for it, and make the price
> "right"...
>
> On Thu, 2007-02-15 at 23:27 +0000, ravennaelectronics wrote:
> > Hello everyone.
> > I am looking for a microphone that will work well with a Kenwood
TS-
> > 440S or another Kenwood MC-50 Mic. If you have one or know where
I
> > can get one, besides Ebay, in the next few days please let me
know.
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> > Thank you
> > Doc, KD8BGQ
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> 73
> de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k
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2489. Re: NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-18 20:11:43 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2467 Message: 2489

Hi Paul.
I could not find a diagram for that mic or the pinout information so
I do not know if it will work. I know it is not listed in the 440S
manual under accessories.

Thanks.
Doc, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, paul odem <rockyroster@...>
wrote:
>
> the mic i have is a mc-43c if that helps. thanks paul
>
> ravennaelectronics <ravennaelectronics@...> wrote: Hi
Paul.
> If the mic is a MC-60A, 85, 80, 55, or 42S it will work. Those are
> the mics the manual lists as accessories to the radio. It does not
> show the MC-50 as a accessory mic.
>
> Thank you
> Doc, KD8BGQ
>
> --- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, paul odem <rockyroster@>
> wrote:
> >
> > i have a hand mic that came off a kenwood ts 680 radio. i dont
> know if it is the same thing. you can have it if it works. paul
> >
> > ravennaelectronics <ravennaelectronics@> wrote: Hello
> everyone.
> > I am looking for a microphone that will work well with a Kenwood
> TS-
> > 440S or another Kenwood MC-50 Mic. If you have one or know where
I
> > can get one, besides Ebay, in the next few days please let me
> know.
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> > Thank you
> > Doc, KD8BGQ
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> > PAUL ODEM KC8ZMO/AAR5WG
> > 412 E. FORREST ST.
> > EDMORE, MICHIGAN 48829
> >
> > MONTCALM COUNTY EMERGENCY COORDINATOR / RACES OFFICER
> >
> > EMAIL rockyroster@
> > CELL 989-620-4605
> > TWO WAY NEXTEL 131*550934*15
> > HOME 989-304-0340
> > PAGER 989-924-0007
> >
> >
> > ---
> > Need a quick answer? Get one in minutes from people who know.
Ask
> your question on Yahoo! Answers.
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> ---
> Don't pick lemons.
> See all the new 2007 cars at Yahoo! Autos.
>

2491. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Former owner

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-19 02:27:32 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2487 Message: 2491

Duane Braddy now lives in Grant Mi.
I know his son .
I have his tx and e-mail if you need it .

Big Mark

k8mhz@... wrote:
Research indicates he may have been dyslexic.

In 1977 Duane Braddy lived there and listed a telephone number of 777-2410.

That # is now registered to

Francis, Matthew N
470 Glen Oaks Dr
Muskegon, MI 49442

The person now at the address

Macy, Greg
1063 Morningside St
Muskegon, MI 49442-4529
(231) 773-3173

No listing in GTE for 1979 or 1981
The 1985 GTE directory shows
Charles T Fortune
1063 Morningside
777-2246
No listing in the 1989 GTE directory.
Nothing in the SS Death Index. He may be alive and hiding somewhere.
Sorry I couldn't get a current address for you.
mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: kd8cbj
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2007 13:37
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Former owner

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scribed Chas Fortune 1063 Morning Side Muskegon Mi. 777-1024.Calling
the "Fortune's"in the phone book revealed no relatives.A call sign
search using Name and Location turned up nothing.Does the name ring a
bell with anyone?

73 KD8CBJ

Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.410 / Virus Database: 268.16.10/625 - Release Date: 1/13/2007

Bored stiff? Loosen up...
Download and play hundreds of games for free on Yahoo! Games.

2493. Party! er. . . Test Session! 2/22

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-19 10:55:02 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2389 Message: 2493

All:

With the licensing party coming late Thursday evening you should be on-line and taking lots of practice tests. Visit qrz or eham and take those simulated upgrade tests at least once a day. The practice will familiarize you with the questions in the question pool. The tests are great confidence builders.

We'll be at the MAARC clubhouse by eight o'clock Thursday evening.

The "real" testing starts at midnight.

Cram sessions and food before the testing session. Fun on the radio with your new call sign after your success. Yes, we will use the club's shack to contact other new licensees. We are working on a special wallpaper, QSL card opportunities, and lots of just plain QSOs using your new privileges.

Even if you're not ready to test you can drop by the clubhouse and enjoy the fun. It will be an open shack evening with all the trimmings. Fun! Help us celebrate the end of the code test for license upgrades. And help the old guys stay awake, too.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2495. And for those who like to sleep....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-19 15:16:08 UTC
From: k8tb@bosscher.org
Topic: 2389 Message: 2495

A reminder that the Allegan group will be holding a VE exam session at a most reasonable time of 9:00 am, Feb 24, in the cafeteria of the Allegan Hospital. Talk in on 147.24. Walk ins are more than invited.

Personally, I think it is somewhat cool that a group of folks are going to burn the mid-night oil to take the tests. But then there are those of us who need our beauty sleep!

tom k8tb

2496. QRP-ARCI GRID SQUARE SPRINT - March 18

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-19 19:56:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2496 Message: 2496

Anyone for a QRP contest?

From "Jeff Hetherington" <va3jff@...>
Subject [QRP-L] ANNOUNCEMENT: QRP-ARCI GRID SQUARE SPRINT
Date Mon, February 19, 2007 1:34 pm
To members@...,njqrp@...,qrp-l@mailman.qth.net
CC elecraft@...,n2cq@...

Hi everybody!

Wanted to give everybody some advance notice of our next contest.
This contest is BRAND NEW and a contest format that was suggested by
QRP-ARCI Members.

However, since it was new, it missed the deadline for QST. Please
feel free to publish it to any lists you may be members of.

The exchange as printed in the QQ also featured a small gremlin, and
the correct rules including the exchange is posted on the right hand
side of the QRP-ARCI homepage along with all of the other contests
for 2007. The correct rules are also posted below.

Good Luck!
73/72
Jeff - VA3JFF

Date/Time: 1500Z to 1800Z on 18 March 2007.

Mode: HF CW only.

Exchange:
Members send: RST, Grid Square, ARCI member number
Non-Members send: RST, Grid Square, Power Out

QSO Points:
Member = 5 points
Non-Member, Different Continent = 4 points
Non-Member, Same Continent = 2 points

Multiplier: Grid Square total for all bands. The same station may be
worked on multiple bands for QSO points and SPC credit.

POWER MULTIPLIER:
>5 Watts = x1
>1 - 5 Watts = x7
>250 mW - 1 Watt = x10
>55 mW - 250 mW = x15
55 mW or less = x20

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES:
160m 1810 kHz
80m 3560 kHz
40m 7030 kHz (please listen at 7040 kHz for rock bound participants)
20m 14060 kHz
15m 21060 kHz
10m 28060 kHz

BONUS POINTS: If you are operating PORTABLE using battery power AND a temporary antenna, add 5000 points to your final score. (You can NOT be at your shack operating from battery power using your home station antenna to qualify for this bonus.) This is to help level the playing field for contesters who work from the field against contest stations with 5 element yagis at 70 ft.

Score: Final Score = Points (total for all bands) x Grid Squares (total for all bands) x Power Multiplier + Bonus Points

Categories: Entry may be All-Band, Single Band, High Bands (10m-15m-20m) or Low Bands (40m-80m)

How to Participate: Get on any of the HF bands except the WARC bands and hang out near the QRP frequencies. Work as many stations calling CQ QRP or CQ TEST as possible, or call CQ QRP or CQ TEST yourself! You can work a station for credit once on each band.

Email Log Submission: Submit Logs in plain text format along with a summary stating your Callsign, Entry Category, Actual Power and Station Description along with score calculation to contest@... on or before 5 March 2006.

Snail mail Log Submission:

Submit Logs along with a summary stating your Callsign, Entry Category, Actual Power and Station Description along with score calculation to:

QRP-ARCI Grid Square Sprint
c/o Jeff Hetherington, VA3JFF
139 Elizabeth St. W.
Welland, Ontario
Canada L3C 4M3

Entries must be postmarked on or before 18 April 2007.

Results: Will be published in QRP Quarterly and shown on the QRP-ARCI website.

Certificates:

Will be awarded to the top scoring entrant in each
category. Certificates may be awarded for 2nd and 3rd
place if entries are sufficient in a category.

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L. Jeffrey Hetherington - VA3JFF
QRP-ARCI (sm) Contest Manager
QRP-ARCI (sm) #9223 / K2 #3375 / KX1 #631

2497. N2CQ QRP CONTEST CALENDAR

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-19 22:28:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2497 Message: 2497

Yes, Matilda, there are other QRP contests. Note that for most of them folks who run >5W are permitted, but folks who run <5W get a multiplier. Some of them have EXTREME multipliers if you run <50 Milliwatts. :)

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N2CQ QRP CONTEST CALENDAR
February 21 - March 22, 2007
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80 METER FOXHUNT (QRP CW)
EST/EDST: EACH Tuesday 9 PM to 10:29 PM
Info: http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/
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40 METER FOXHUNT (QRP CW)
EST/EDST: EACH Thursday 9 PM to 10:29 PM
Info: http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/
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North Carolina Road Kill Round Up (CW) *** QRP Contest ***
EST: Feb 21, 9:30PM - 11:00PM
UTC: Feb 22, 02:30z - 04:00z
Rules: http://ncroadkillroundup.homestead.com/index.html
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CQ WW 160-Meter DX Contest (SSB) ... QRP Category
Feb 24, 0000z to Feb 25, 2359z
Rules: http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/awards.html
~~~~~~
REF (French) SSB Contest
Feb 24, 0600z to Feb 25, 1800z
Rules: http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/refc.htm
~~~~~~
UBA DX Contest - Belgium (CW) ... QRP Category
Feb 24, 1300z to Feb 25, 1300z
Rules: http://www.uba.be/hf_contests/pdf/ubatest_dx.pdf
~~~~~~
Mississippi QSO Party (Ph/CW)
Feb 24, 1500z to Feb 25, 0300z
Rules: http://www.arrlmiss.org
~~~~~~
Colorado QRP Club Winter QSO Party (CW/SSB) ... QRP Contest!
Feb 24, 2200z to Feb 25, 0359z
Rules: http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/feb.html
~~~~~~
High Speed CW Club Contest ... QRP Category

Feb 25, 0900z to 1100z and 1500z to 1700z
Rules: http://www.dl3bzz.de/html/hscconte.html
~~~~~~
North Carolina QSO Party (CW/SSB) ... 100W all QSOs
Feb 25, 1700z to Feb 26, 0300z
Rules: http://www.w4nc.com
~~~~~~
ARRL International DX Contest (SSB) ... QRP Category
Mar 3, 0000z to Mar 4, 2400z
Rules: http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html?year=2007
~~~~~~
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint (CW) *** QRP Contest ***
Mar 3, 0400z to 0600z
Rules: http://www.qrp.ru/sprint_e.htm
~~~~~~
Adventure Radio Spartan Sprint (CW) ... QRP Contest!
Mar 6, 0200z to 0400z (First Monday 9 PM EST)
Rules: http://www.arsqrp.com/
~~~~~~
Pesky Texan Armadillo Chase (CW) *** QRP Contest ***
CST: Mar 7, 2030 to 2200
UTC: Mar 8, 0230z to 0400z
Rules: http://www.w5usj.com/default.html
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Daylight saving starts Mar 11 - 0200 AM
****
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Idaho QSO Party (Ph/CW/Dig) ... QRP Category
Mar 10, 1300z to Mar 11, 0100z and
Mar 11, 1300z to Mar 12, 0100z
Rules: http://www.nt4tt.com/main_page_link/nt4tt.htm
~~~~~~
Oklahoma QSO Party (CW/Digital/Phone) ... QRP Category
Mar 10, 1400z to Mar 11, 0200z and
Mar 11, 1400z to Mar 11, 2000z
Rules: http://okdxa.org
~~~~~~
AGCW QRP Contest (CW) ... QRP/QRPp Category
Mar 10, 1400z to 2000z
Rules: http://www.agcw.org/agcw-con/2007/Englisch/agcw_qrp_e.htm
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?Elecraft QSO Party (CW/SSB/Dig) ...QRP Category
Mar 10, 1500z to Mar 11, 1500z
Rules: http://www.elecraft.com
~~~~~~
?Second Class Operator's Club Marathon Sprint (CW) .. QRP Contest!
Mar 10, 1800z to 2400z
Rules: http://www.qsl.net/soc/contests.htm
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North American Sprint (RTTY) ... QRP Category
Mar 11, 0000z to 0400z
Rules: http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintrules.php
~~~~~~
UBA (Belgian) Spring Contest (CW-80m) ... QRP Category
Mar 11, 0700z to 1100z
Rules: http://www.uba.be/hf_contests/rules_en.html#
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Wisconsin QSO Party (CW/SSB)...QRP Category
Mar 11, 1800z to Mar 12, 0100z
Rules: http://www.warac.org/index.htm
~~~~~~
Ten-Ten Mobile QSO Party (CW/SSB) ... QRP Category
Mar 17, 0001z to 2359z
Rules: http://www.ten-ten.org/calendar.html
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BARTG Spring RTTY Contest
Mar 17, 0200z to Mar 19, 0200z
Rules: http://www.bartg.demon.co.uk/Contests/07_rules.htm
~~~~~~
Russian DX Contest (SSB/CW) ... QRP Category
Mar 17, 1200z to Mar 18, 1200z
Rules: http://www.rdxc.org/asp/pages/rulesg.asp
~~~~~~
QRP ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint (CW) *** QRP Contest ***
Mar 18, 1500z to 1800z
Rules: http://www.qrparci.org
~~~~~~
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest (CW) ... QRP Category
Mar 17, 1600z to 2100z
Rules: http://www.agcw.org/agcw-con/2007/Englisch/agcw-dl0_e.htm
~~~~~~
Virginia QSO Party (CW/SSB/Dig) ... QRP Category
Mar 17, 1800z to Mar 19, 0200z
Rules: http://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/QSOParty.htm
~~~~~~
RUN FOR THE BACON (CW) *** QRP CONTEST ***
EDST: Mar 18, 9 PM to 11 PM
UTC: Mar 19, 0100z 0300z
Rules: http://fpqrp.com
~~~~~~
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint *** QRP CONTEST! ***
EDT: Mar 21, 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM
UTC: Mar 22, 0030z to 0230z
Rules: http://www.arm-tek.net/~yoel/contests.html
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Thanks to SM3CER, WA7BNM, N0AX(ARRL) and others
for assistance in compiling this calendar.
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2498. New Six Meter beacon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-19 23:10:00 UTC
From: k8tb@bosscher.org
Topic: 2389 Message: 2498

Erv, K8EB, that "big gun" out of Marne, is planning to put a full time six meter beacon on the air. It will be located just north of his home QTH by a few miles.

However, it is operating from my house in Hudsonville for a shake down period. If you have the equipment, please listen for it on 50.066 MHz.

Once the beacon is moved to its permanent home, I will post another note here, and from then on, you will be able to use this beacon to see if your antennas and radios are working. Notice that Erv has a nice 5 second continuous tone for tweaking and S meter use.

Again, if you have the time, please listen to 50.066 MHz and let me know if you hear it.

Thank you

Tom K8TB

2499. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Party! er. . . Test Session! 2/22

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-20 02:24:38 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2389 Message: 2499

Here is another siite that I had good luck with. When I was taking the QRZ test I found that the questions were not very random and the first time I took the test I didn't make it. This site has a more random set of questions each time you take the test. follow link below.

http://www.w8mhb.com/exam/

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2007 5:55 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Party! er. . . Test Session! 2/22

All:

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73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2500. Looking for the hams that have E-Team training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-20 21:40:39 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 2500 Message: 2500

Hello ... If you have been E-Teem trained will you please let me know by e-mailing me at kb8odb@... . I went through the training and think it would be good for us to work on a SET useing e-team which would be easy to do from at home ..... I would also like to setup a group for all hams of the state .... any Ideas let me know ... 73 Don

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

2501. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for the hams that have E-Team training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-20 21:44:39 UTC
From: lists@n8jsn.org
Topic: 2500 Message: 2501

Don,

All of my EOC staff in Kent has it. One of my people is also an instructor for E-team..

Jeff

----- Original Message -----
From: Don Meyer
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 4:40 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for the hams that have E-Team training

Hello ... If you have been E-Teem trained will you please let me know by e-mailing me at kb8odb@... . I went through the training and think it would be good for us to work on a SET useing e-team which would be easy to do from at home ..... I would also like to setup a group for all hams of the state .... any Ideas let me know ... 73 Don

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

2502. Skywarn 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-21 13:10:18 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2502 Message: 2502

To the Newaygo County Hams,

Newaygo County Skywarn training has been scheduled for March 28 in the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners Room in White Cloud. 1018 Newell St. It will be from 7 to 9 pm.

I am challenging each of you to invite one other ham to this training.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

If you need directions, let me know.

73

Tim Deater

KC8MSE

Skywarn Coordinator

231-924-8806

Fax 231-924-8912

tdeater@...

2503. Fwd: Mackinac 50

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-21 13:18:19 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2503 Message: 2503

Note: forwarded message attached.

Don't pick lemons.
See all the new 2007 cars at Yahoo! Autos.

2504. KC8WSE's mic

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-21 15:40:40 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 2504 Message: 2504

I do not know if the Group is aware of the problem, especially Muskegon County Hams, but Jean KC8WSE of Twin Lake, a blind Ham whose
?thing? is NTS traffic handling, is having a problem with her microphone. The problem is being worked on and will be resolved by
a/some local Ham(s), but in the mean time, is there anyone in the Muskegon/Twin Lake area than can lend her a functioning mic that
will work on a Kenwood TS-440S?

73

John WB9JSR

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No virus found in this outgoing message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.441 / Virus Database: 268.18.3/694 - Release Date: 2/20/2007 1:44 PM

2505. Severe Weather Training, Thursday, March 22

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-21 16:05:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2505 Message: 2505

Severe Weather Spotter Training

Hosted by Kent County RACES.
22 February 2007
6:00 ? 10:00 PM
Grandville Middle School
3535 Wilson Avenue SW,
Grandville, MI 49418

If you have questions, contact: Jeff Nawrot <Jnawrot@...>

2506. Re: Severe Weather Training, Thursday, March 22

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-21 16:53:32 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 2505 Message: 2506

The date in the "Subject" is incorrect, it should be February 21, 2007 as noted in the text.

FYI, Ottawa county will have a similar program March 22 at Zeeland Cityside School, 320 E Main St, Zeeland, MI. The title that NWS gives the presentation is "Skywarn Training".

2007 Skywarn Spotter Training
Thursday, March 22, 2007
6:30 - 10:00 PM
Zeeland Cityside Middle School
320 Main St.

This training is presented for all Emergency Response agencies (Law, Fire, EMS), Amateur Radio, Weather Spotters and anyone interested in sever weather. This class will cover classification, visual identification and reporting procedures for sever weather. Instruction will be given by a representative of the GR Office of the National Weather Service. There will also be presentations by local TV meteorologists

Sponsored By:
Ottawa County Emergency Management
&
The Grand Rapids Office of the National Weather Service.

If you have any questions or need additional information contact:

Chris Saddler 616-738-4052
csaddler@...
or
Bill Smith 616-738-4050
bsmith@....mi.us

or of course you can contact me

John Wehmer WB9JSR
Ottawa County EC
home1 616-847-6409
home2 616-604-0510
cell 616-502-4800
pager 800-218-4083
wb9jsr@...

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:
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> Severe Weather Spotter Training
>
> Hosted by Kent County RACES.
> 22 February 2007
> 6:00 ☐ 10:00 PM
> Grandville Middle School
> 3535 Wilson Avenue SW,
> Grandville, MI 49418
>
> If you have questions, contact: Jeff Nawrot <Jnawrot@...>
>

2507. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Severe Weather Training, Thursday, March 22

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-21 17:03:29 UTC
From: lists@n8jsn.org
Topic: 2505 Message: 2507

Actually, the date for Kent Counties training is Thursday February 22nd.

Hope to see anyone from the Kent County area at the training. Please come early as registration can take a few minutes. Right now we have over 150 signed up and are hoping to see another 50-100 show up.

Thanx
Jeff Nawrot

2508. Re: Severe Weather Training, Actually February 22th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-21 19:09:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2505 Message: 2508

Guess that's what one gets for having fumble fingers. :)

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:
>
>
> Severe Weather Spotter Training
>
> Hosted by Kent County RACES.
> 22 February 2007
> 6:00 ☐ 10:00 PM
> Grandville Middle School
> 3535 Wilson Avenue SW,
> Grandville, MI 49418
>
> If you have questions, contact: Jeff Nawrot <Jnawrot@...>
>

2509. Fw: Net Control and introduction to amateur radio!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-22 00:24:35 UTC
From: lists@n8jsn.org
Topic: 2509 Message: 2509

Can you send this out to whatever groups should have it: - FREE Training!

Class: Introduction to Amateur Radio
Date: March 15
Time: 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Room: Training room

Comments: If you've had the Ham in a Day class, you may want to take this to learn the practical aspects of Amateur Radio. If you plan to attend, send an email to Kim Karr at kkarr@kcraces.net.

Class: Net Control Operator Training
Date: March 29
Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Rooms: Training Room

Comments: To help people become net control operators. We'll have both a lecture and hands on exercises. If you plan to attend, send an email to Kim Karr at kkarr@....

Location Kent County Sherrifs Department 701 Ball Ave NE 49503

www.kcraces.net/kcsd

2510. Re: [WestMichiganHams] KC8WSE's mic

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-22 13:43:14 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 2504 Message: 2510

I have one she can use-How to get it to her? JB

2512. QST/March 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-22 14:19:59 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2512 Message: 2512

One nice thing about being an ARRL member is the QST magazine . And what a great surprise to see K8ROH working the station on the Silversides and being recognized for being active on the Teenage Net . MAARC/W8ZHO and AB8RD were also recognized for the club and support for our area .
This can been seen in the current issue of QST on page 21.
To think about how many clubs and Hams there are and our local club/hams made 2/3 of page 21.

Very nice .

kd8BIG Mark

The fish are biting.
Get more visitors on your site using Yahoo! Search Marketing.

2513. Webcams with live output?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-22 19:58:31 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 2513 Message: 2513

Does anyone have a list of Grand Rapids or sorrounding WebCams that have a direct feed on port 80? Ie. http://ipaddress:80

I am trying to demo a project and need access to a couple webcams that do not use a Java webpage insert to control them, but have a direct webserver on port 80.

Mike Wolthuis
kb8zgl

2514. More Consignment items needed at Tool Max Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-23 12:33:24 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2514 Message: 2514

All Hams
Help
I need more item for Sale. You all bought allot this week and I need MORE Good stuff on consignment
Please bring me more this week.

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals. Technician, General and Extra Class Study Manuals. FCC Part 97 book only $3.95

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Ten-Tec Argosy $200
HF Tuners
VHF/UHF SWR Meters From $5
HF SWR Meters
VHF Alinco HT with extra Bat.$55
Low Pass filter $5
VOM in good condition
Heathkit items From $5
Extra Speakers For Radios $3
Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily
For more information call me at 231 798-7898

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Tool Max Industrial Supply is the new retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 behind the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2515. Coffee Break, 2/24/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-23 13:59:17 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2515 Message: 2515

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday February 24, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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2516. Oscilloscope Software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-23 17:28:56 UTC
From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
Topic: 2516 Message: 2516

Does anyone know of any good oscilloscope software, preferably freeware, for Windows OS using a sound card?

John WB9JSR

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No virus found in this outgoing message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.441 / Virus Database: 268.18.3/698 - Release Date: 2/23/2007 4:39 AM

2517. Re: [WestMichiganHams] More Consignment items needed at Tool Max Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-23 21:46:10 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2514 Message: 2517

Tom I will bring out some more te-ne-kes John kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: Tom VanderMel
To: West Michigan Hams
Cc: w8cso@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2007 7:33 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] More Consignment items needed at Tool Max Store

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2519. Re: Oscilloscope Software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-23 22:59:03 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 2516 Message: 2519

How about for looking at audio?

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> John,
>
> I doubt it as without additional hardware the resolution of a
sound card is too low for RF evaluation.
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: John Wehmer (WB9JSR)
> To: West Michigan Hams
> Sent: Friday, February 23, 2007 12:28
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Oscilloscope Software
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> Does anyone know of any good oscilloscope software, preferably
freeware, for Windows OS using a sound card?
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> John WB9JSR
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> No virus found in this incoming message.
> Checked by AVG Free Edition.
> Version: 7.1.412 / Virus Database: 268.18.3/699 - Release Date:
2/23/2007
>

2521. Re: NEED A MIC FOR KENWOOD TS-440S OR ANOTHER KENDWOOD MC-50 MIC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-24 11:27:54 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 2467 Message: 2521

No, the MC-50 is a multi-impedance microphone. It will work fine on a newer rig.

Doc- if you want to take the time to come to my house (south of Grand Haven), I will GLADLY help you get your MC-50 working well for your Kenwood 8 pin radio. We'll go over it so next time you could do it yourself. It's really not hard to "get", once someone explains it well. Let me know if you are interested.

Greg, KC8HXO

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> The MC-50 is for tube rigs and has a different impedance than those made for solid state radios.
>
> The 50 is used for radios like the TS-520SE
>
>
<SNIP>

2527. loging program for com

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-24 16:19:15 UTC
From: kc8shz2000
Topic: 2527 Message: 2527

i'm looking for a freeware radio logging program to use on my comp.
anyone have any got ideas. 73's kc8shz2000

2528. Re: [WestMichiganHams] loging program for com

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-24 17:06:03 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2527 Message: 2528

Don:

I think your name is Don. From testing too early Friday morning, right?

It's not free but cheap. I've been using Amateur Contact Log, abbreviated ACLog from N3FJP. Good stuff, lots of features, cheap, and works. Go to n3fjp.com for the details. Look on the left for AC Log. There are tons of contest logging programs available from this site, but you don't need them, yet. Hi

I did see a program MixW which combined lots of digital modes with logging. I liked that program except I don't do enough Digital stuff to justify. It might cost a bit more.

And AB8QH uses a free program. Logger 32 I think it's called. She likes it. And has been using same for a number of years, three?

73

Bill, AB8SC

2529. Re: [WestMichiganHams] The Average Ham

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-24 17:28:24 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2525 Message: 2529

WB6ACU wanabe

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AOL now offers free email to everyone. Find out more about what's free from AOL at http://www.aol.com.

2531. Mackinac Bridge 50th Anniversary Celebrartion

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-24 21:44:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2531 Message: 2531

Marquette - 20 February 2007 - For Immediate Release

Michigan amateur radio operators have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in a Michigan-based special event that is likely to attract national, possibly world-wide attention. Big Mac, the Mackinac Straits Bridge, is celebrating its 50th year of operation in 2007. The celebration committee has tentatively accepted a proposal to include an amateur radio special event in the formal celebration program.

The amateur community has less than a month to develop enough of an event plan to open discussions with the celebration committee on operating hours, setup and teardown logistics, space and power requirements, on-site staffing, publicity and signage to start working with the committee when the proposal is formally adopted, probably at their 8 March meeting. Two UP clubs and a Mackinaw-area ARES group have already signed on as provisional sponsors, and the Michigan Section of the ARRL is endorsing the event.

The public event is scheduled for July 27-28 at Bridge View Park at the North end of the bridge. There will be parades, fireworks, a banquet, and exhibitors and many public-oriented activities at the park. National Public Radio will be there as parts of its Story Corps Project capturing personal stories and recollections of family encounters with the bridge and its lore. The celebration committee is getting inquiries and offers of participation from all over the country, and local motels have already noticed a jump in reservations.

ARRL Section Manager Dale Williams notes that "This is an outstanding opportunity for the amateur community to put on a great event that will be interesting for on-site visitors at the celebration grounds but also to show our pride in one of the very few symbols that is specifically about Michigan that is known world-wide. I want to encourage our clubs and individual members to help out with this event however they can. Even if they can't actually sign up for operating shifts or working the public information desk, help is needed with technical planning, local logistics, ideas for public exhibits, getting QSL cards and tee-shirts printed. There's a role for everyone interested."

Clubs and amateurs interested in getting involved in this unique opportunity should contact John Forslin at the Big Mac 50 Special Event Committee:

John J Forslin - KC8ULE
8 Southfork St
Marquette, MI 49855-9163
Phone: (906) 869-6621

eMail: kc8ule@...

2534. Re: loging program for com

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-24 22:05:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2527 Message: 2534

A totally free (no registration fee necessary for the complete version) is W3KM's Gen Log (http://www.qsl.net/w3km/gen_log.htm) I've used it successfully for several contests, though the club with which I participated most recently used N3FJP's shareware program.

The fact that it is totally free means you can try all the features without having to pay a registration fee. If you don't like it after a while, you're just out the time you took to evaluate it.

Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "kc8shz2000" <kc8shz2000@...> wrote:
>
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> anyone have any got ideas. 73's kc8shz2000

2535. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: loging program for com

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-24 22:49:04 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2527 Message: 2535

Don't think you're married to a single program. Download one and try it. Log a few real QSOs and get a feel.

Don't care for it? You can export your log, import it into the next program, and keep on logging.

Bill

2537. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Is the Zed dead?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-25 16:53:43 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2536 Message: 2537

Mark:

I'm glad you asked. I was getting this problem yesterday. Just now I went to my bookmarked qrz site and it is back. Thanks for fixing it!

Bill

2538. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Is the Zed dead?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-25 16:57:45 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2536 Message: 2538

Works for me. Their front page mentions that they had a PSU failure in their server yesterday and are in the process of getting everything working on a new one, perhaps that has something to do with it.

-Joe, N8FQ

On Sun, 25 Feb 2007 11:41:45 -0500
<k8mhz@...> wrote:

> When I try to get on QRZ (www.qrz.com) I get a no such site message.
>
> I am wondering if the site is gone or rather is it something my computer is doing.
>
> Can anyone else get on the site?
>
> Thanks,
>
> Mark K8MHZ

2539. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Is the Zed dead?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-25 17:00:30 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2536 Message: 2539

k8mhz@... wrote:

>When I try to get on QRZ (www.qrz.com <http://www.qrz.com>) I get a no such site message.

Yes, K8AJ complained about it yesterday. She uses the auto-look up with AC Log, and qRZ was down yesterday.

They lost the power supply in their server:

http://www.qrz.com/ib-bin/ikonboard.cgi?act=ST&f=3&t=147424

I'm really surprised that a site that large uses their own server. Usually, it is a lot cheaper, and whole lot more reliable to simply lease space on ISP's servers. Everything is backed up, roll over servers, etc.

QRZ is back up now, but it was bumping up and down a little bit this morning.

tom K8TB

2540. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Is the Zed dead?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-25 17:34:39 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2536 Message: 2540

I had the same problem yesterday Mark . Maybe they did not pay there bill . It is not like ARRL where members pay to keep things running .

Mark

k8mhz@... wrote:
When I try to get on QRZ (www.qrz.com) I get a no such site message.

I am wondering if the site is gone or rather is it something my computer is doing.

Can anyone else get on the site?

Thanks,

Mark K8MHZ

It's here! Your new message!
Get new email alerts with the free Yahoo! Toolbar.

2543. RE: [WestMichiganHams] DX Spot

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-26 01:44:40 UTC
From: Shawn Price
Topic: 2533 Message: 2543

Thanks Mark I will surely do that and have a great day and thankyou for all of the great advice you gave to me at testing.

Shawn KB8UFI

-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of k8mhz@...
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2007 5:04 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] DX Spot

14.198 in the Extra segment.

Darryl in Trinidad. He is taking the time to chat for a bit if you want. Great signal too.

9Y4LDK is the call.

New Generals, give a listen. Great DX in the Extra part of 20 meters.

73

Mark K8MHZ

2544. WEAVER'S WORDS -- THE SNOW IS MELTING

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-26 13:31:26 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2544 Message: 2544

[As always, send replies to k8je@.... Do not click on REPLY. The ARRL reflector that gets this newsletter to you is one-way, only.]

- History has been Made
- Coordinator Appointed for Michigan
- Legislative Agenda
- ARRL Seeks Emergency Communications Manager
- W1AW Transmits on Required Frequencies
- Up-to-Date Frequency Allocation Chart
- Division Convention - September 22
- Tentative Itinerary for K8JE

HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE

Regardless of one's personal views on the situation, Amateur Radio history was made when the FCC's rule that abolished Morse code requirements for ham licensing became effective this past Friday. Any effort to continue the arguments against dropping the code requirement are equivalent with continuing to beat a dead horse for not running. I strongly suggest the best thing all of us can do at this time is to help newer amateurs become full citizens in our great service and Elmer them to become top-quality operators.

Amateur Radio may not be Amateur Radio without Morse code, but even under the new rule, Amateur Radio still has Morse code. It is simply no longer required to demonstrate the ability to use Morse before getting a license. Morse code will be around for a long time. Now that learning Morse has been made optional, its use may even become more wide-spread than during any time over the past 50 years.

COORDINATOR APPOINTED FOR MICHIGAN

Bob Wright, KB8APS, of Muskegon has been appointed Legislative Action Coordinator (LAC) for Michigan. He succeeds Val Rose, N8EXV of Flint who was appointed Division Legislative Action Chair (DLAC) earlier to assist me in managing the Legislative Action Program in the Great Lakes Division. Bob's will recruit and train additional Legislative Action Assistants who will represent the ARRL Legislative Agenda to US Representatives and US Senators in the Wolverine State.

For information on how you can help the ARRL's Legislative Agenda, please contact Bob at kb8aps@.... To inquire about helping with this agenda in Ohio, contact Brent Stover, WD8PNZ (wd8pnz@...). For Kentucky, contact Vice Director Gary Johnston KI4LA (ki4la@...).

Incidentally, we still need a full-time LAC for Kentucky to relieve Gary of the Legislative duties. Please contact me (k8je@...) if you would like more information on this position.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Wherever I've visited in hamdom since returning from the Board mid-January meeting, I've asked members if they approve of the ARRL's legislative agenda for the current session of the US Congress. The immediate answer has always been a solid, "yes."

The agenda calls for us to pass national laws that are beneficial to Amateur Radio and the public we serve. These laws would enable amateurs essentially anywhere to put up antennas (overriding local codes covenants and restrictions), protect Amateur Radio frequencies from wanton sell-offs, require the FCC to re-evaluate its rules regarding "unintentional" emitters such as (but not restricted to) BPL and recognize the huge value the Amateur Radio community offers to the nation in times of emergency and disaster.

If you agree with this agenda, it is very nearly "put up or shut up" time. The time is rapidly approaching when ARRL members will be called on to contact their Congressmen to show local support for the first Agenda item introduced into the US House. In many instances, the first of our contacts will be made by teams of local members with the local offices of their US Representatives or US Senators. If you want these legislative items to pass, we need your active support. To do this, we first need to complete the organization of the Legislative Action Program in the Great Lakes Division. This is where you might fit in.

Our target is to have a team of two or three members in each Congressional District in our three states. These teams will be the ones who will contact local offices of US Representatives and US Senators. We are far from accomplishing this goal! Of the 6 Congressional Districts in Kentucky, two Districts (Districts 1 and 5, Mr. Whitfield and Mr. Rogers) have a two-member team ready to roll. The remaining Districts have absolutely no members who have volunteered for the Program or have just one member to do this critical task.

Of the 15 Districts in Michigan, only District 7 (Mr. Walberg) is represented by a two-member team of ARRL members. The remaining 14 Districts have no one or only one member to represent Amateur Radio interests to their Representative.

Finally and best off, if one wishes to consider this as being best off, Ohio has a whopping total of four Districts of its 17 with two-member lobbying teams. You guessed it, the remaining 13 Districts are either not represented or are represented by no more than one member.

We need your help. ARRL is a "member organization." This means not only that members pay dues to belong and support the League; but that members often need to supply the muscles that are needed to help ARRL protect and promote Amateur Radio. Without at least a small amount of

sweat from each of us, ARRL has no muscle . . . and no face. We need you to add muscle and the face on Amateur Radio to your Congressional Representatives.

We all make choices throughout our lives. In this instance, we can choose to sit back and do nothing (a time-honored tradition for many people) or we can choose to become involved and make things happen. If we sit back and do nothing, we have absolutely no right to complain when CC&Rs prevent us or our friends from putting up antennas, or if FCC sells off our bands. How'd you like to loose the 2M or the 20M band?

If we do nothing, we also have absolutely no right to brag or take credit when things go well. We certainly would have no reason to feel "warm and furry" over helping to save Amateur Radio.

If we choose to roll up our sleeves (in this case, to put on a shirt and tie or nice dress), we will have every right to feel we are part of the solution when our work is successful.

If you are interested in learning how you can become part of helping pass the legislation I mentioned, please contact your Legislation Action Coordinator, our Division Legislative Action Chair, Val Rose, N8EXV (n8exv@...) or me at k8je@... for further information.
Let us know you are willing to help. In Kentucky, contact Gary Johnston, KI4LA (ki4la@...), in Michigan it is Bob Wright, KB8APS (kb8aps@...) and in Ohio contact Brent Stover, WD8PNZ (wd8pnz@...).

A POSSIBLE OOPS: I have the uneasy feeling that during the early phases of the Legislative Action Program in this Division two or three additional people had volunteered to be LAAs. If you had volunteered for this position and if you've not heard from anyone about your appointment during the last three months, please let me know. It is very possible that your offer was lost into the ethers early on. I apologize for anyone to whom this may have happened. We haven't ignored you. We have simply been inept.

ARRL SEEKS EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

As mentioned in the last issue of Words, the ARRL seeks to fill the new position of Emergency Communications Manager that has been made in the Membership and Volunteer Programs (MVP) Department. The following notice is from a recent ARRL Letter.

"This is a permanent staff position at League Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut, and applicants must be willing to relocate. Candidates should have at least a bachelor's degree or equivalent experience and an Amateur Radio license. Applicants should hold or be able to earn an Amateur Extra class ticket.

"Other qualifications include:

"* knowledge of Amateur Radio, including HF, VHF and digital modes related to emergency communications

"* five years' minimum ARES/RACES experience or equivalent

"* ARRL Field Organization leadership experience

"* knowledge of and experience with ICS and NIMS (FEMA 100 and 700 certification highly desirable, 200 and 800 certification recommended)

"* completion of the Level 1 ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course (EC-001)

"* superior speaking and writing skills

"Emergency communications professional and/or first responder experience is desirable

"The Emergency Communications Manager will act as ARRL emergency communications liaison to government agencies, including FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. This individual also will:

"* administer memoranda of understanding between ARRL and served agencies, such as the American Red Cross

"* maintain and encourage relationships with all ARRL served agencies

"* create and administer ARRL's internal emergency response plan

"* coordinate Simulated Emergency Tests

"* assist field personnel with emergency communications and public service events, as required

"* maintain and update ARRL emergency communications training materials and publications plus ARRL emergency communications and public service Web content

"* maintain the ARES volunteer database

"* act as liaison to ARRL emergency communications Field Organization leadership

* write/edit occasional material for QST and other ARRL publications

"* manage other emergency communications and public service-related issues.

"To apply, submit cover letter and resume via e-mail or USPS to Human Resources Manager LouAnn Campanello <lcampanello@...>, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. ARRL is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

As you can see, the new EmComm Manager position requires a heavy-hitter. All information for the position is available from LouAnn Campanello at the above addresses.

W1AW TRANSMITS ON REQUIRED FREQUENCIES

I hadn't given this much thought recently, but a comment by a couple of amateurs reminded me that most people probably do not know the reason W1AW sometimes appears to jump in on top of ongoing QSOs. The facts are that W1AW in its formal operation to educate and inform amateurs must transmit on a pre-published schedule on pre-published frequencies. This is an FCC requirement of ARRL for transmitting bulletins, code practice, code proficiency runs and any other scheduled activity. Therefore, W1AW is firmly prohibited from QSYing or to shift schedule at a moment's notice. However, when making casual QSOs, W1AW is equally required to observe the same requirements as other amateurs -- and to avoid intentional QRMing of ongoing activities.

W1AW operating schedules are published well in advance in QST and on the Internet to advise amateurs when they can expect the station to be on the published frequencies. In addition to this, W1AW also attempts to be a good radio citizen by transmitting brief advisory notices at 5 minutes and 1 minute before beginning its scheduled longer transmissions. The pre-published schedule and brief advisory notices are good faith attempts to avoid QRM with the operations of other stations.

The next time you hear someone ask why ARRL thinks it is so almighty that it allows W1AW to broadcast bulletins and other scheduled operations without QSYing to avoid QRMing, the answer is very simple. The FCC does not permit W1AW to deviate from its published schedule. To vary from this schedule would be a violation of an FCC mandate to ARRL. The educated amateur should take this fact into consideration before operating on a frequency that has been publicly announced for W1AW operation.

UP-TO-DATE FREQUENCY ALLOCATION CHART

A fully updated Frequency Allocation Chart for US amateurs has been released by ARRL. The chart may be downloaded at www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bands.html. The chart became effective February 23.

DIVISION CONVENTION - SEPTEMBER 22

It isn't too early to plan to attend the biannual ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention in Cleveland on September 22. The keynote speaker will be ARRL's vibrant President, Joel Harrison, W5ZN. The Convention will feature interesting and informative seminars, a banquet and opportunity to talk directly with President Harrison, Division and Section officials. Go to www.2007gldc.com/ for a complete list of seminars, sponsors, and speakers and their biographies.

TENTATIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR K8JE

Mar 12: West Chester ARA, West Chester, OH.
Mar 15: Bellbrook ARC Dinner Meeting, Waynesville, OH.

Mar 18: Toledo Hamfest, Toledo.
Mar 20: Owensboro ARC Dinner Meeting, Owensboro, KY.
Mar 31: Elizabethtown (KY) Hamfest.
Apr 14: QCWA Meeting, Cleveland, OH.
Apr 21: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT.
Apr 26: SUMCO ARES, Stow, OH.
May 10: LARK, Howell, MI.
May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH.
Jun 17: Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI.
Jul 19: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT.
Jul 20-21: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT.
Jul 28: UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI.
Aug 18-19: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL.
Sep 8: GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI.
Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH.
Sep 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH.
Sep 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH.
Oct 2: OH-KY-IN ARRL Night, Cincinnati, OH.
Dec 1: Motor City RC 75th Ann., Wyandotte, MI.

Want Vice Director Johnston, KI4LA or me to attend a club function?
Let us know. If we are available, we will attempt to accommodate you.
Gary is at ki4la@.... I am at k8je@....

73,

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2545. CPR Saturday - Last Chance!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-26 14:34:07 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2545 Message: 2545

Ottawa County American Red Cross CPR Saturday is being held this Saturday, March 3, 2007, from 9:00am till 1:00pm. They are offering FREE Adult CPR & AED training.

The training sites are:

* Holland- Holiday Inn - 650 E. 24th
* Grand Haven- St Patrick's Catholic Church- 920 Fulton- just off of US 31
* Hudsonville- Baldwin St. Middle School- 3835 Baldwin
* Allendale- Allendale Township Hall- 6676 Lake Michigan Drive, Allendale

There is VERY LIMITED room left, pre-registration is required, so call the Chapter at 616-396-6545. I will be one of the instructors at the Hudsonville site, so be aware!

Best regards,

Steve - N8UJD

2546. Amateur Radio Newsline Report 1540 - February 16th, 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-26 15:09:03 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2546 Message: 2546

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> Amateur Radio Newsline Report 1540 - February 16th, 2007
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> The following is a closed circuit advisory. I'm Newsline Support
> Administrator Andy Jarema, N6TCQ, with a few quick thank-yous.
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> In the month of March we heard from monthly contributor Joseph Bartzi,
> Jr., KC8DKF of Columbus, OH, The Egyptian Radio Club, W9AIU of Glen
> Carbon, IL , The Ogemaw Arenac Amateur Radio Society, K8OAR of
> Prescott, MI and Jay Underdown, W0PS of O'Fallon, MO
>
>>From California, we heard from monthly contributors William Walters,
> WA2IBM, and Scott Hensley of the Area Communications Team, both in San
> Jose, the Rio Hondo ARC of Whittier, the Orange County ARC in Tustin
> and Often-contributor John Rice, KE6YFV of San Pedro.
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>>From PayPal we heard from the Baldwin Hills ARC, WA6MDJ & WA6TFD of Los
> Angeles.
>
> We want to thank all of you who have donated so far in 2007. It is you
> who are keeping these newscasts on your favorite repeater and direct
> to you on the web. Unfortunately, what we have received since the
> beginning of the year is simply not enough to keep us going through to
> springtime, let alone to the end of the year. In fact, we still need
> to raise monies to fully pay off our expenses from December of 2006 .
> As to the January bills -- they still need to be assessed.
>
> As we have said before, making a contribution is only a mouse click
> away if you have Pay Pal. Just go to www.arnewsline. org and click on
> the button at the top of the page marked "Make Donation."
>
> Or you can send in a contribution to the Amateur Radio Newsline Support
> Fund, Post Office Box 660937, Arcadia California, 91066.
>
> All donations are tax deductible and whichever way you choose, the all
> volunteer crew at the Amateur Radio Newsline will be eternally
> grateful. Simply said, we are here to serve you.
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> For the support fund, I'm Andy Jarema, N6TCQ
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> Amateur Radio Newsline report number 1540 with a release date of
> Friday, February 16th, 2007 to follow in 5-4-3-2-1.
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> The following is a Q-S-T. Hams across the nation fight for the right
> to go mobile as numerous states propose laws to ban in motion
> electronic messaging. Find out the details on Amateur Radio Newsline
> report number 1540 coming your way right now.
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> RADIO LAW: OREGON HAMS FACE PROPOSED MOBILE RADIO BAN
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> Hams in several states are now facing the possibility of new laws aimed
> at cellphone users that broadly forbid the use of any sort of two-way
> mobile radio gear. In Oregon, three such pieces of legislation have
> now been introduced in the state Legislature. Don Carlson, KQ6FM,
> reports:
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> Oregon hams are facing three proposals aimed at mobile cellphone and
> text messaging that could also restrict their ability to communicate
> while in motion. Oregon state measures House Bill 2482 and Senate Bill
> 293 are nearly identical save for a higher fine in the Senate measure.
> It sets specific penalties and levels of fines.
>
> On the other hand, Senate Bill 246, is a little more complex. It
> includes increased fines if the violation results in an accident,
> injury or death. It also requires the offender to take additional
> steps after conviction as well as suspends their license even if no
> accident has taken place.
>
> None of the three proposed ordinances contain any exemption for Amateur
> Radio operations. Not even during emergency situations. As such, hams
> in Oregon are mounting a multi-pronged campaign against them. They
> either want to riders added to that exempts all Amateur Radio
> operations from any of the proposed measures, or to the defeat of all
> three.
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> For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Don Carlson, KQ6FM, in Reno.
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> No word yet if legislators have been approached by the Oregon ham
> community to try to work out a compromise. (W7ZVD, ARNewsline)
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> RADIO LAW: WASHINGTON COULD BAN ALL TYPES OF MOBILE ELECTRONIC
> MESSAGING
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> And hams in Washington state are now on alert. This, as Representative
> Joyce McDonald introduces her electronic devices control law before

> that states legislature. Paul Vinoski, KR8ZZY, has more:
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> If enacted as written, the Washington state measure would ban anyone in
> a moving vehicle from reading, manually writing, or in any way sending
> a message using any form of electronic device. This includes any form
> of readerboard in which the message is updated by wireless connection
> and which may also display Amber Alert messages.
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> Washington state considers a readerboard to be any form of visual
> display in line of sight of a driver. Theoretically, even the display
> on an X-M or Sirius satellite radio receiver would likely fall in this
> category as would the displays used for a vehicle satellite guidance
> system. For ham radio, it could mean that A-P-R-S and other packet
> messages would be affected.
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> Also, the language of the measure does not require the electronic
> wireless communication device being read to even be in the vehicle. And
> its ambiguous enough that the ban on sending is not restricted to text
> messaging. In theory at least it would seem to include any sort of
> messaging that could in any way impede a persons ability to safely
> operate a motor vehicle.
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> For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Paul Vinoski, KR8ZZY
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> Although the proposed legislation purports to cover text messaging
> devices aimed at teens, the language of the proposed law is so broad as
> to include a lot of other forms of personal electronics in which text
> arrives to the driver via a radio transmission. (W7ZVD, ARNewsline)
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> RADIO LAW: NY HAMS FACE PEDESTRIAN ANTI CELLPHONE LAW
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> And if you think that one bad, New York state pedestrians including
> radio amateurs could find themselves on the wrong side of the law.
> This by just crossing the street while chatting on a cell phone, using
> a two-way device or just listening to an iPod.
>
> State Senator Carl Kruger plans to introduce legislation to make it
> illegal to use any form of portable electronic devices while crossing
> the street. The measure would impose $100 fine and a trip to criminal
> court for anyone caught crossing the street while using any electronic
> device. News reports say Kruger opposes any exemptions other than for
> police, fire and emergency first responders.
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> The proposed legislation comes after the deaths of two pedestrians

> within the past five months in the senators Brooklyn district. The
> first walked into the path of an oncoming bus after stepping off the
> curb at a busy intersection Later a 23-year-old man was struck and
> killed while listening to his iPod while crossing the street.
>
> Police officials in cities around the country have cautioned citizens
> against using electronic devices in public. According to Senator
> Kruger, electronic devices not only distract people from watching for
> oncoming vehicles, but also can attract big-city hazards such as
> pickpockets, muggers and purse-snatchers. (Published news reports)
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> RADIO LAW: NEW MEXICO HAMS WILL OPPOSE ANTI MOBILE COMNMUNICATIONS LAW
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> Hams in New Mexico have risen to the occasion in fighting a proposed
> new communications law. One that would effectively restrict their
> ability to operate mobile. Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, reports:
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> A February 7th release from the states ARRL New Mexico Public
> Information Officer Charlie Christmann, K5CEC, spells out in most vivid
> terms the disastrous consequences that New Mexico House Bill 241 would
> have on that states ham community to respond in emergencies and asks
> all hams in the state to oppose it.
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> As reported last week, the measure was introduced into the New Mexico
> House of Representatives by Antonio Lujan of Las Cruces. While the
> primary intent is to prohibit the use of mobile telephones, the bill is
> all encompassing and targets all two-way radio equipment. The only
> exemption is for public safety and commercial vehicle operators.
> Unlike other New Mexaco state laws there is no provision to allow the
> use of hands-free devices.
>
> Christman's release says that Amateur Radio operators in New Mexico
> will oppose the bill because it will prohibit their ability to use
> their radio equipment from their vehicles. He notes that Amateur Radio
> has a long history of service to this state, including providing
> communications for the Sandoval County fires in the summer 2006.
> Christman notes that several County Emergency Managers in New Mexico
> recognize the effectiveness of Amateur Radio and have earned their own
> Amateur Radio license.
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> For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF
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> ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Vice-Director Brian Mileshosky, N5ZGT,
> may have summed it up best. He is quoted in the release as saying that

> this bill should be amended to exempt ham radio operators or it should
> not go to the floor for a vote. (K5CEC)
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> RADIO LAW: WYOMING PROPOSES TO EXEMPT CB'ERS FROM PROPOSED ANTI MOBILE
> COMNMUNICATIONS LAW
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> Meantime a big win for 11 meter C-B operators in Wyoming. That's where
> two measures are now before the legislature to outlaw the use of
> cellular or satellite telephones while a vehicle is in motion.
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> Both bills contain specific exemptions for 11 meter Class D operators
> along with first responders and most commercial users. However, there
> is no exemption for Amateur Radio operations.
>
> Hams in Wyoming are reported to be trying to get similar treatment, but
> so far their requests have fallen on deaf legislative ears. (KB0IIM)
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> ENFORCEMENT: FCC ISSUES SHOW CAUSE IN 14 YEAR OLD CASE
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> A ham convicted over a decade ago in a case involving a minor has had
> his Amateur service license designated for possible revocation by the
> FCC. This, as the regulatory agency asks David L. Titus, KB7ILD, of
> Seattle, Washington, to justify why his Amateur Radio license should
> not be revoked. Amateur Radio Newsline's Mark Abramowicz, NT3V,
> reports:
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> The FCC says it is taking steps to revoke the Amateur Radio license of
> 32-year-old David Titus who is listed on Seattle's sex offender
> registry for his 1993 conviction for soliciting an 11-year-old boy at a
> gym.
>
> The registry says Titus, KB7ILD, served a 20-month prison term for his
> conviction on a charge of communications with a minor for immoral
> purposes.
>
> The FCC'S Enforcement Bureau issued an order on Jan. 30 of this year to
> Titus requiring him to - in legal terms - show cause as to why he
> should keep his ham license.
>
> In a four-page order obtained from the FCC by Amateur Radio Newsline,
> the commission cites sections of the Communications Act of 1934 as its
> justification for moving against Titus nearly 14 years after his
> conviction.
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> Kris Anne Monteith, chief of the Enforcement Bureau, signed the order.
> She says Section 312 gives the FCC the right to revoke any license if
> "conditions come to the attention of the Commission which would warrant
> it in refusing to grant a license or permit on the original
> application. "
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> Monteith asserts an applicant's character is among the factors the
> commission can consider.
>
> And, "any conviction for misconduct constituting a felony," calls into
> quetion whether "the applicant lacks to traits of reliability and or
> truthfulness necessary to be a licensee."
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> Monteith contends felony convictions, especially those related to
> sexual offenses involving young children, raise questions regarding an
> amateur licensee's qualifications.
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> She says because the Amateur Radio Service is particularly attractive
> to children, it calls into question whether Titus should be able to
> retain his ham license.
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> Titus has 30 days to respond to the order and a hearing will be
> scheduled before an administrative law judge on the matter.
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> For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Mark Abramowicz, NT3V, in
> Philadelphia.
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> The full show cause order is on the FCC Web site at the
> http://hraunfoss. fcc.gov/edocs_ public/attachmat ch/DA-07- 377A1.pdf
> (FCC)
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> ENFORCEMENT: UNLICENSED BROADCASTER GDINGED FOR $10,000
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> The FCC has issued a monetary forfeiture in the amount of $10,000 to Gary
> Toussaint. This, for operating an unlicensed radio transmitter on the
> frequency 102.9 MHz in Mattapan, Massachusetts.
>
> On March 8, 2006, the Commission's Boston Field Office issued a Notice of
> Apparent Liability for Forfeiture in the amount of $10,000 to Toussaint.
> On May 15, 2006, Toussaint submitted a response to the N-A-L and
> requested cancellation of the proposed forfeiture based on his inability
> to pay.
>
> Toussaint stated in the response that documentation in support of his
> request would be submitted under separate cover. To date, no such
> documentation has been received by the Commission.

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> Based on the information before it, the Commission has affirmed the
> $10,000 forfeiture order. Toussaint was given the usual 30 days to pay
> or to file a further appeal. (FCC)
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> RESCUE RADIO: CALIFORNIA TO STREAMLINE STATE EMERGENCY AGENCIES
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> The State Auditor of California's and one of its senators say that far
> to many agencies overseeing the states emergency preparedness. Both
> say that this demonstrates the need to clarify which one should take
> the lead when disaster strikes.
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> Auditor Elaine Howle recently told a Senate committee that her office
> had to draw its own organizational chart. This, to sort out the
> interconnecting and often overlapping responsibilities of the various
> agencies. They include the Governor's Office of Emergency Services,
> Governor's Office of Homeland Security, California Department of Health
> Services and more than a dozen other departments, boards, committees
> and councils.
>
> State Senator Dean Florez, the committee's chairman, plans legislation
> this year to streamline the emergency response bureaucracy. The
> nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office has also recommended changes.
> (SF Examiner)
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> RESTRUCTURING: MORSE TESTING RIDES INTO THE SUNSET SEPT 23rd
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> Well, it will not be long now until Morse testing to obtain a ham
> license in the United States is a thing of the past. Friday, February
> 23rd is that day and according to ARRL Media and Public Relations
> Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, many groups around the nation are holding
> "last code testing" sessions. Others will be having sessions for
> paperwork upgrades on the February 23rd.
>
> Pitts also notes that a number of groups have scheduled additional Tech
> level licensing classes or are planning welcoming parties on the
> airwaves as Techs venture out on 10m SSB and yes, using the code on H-F
> digital frequencies.
>
> Some say that they will be on the air over the weekend to look for new
> people. This, to say hello and help them make their first H-F
> contacts.
>
> Pitts says that he hopes your group is among those who use this
> opportunity to welcome the newcomers to H-F, to help them be at ease
> and to help your organization to grow with new members. He adds that

> even at this late moment in time, it's still not too late to get
> something going. (W1AGP, ARNewsline)
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> LAW VS. TECHNOLOGY: HACKER CLAIMS TO HAVE BROKEN THE IPOD CODE
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> A Norwegian hacker now living in San Francisco and known for cracking
> the copy-protection technology in DVDs claims to have unlocked the
> playback restrictions of Apple Computer Inc.'s iPod and iTunes music
> products. Don Wilbanks, AE5DW, has more:
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> Jon Lech Johansen, also known as "DVD Jon" has a system that he says
> mimics the Apple protection scheme and there-by disables it.
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> Johansen became a hero to hackers at age 15, when he posted software
> called DeCSS to unlock the Content Scrambling System, or CSS, the film
> industry used on DVD movies to prevent illegal copying. The act made
> Johansen, who was then living in Norway at the time, a folk hero among
> hackers.
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> The film industry complained and Norwegian authorities charged him with
> data break-in. Johansen was acquitted and has since become a strong
> advocate of the open-source philosophy of making software code freely
> available for inspection and sharing.
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> With his latest decript Johansen says that he plans to license his code
> to others. The move, will likely pit the 22-year-old computer guru
> against Apple's lawyers,. Experts say if Johansen is successful he
> could free users from some restrictions Apple and its rivals place on
> digital music.
>
> I'm Don Wilbanks, AE5DW.
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> No word yet on whether or not Apple will be taking on Johansen in a
> court of law. (Science OnLine)
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> NAMES IN THE NEWS: NW7US TALKS SOAR CYCLE ON THE RAIN REPORT
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> CQ Magazine Propagation columnist Tomas Hood, N-W-7-U-S will begin a
> multi-part series on this weeks RAIN Report talking about Solar Cycle
> 24 and its impact on ham radio. Its available right now as a
> downloadable MP3 file or podcast from www.therainreport. com and from a
> link at www. arnewsline.org. If you prefer to listen on the phone, just
> dial 641-985-5999. That's this weeks RAIN Report with propagation

> expert Tomas Hood, N-W-7-U-S, talking about Solar Cycle 24. (RAIN)
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> NAMES IN THE NEWS: KB2GSD SAYS MORE SUPPORT OF REPORTERS NEEDED
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> Former CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite. KB2GSD, has warned that
> pressures by media companies to generate ever-greater profits are
> threatening the very freedom the nation was built upon, In a keynote
> address at New York's Columbia University, Cronkite said today's
> journalists face greater challenges than those from his generation.
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> In his address, Cronkite said that no longer can journalists count on
> their employers to provide the necessary resources "o expose truths
> that powerful politicians and special interests often did not want
> exposed.. Instead, they face rounds and rounds of job cuts and cost
> cuts that require them to do ever more with ever less.
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> Cronkite said that in this information age and the very complicated
> world in which we live today, the need for high-quality reporting is
> greater than ever. It's not just the journalist's job at risk here.
> KB2GSD says that it is American democracy and freedom. (Published
> reports)
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> THE SOCIAL SEASON: CHARLESTON W.V..IN MARCH
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> The 23rd annual Charleston, West Virginia Hamfest will be held on
> Saturday, March 17th. The venue is the Coonskin Armory in Charleston
> with doors opening at 9 a.m. local time. A ham radio test session will
> begin at 12:30. More information is on-line at www.karc.wvramradio .com
> or by e-mail to me -- n8tmw@... (N8TMW)
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> THE SOCIAL SCENE: MICROWAVE UPDATE IN OCTOBER
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> The eastern states Microwave Update 2007 takes place October 18th to the
> 20th in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The venue will be the Inn at Valley
> Forge with registration including the banquet only $79 before September
> 1st.
>
> Also, a call has gone out soliciting papers to be presented at the
> event. Papers can be on any topics related to microwave
> communications. Abstracts should be submitted by June 1st and completed
> papers and articles by August 15th.
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> Submissions go by e-mail to pdrexler@hotmail. com or lu6dw@yahoo. com.
> They can also be sent the old fashoned snail mail way to Paul Drexler,

> 28 West Squan Road, Clarksburg, New Jersey, 08510. More is on the web
> at www.microwaveupdate .org (wa4kxy)
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> WORLDBEAT - UNITED KINGDOM: UK OK'S MINI TRANSMITTERS FOR CONSUMERS
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> A big win for consumers in the United Kingdom who want to listen to
> their I-pods and other music players on their home or car stereos
> without a direct wired connection. Jim Meachen, ZL2BHF, has the
> details:
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> The U-K has legalized the use of certain low power FM transmitters,
> which wirelessly connect MP3 players and other personal audio devices
> to radios and in-car entertainment systems,.
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> Media Network reports that mini-transmitters previously available
> carried a high risk of interference to other broadcast services. In
> response to consumer demand U-K telecommunications Ofcom has led
> negotiations in Europe to develop a coordinated technical approach
> designed to limit the potential of interference to other wireless
> devices.
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> Flea-power FM transmitters that meet these specifications, and which
> will be legal to use in the UK, will carry a C-E mark indicating
> approval for sale in the European Union. Their use became legal under
> the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations 2006 which came into effect on
> December 8th. These new regulations also make more spectrum available
> to meet consumer demand for other low power devices such as hearing
> aids, alarms systems, tracking and tracing systems and meter reading
> devices operating in the 169.4 -169.8125 MHz band.
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> A win - win situation for everyone in the U-K. (Media Network - RNW)
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> WORLDBEAT - BOTSWANA: DXPEDITION LOOKING FOT TWO MORE OPS
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> A summer 2007 DXpedition to Botswana is looking for more operators.
> Charles "Frosty" Frost, K5LBU, reports that they have a good place to
> operate from but still are in need of two more operators.
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> If you would like to be a part of this operation, you will need to pay
> your own expenses and bring with you is your laptop for logging. All
> antennas and radios are already in Johannesburg, South Africa. Current

> plans call for the operators to meet up in Johannesburg, by July 4th
> and be at the operating site on the 5th.
>
> Daniel Hubbard, ZS6JR, is another team member. He says that he has
> found a operating location on a large game farm in Botswana that's only
> about a 6 hour drive north of Johannesburg. He says there is room to
> put up all the antennas and the electric power is good. The operators
> expect to depart from Botswana on July 20th and fly home on the 21st.
>
> K5LBU says that he will be at Visalia for the International DX
> Convention in April. He invites everyone to stop by and talk to him.
> If you want to join the Botswana team, please e-mail him via his
> website. That URL is www.k5lbu.com (Southgate)
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> WORLDBEAT - UK: 10 GHZ BEACON BACJK TO FULL POWER
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> The United Kingdom's Wolverhampton 10GHz GB3CEM beacon transmitter is
> back on full power again. The beacon was forced to transmit at very
> low power after being damaged in a thunderstorm in October of 2006. At
> that time two driver stages and a PIN modulator were lost.40-beacon.
> (GB2RS)
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> RADIO ON THE WWW: THE BATTLE OF MODERATED VS UNMODERATED NEWSGROUPS
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> An interesting turn of events on the ham radio Usenet newsgroups. One
> that is quickly escalating to a war of words and maybe a duel of
> ideals in the courts.
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> The battle pits the proponents of un-moderated posting to all ham radio
> Newsgroups against those who want to form a new group. One that
> precludes the use of indecent language and also forbids character
> assassination type posts.
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> Those who want the new, moderated group say that it is impossible to
> carry on an intelligent discussion on the rec.radio.amateur. policy,
> rec.radio.amateur. misc and just about any of the other currently un-
> moderated groups. They say that the majority of postings have little
> to do with any established topic. That they amount to nothing more
> than venomous attacks by user against user with the anonymity of so-
> called screen names to shield whom they really are.
>
> Meantime, those who oppose any sort of moderated ham radio Usenet group
> claim that what they are doing amounts to constitutionally protected
> freedom of speech. They note that this is an Internet issue and not
> one where anything is broadcast over the radio. And as such, they have

> a right to express their views using any language that they see fit.
> They also say that they will fight any attempt to censor them.
>
> Thankfully, this battle of ideals is taking place in cyberspace and not
> on the air. (Various sources to ARNewsline)
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> WORLDBEAT - INDONESIA - THE DIGITAL BROADCAST REVOLUTION ARRIVES
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> The Jakarta Post says that Indonesia's analog radio and television
> broadcasting will definitely migrate to digital technology in the very
> near future. According to the Minister of Communications and
> Information, the trial for radio and television digital broadcasting as
> well as digital TV in mobile phones is in progress. (Jakarta Post)
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> RADIO IN SPACE: SATCASTERS SUFFER BROADBAND INTERFERENCE
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> Broadcasters in a number of countries in the Asia-Pacific region have
> reported interference to their satellite transmissions from broadband
> wireless services, a meeting in Washington DC has heard. Australian,
> New Zealand and Fiji broadcasters are among those affected. The
> interference is apparently caused by Broadband Wireless Access
> operators using the same C-band spectrum used by the satellite uplink.
> AsiaSat's General Manager of Engineering, Barry Turner, said C-band
> satellite transmissions in Indonesia, Iraq, Pakistan and the
> Philippines were also being affected. (Media Network, Asia-Pacific
> Network)
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> DX
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> In D-X, word that N2ED, will be active as V26G through the 21st of
> February for the ARRL DX CW Contest. Look for him to be on all of the
> H-F bands,including 12, 17 and 30 meters before and after the contest.
>
> And K5KG, KK9K, WI9WI, K1XX, and W9IU will all be active from Dominica
> on through February 20th. They will operate CW and SSB on all of the H-
> F bands, with an emphasis on 160 and 80 meters. They too will
> participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest , in thir case using the call J-
> 7-Oh-J.
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> Lastly, listen out for CE3FZL as CE2P from Panul Lighthouse, Chile on
> February weekends. Activity will be on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters using
> SSB only. QSL all of these operations as directed on the air.
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> (Above from various DX sources)

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> THAT FINAL ITEM: BALD EAGLE CAUSES JUNEAU POWER OUTAGE
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> And finally this week, heres a rather strange story. About 10,000
> residents of Juneau Alaska briefly lost power and telephones on January
> 29th. This, after a bald eagle lugging a deer head crashed into
> transmission lines just outside the city.
>
> According to news reports, the bird, weighed down by the deer head,
> apparently failed to clear the powelines. A repair crew found the eagle
> dead, the remains of the deer head nearby.
>
> Electricity was out for less than 45 minutes. No word on how many
> telephones were affected. A spokesman for Alaska Electric Light &
> Power is quoted as saying that you have to live up there its not at all
> that uncommon to have this kind of a power outage. (WA0KRI)
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> NEWSCAST CLOSE
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> With thanks to Alan Labs, AMSAT, the ARRL, the CGC Communicator, CQ
> Magazine, the FCC, the Ohio Penn DX Bulletin, Radio Netherlands, Rain,
> the RSGB, the Southgate News and Australia's W-I-A News, that's all
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> Box 660937, Arcadia, California 91066.
>
> For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, at the editors desk, I'm Jim
> Damron, N8TMW and I'm Jeff Clark, K8JAC, saying 73 and we thank you
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2548. learning about HF

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-26 19:59:09 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2548 Message: 2548

Now that part of 10meter is no code Tech.plus,what do 10meter beacons do for me ?

73 KD8CBJ

2549. Re: [WestMichiganHams] learning about HF

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-26 20:32:42 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2548 Message: 2549

Beacons?

Beacons are on the radio to help you determine if there is propagation between you and the DX, or more specifically the beacon, you might hope to QSO. The NCDXA (is that right?) beacon network is worldwide and quite structured. I recommend you find some beacon software that will listen for the beacon and help you listen for them. That way, when you cannot hear the beacon in Taiwan or where ever you can really know which beacon is missing. Otherwise these beacons send their call sign, in cw, at twenty wpm, in what is really a fast burst, at least for my taste. This beacon network is on all the regular bands like fifteen and twenty meters, as well as ten. And I seem to remember that there are any number of private beacons on ten meters. Their structure is a whole lot less formal, they transmit at all power levels, and might send their ID at twenty wpm or other speeds. I don't recommend you rely on these private beacons like you might the better and more structured worldwide network mentioned above. For example, K8PY had a beacon on ten meters. It is off the air and you wouldn't know that unless you asked. Makes tracking the private ones more difficult.

And, you'll likely find that at the bottom of the sunspot cycle (we're suffering that state, today) there is precious little propagation on ten meters. I would suggest you look for ten meter contests as they really put a lot more stations on the band. Was it last November that I had several QSOs on ten meters during a contest? Sweeps? Or get a Ten-Ten number and chase these folks around.

You'll find more joy by learning and passing the General class material. Need help with this? There is talk of a General class being offered by the radio club. No firm dates, yet.

Or you can learn code. There are folks who will help you, QSO you usually on the slow code part of forty meters, and you can get a "code buddy" to nudge and encourage. Kinda makes passing the General test more appealing? My guess, anyway.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2553. FW: first Saturday breakfast

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-27 16:44:21 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2553 Message: 2553

It is that time again. Come over to Fremont for breakfast on Saturday!
Hope to see you all there!

Tim

KC8MSE

From: Leo Woodard [mailto:hershey@...]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2007 10:19 AM
To: creekside@...; bill_fries@...; Deater, Tim;
xzynmy6@...; w8gep@...; kusnew1724@...;
hauserjose@...; KD8CBJ@...; ncecg@...;
phil@cityoffremont.net
Subject: first Saturday breakfast

This Saturday, March 3rd, breakfast at Samuel's of Fremont, 8AM.

2554. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FW: first Saturday breakfast

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-27 17:29:30 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2553 Message: 2554

yep

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2555. MAARC Meeting - March 1st - New Technology & GPS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-28 14:38:56 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 2555 Message: 2555

Hello, All:

You are welcome to attend the March 1st meeting of the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council, located at 2888 Scenic Drive, Muskegon. (If you have trouble finding us, the 146.94 repeater is your choice for directions and friendly voices.) The program will be first on the agenda at 7:00 p.m. and Greg Hoffman, N8RXB, will present it. The topic is New Technology and GPS. Greg is owner/operator of The Mariner's Centre, a marine electronics business, located in Muskegon. He is also involved with the Muskegon Technical Academy. Come with questions and curiosity. This should be an excellent program!

73,
Linda, AB8QH
Vice-President, MAARC

2556. HF center

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-28 21:19:32 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2556 Message: 2556

Homebrewing a dipole for 10meters do I us center freq.(28.850)for my calculations?

73 KD8CBJ

2557. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF center

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-28 21:27:23 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 2556 Message: 2557

The ten meter band goes from 28.000 to 29.700 mhz Paul, so you're going to want to use a center frequency a little higher then 28.500, probably somewhere around 28.800 or 28.900 mhz might be better. I could be wrong on this one, but that's the thought that comes to my mind.
73, Chris

----- Original Message -----
From: kd8cbj
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 4:19 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] HF center

Homebrewing a dipole for 10meters do I us center freq.(28.850)for my calculations?

73 KD8CBJ

2558. Fw: [HARC] THIS SAT -Next MINI-SWAP at HARC's T&T center.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-28 21:57:32 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2558 Message: 2558

Begin forwarded message:

Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 16:38:29 -0500
From: "The Aviator" <rafaviator@...>
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [HARC] THIS SAT -Next MINI-SWAP at HARC's T&T center.

Spread the word! It's time again to enjoy Holland Amateur Radio Club's next **FREE** mini-swap which takes place this coming Saturday. Each month our mini-swap just keeps getting better and better!

Bring all your surplus items, come join us at our Technology and Training building in downtown Holland. Family and friends always welcome to join in for a fun day of fellowship, food and great bargains to be had.

Free Parking available on site.

DATE: SAT MARCH 3rd 2007 (Talk in : 147.060 94.8pl)

SET UP TIME: SAT 09H30 - 10h00
Note: Friday night prior a limited opportunity exists between 19h00 - 20h30 to pre-setup your
table.

SWAP TIME: SAT 10h00 to 2.00pm

VENUE: 280 East 8th Street, Holland (right next to Holland Chamber of Commerce).

ENTRY FEE : **FREE**!

TABLE COST : **FREE**

HARC will provide once again....

* FREE table space
* FREE trunk swap parking space (weather permitting)
* FREE parking
* FREE entry
* FREE coffee
* 50/50 Draw

(To offset our new buildings upkeep, donations from sellers /visitors are always very much appreciated!)

Bring what ever surplus radio / computer equipment to sell / swap. Last month a lot of equipment changed hands! Turn that surplus gear into cash.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

ANY QUESTIONS:
Please contact HARC Building Manager - Ken ZR5AAD/W8
Cell Ph: (616)726-3929
E-Mail : rafaviator@...

2559. Ham in a Day March 18th 07

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-02-28 22:23:25 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2559 Message: 2559

All, incase you know anyone.. We have a Ham in the Day coming up on March 18th 1:00 PM at the Red Cross in Grand Rapids.

Cost is 30.00

We can also do General in the day for those who would like to upgrade to a General.. Email me for details!

Jeff

2560. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HF center

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-01 02:22:06 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2556 Message: 2560

Chris,maybe your reader didn't catch it,or somthing,but I think I put 28.850 for my center reference.Hay this is why I ask. 73 KD8CBJ

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2563. GRARA Monthly Meeting, 3/2/2007, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-01 23:26:02 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2563 Message: 2563

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

GRARA Monthly Meeting
Friday March 2, 2007
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(This event repeats every month on the first Friday until Friday November 9, 2007.)
Location: Red Cross, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE, Grand Rapuids
Street: 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City State Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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2564. Re: Kent County March CERT Training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-02 01:10:55 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2564 Message: 2564

All this is open to EVERYONE interested. You just will not get a bag at the end of the class if your not from Kent and will have to provide your own gear during the class.

Kent County Community Emergency Response Team training:

New Class

Starting March 6, 6pm KCSD EOC

Tuesday and Thursday nights 6 - 10 pm

Thru March 20.

RSVP Required:
Matt Blythe
mblythe@...
616-456-8661
www.cert-wcm.net

Notes:
Persons not residents of Kent County may attend the training.
CERT bag / Equipment is only issued to current residents of Kent County

2565. Coffee Break, 3/3/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-02 14:06:58 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2565 Message: 2565

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday March 3, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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2566. ARRL International DX Contest This Weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-02 14:22:43 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2566 Message: 2566

All:

The ARRL's BIG DX contest is this weekend. It is the SSB version on HF. This is one great opportunity for hams to fill in a bunch of countries on that needs list. And a good chance to QSO exotic and run-of-the-mill DX, too.

This event will be more informal. W8ZHO will not enter the contest. The club's shack will be available for individual hams to use their call signs and privileges to chase DX. There will also be experienced contesters available to help smooth the process, encourage, direct, and train.

If you want to participate you should contact:

(in no particular order)
Al, KV8X
Tom, W8AMZ
Bill, AB8SC

We will certainly be at the clubhouse on Sunday. We also welcome the opportunities on Saturday. You will need to ask and coordinate your effort with one of these folks. In this contest there are Huge pile-ups late on Friday and on Saturday while the DX will generally be less busy on Sunday.

As an aside, you might remember we participated in Sweeps last November. Four hams in that event managed to QSO the 5A7A station from Libya. The QSL cards for those contacts arrived this past week. There will be similar opportunities in this contest.

Drop us a phone call or email. We're willing to help and open the clubhouse with your request.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2567. 10m Beacons

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-02 15:50:15 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2567 Message: 2567

All:

There was a little chatter around here lately about beacons on ten meters. In my email I'll often get various emailed newsletters. The recent one from the ARRL on the subject of propagation had the following paragraph:

Eric Owen, KD4MZM of Sarasota, Florida sent a URL for a web page devoted to 10-meter beacons at, http://10mbeacons.com/. Here you can check loggings for 10-meter beacons, and leave your own feedback as well for any you hear. There is also a list of links to individual beacon web sites, and a beacon-chat area. Eric runs a beacon on 28.277 MHz.

I've not gone there and don't have an opinion about beacons outside of my earlier post. Just thought you might find some joy here.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2568. New Items this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-02 23:26:34 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2568 Message: 2568

All Hams
I still need more item for Sale. I need MORE Good stuff on consignment
Please bring me more this week.

New This week
In Stock The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
Now TAE KWON Do Items in stock

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals. Technician, General and Extra Class Study Manuals. FCC Part 97 book only $3.95

Used Equipment on Consignment
75 meter Ham stick $15
PK- 232 TNC with all the updates $100
HF Antenna Mount for Reese Trailer Hitch with Ball $15
Comet CT-5 3/8 -24 antenna Mount $35
Allied A-2515 Short Wave Receiver $75
Ten-Tec Argosy HF radio $200
HF Tuner
VHF/UHF SWR Meters From $5
HF SWR Meters
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
VOM in good condition
Heathkit items From $5
Extra Speakers For Radios $3
Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily
For more information call me at 231 798-7898

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From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2569. UHF radio at Midcom

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-02 22:13:47 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 2569 Message: 2569

Hi All, There was one UHF radio left at Midcom in Muskegon but I purchased it today. Wanted to let everyone know so they didn't drive up there for no reason. Thanks KC8OVS

Finding fabulous fares is fun.
Let Yahoo! FareChase search your favorite travel sites to find flight and hotel bargains.

2570. Tubes and tube testers available

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-02 18:53:05 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2570 Message: 2570

A few minutes ago, KC8SRN announced on the .49 repeater that he had a friend looking to "unload" some tubes and tube testers, and possibly some other equipment. Anyone interested can TX him at 616-842-1498.

Just spreading the word...
-Joe, N8FQ

2571. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Items this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-03 02:54:54 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 2568 Message: 2571

Tom:

I may be missing something here, but what exactly do you mean by "Industrial Batteries for your HT's"?

I can't make the trip over to Muskegon to visit your location at this time, but might be interested in something like this if we can make arrangements for shipping, etc..

Let me know what kind of batteries you are referring to, and we'll go from there.

You can e-mail me privately at:

kb8tyj@...

Thanks, and 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tom VanderMel" <kb8vee@...>
To: "West Michigan Hams" <westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: <w8cso@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2007 6:26 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] New Items this week

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2572. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-03 17:14:31 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 2572

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /Weak Signal D-STAR versus FM.mp3
Uploaded by : wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>
Description : Weak Signal D-STAR Digital Voice versus FM Comparison

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/Weak%20Signal%20D-STAR%20versus%20FM.mp3

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>

2577. For Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-05 01:00:04 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2577 Message: 2577

For sale .

VX-7R .
2 batteries , AC and DC charger , Leather Case , Belt Clip , External Mic .
Very little use . New condition .

$ 200.00 $

Send e-mail to West Michigan Hams or call
231-750-5121

No calls after 8 pm please .

Big Mark

8:00? 8:25? 8:40? Find a flick in no time
with theYahoo! Search movie showtime shortcut.

2578. MiQP What's That?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-05 10:00:01 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2578 Message: 2578

All:

We've got a little better than a month before the Michigan QSO Party. W8ZHO is planning to field another Multi operator Single Transmitter effort this year. Remember last year's effort netted our club a respectable third place certificate.

This year I'd like to schedule folks to operate and log. Maybe an hour operating and then an hour logging? We'll make this fun with special opportunities.

Mark your calendar for this fun event. April 21. Starts noon and runs for twelve hours until midnight. We will operate from the W8ZHO MAARC clubhouse.

Hope you can join us for the fun!

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2579. help help I am in a foreign land (Flroida)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-05 12:32:11 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2579 Message: 2579

Using the ARRL repeater hand book,of cource I didn,t bring the whole book,the PL,s are split?--example--136.5/136.5.What is this called,and/or how do I program it into my HT?
I am in the Fort Myers area,I leave the 10th at 3:35PM there is a hamfest starting at 7:30AM,hopeing to find a (12BA6)for my 1011D.
Also going to give Echolink a shot.

73 KD8CBJ

2580. SOLD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-05 12:46:51 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 2577 Message: 2580

<<<SOLD<<<<<< SOLD >>>>>SOLD>>>>>>SOLD>>>

Mark Strait <muskegonjimquay@...> wrote: For sale .

VX-7R .
2 batteries , AC and DC charger , Leather Case , Belt Clip , External Mic .
Very little use . New condition .

$ 200.00 $

Send e-mail to West Michigan Hams or call
231-750-5121

No calls after 8 pm please .

Big Mark

8:00? 8:25? 8:40? Find a flick in no time
with theYahoo! Search movie showtime shortcut.

We won't tell. Get more on shows you hate to love
(and love to hate): Yahoo! TV's Guilty Pleasures list.

2582. Re: help help I am in a foreign land (Flroida)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-05 14:42:26 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2579 Message: 2582

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "kd8cbj" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
>
> Using the ARRL repeater hand book,of cource I didn,t bring the whole
> book,the PL,s are split?--example--136.5/136.5.What is this
> called,and/or how do I program it into my HT?
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> hamfest starting at 7:30AM,hopeing to find a (12BA6)for my 1011D.
> Also going to give Echolink a shot.
>
> 73 KD8CBJ
>

Some repeaters may use different tones for the input and output. All you need, of course, to access the repeater is the correct input tone. Repeaters may use split tones to reduce interference to an <upside down> repeater on the same pair, or to reduce an intermod problem at their site. Notice I said <reduce>. Subaudible tones don't cure interference, they only cover it up...

Wish I were there!

Laryn K8TVZ

2583. Re: [WestMichiganHams] help help I am in a foreign land (Flroida)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-05 20:33:54 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2579 Message: 2583

PL 136.5tx 136.5rx one for transmit one for receive
----- Original Message -----
From: kd8cbj
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2007 7:32 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] help help I am in a foreign land (Flroida)

Using the ARRL repeater hand book,of cource I didn,t bring the whole
book,the PL,s are split?--example--136.5/136.5.What is this
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hamfest starting at 7:30AM,hopeing to find a (12BA6)for my 1011D.
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73 KD8CBJ

2584. Wisconsin QSO Party - This sunday, March 11

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-05 21:55:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2584 Message: 2584

Note: Deails of the Wisconsin QSO party can be found at
http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [MWA] WiQP
Date: Mon, 05 Mar 2007 15:23:27 -0500
From: w0zq@...
Reply-To: Minnesota Wireless Association <mwa@...>
To: MWA@...

This Sunday, March 11. Anyone headed east to play ? Long range wx
forecast is 42 degree and PC. W0ZQ/m will be out and about,
destination unknown at this time. As a solo op, I may look to do six
or seven counties, no more, perhaps looking at a few of the more rare
ones just for fun. Who's playing ?

73, Jon
W0ZQ/m

2585. Grand Rapids - General Class License Class - beginning 20 March 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-06 02:45:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2585 Message: 2585

The Grand Rapids ARA will hold a class for the General Class Amateur Radio License for an eight week period beginning March 20, 2007 and continuing on Tuesday evenings until May 8. There will be an exam session on Friday, May 11. A team of eight instructors will lead the course, and there will be practical demonstrations of various aspects of Amateur Radio theory and practice.

Where: American Red Cross
1050 Fuller Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE

Classes will start at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m.

There is a charge of $20.00 for a study book and supplies.

Please pass the word amongst your fellow hams

If interested, please contact Dave DeVos, KF8QL <devosd@...>

2591. Watch "Amateur Radio: "Every Single Minute"" on Google Video

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-06 22:30:55 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer
Topic: 2591 Message: 2591

Your friend, jtlr.fischer@..., has sent you the following
video from Google Video and included this message:
this video shows the use of mobil comms and how a net should go besides
the mobil gear looked good you dont see to many 102 " whips today

Title: Amateur Radio: "Every Single Minute"
http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=2943570522939177086&pr=goog-sl

Description: In 1955, The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, an association
of mobile amateur radio operators, provided emergency communications
during the during the devastating flooding along the Delaware River and
in the Pocono Mountains following Hurricane Diane, the sixth costliest
U.S. hurricane of the 20th century...fifty years before Hurricane
Katrina.

In 1959, the club produced this short film to explain amateur radio,
and especially mobile communications as practiced by the club.

(The main film begins after a three minute interview with Jim Spencer,
W3BBB, produced by a local cable channel many years later)

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2592. River Bank Run 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-07 01:57:11 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2592 Message: 2592

All, Its time again.. River Bank Run 2007! This sign up is for the main event.. Remember that if you sign up we will need you at a Pre-Race meeting the night before. We are also looking for a few people to ride bikes in to help cover the event. So if your in shape and you want to ride a bike let me know. Please go to this link to sign up. www.kcraces.net/rbr River Bank run requires lots and lots of people.. This is the BIG ONE for the year, 5 hours of controled chaos! 25,000 people and lots of fun! We need everyone, we do not care what club you belong to, ARRL affiliation or any other affiliations. All you need is a Tech License and be willing to give up your Friday Night / Saturday Morning for lots of Fun!!!! IF you have questions or to sign up for the smaller events please email me jnawrot@...

This year there are several events related to the River Bank Run to help get things going..

April 21 - Pre Run Need about 15-20 people

May 8th - Holland Junior Run Need about 10 People for this

May 9th - Wyoming Junior Run Need About 15 People for this

May 11th - Pre Race meeting Everyone signed up needs to be at this. Meeting place will be the Red Cross 1050 Fuller Ave NE
May 12th - Main Event - Need about 80 People for this event!!!

2593. tone deaf

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-07 03:32:30 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2593 Message: 2593

Neither rig has tone squelch,dead in the water.Give me simple Michigan any time.

73 KD8CBJ

2594. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Watch "Amateur Radio: "Every Single Minute"" on Google Video

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-07 05:07:59 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2591 Message: 2594

About the only change I see is the size and quality of the equipment. Looks like operating has not changed much. Pretty cool.

2596. XP, Vista,2K

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-07 14:32:54 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 2596 Message: 2596

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2597. Daylight Savings Time

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Date: 2007-03-07 19:12:07 UTC
From: Jim
Topic: 2597 Message: 2597

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2598. Reminder, Marshall Hamfest, Saturday March 17

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-07 22:56:36 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2598 Message: 2598

Marshall Hamfest, 2007, Saturday March 17th, 2007,8am to 1pm at the
Marshall High School

Details at http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html

Marshall is about 90 miles SE of downtown Grand Rapids just off I-94

2599. Wisconsin QSO Party Sunday March 11

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-07 23:02:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2599 Message: 2599

2007 Wisconsin QSO Party - 1800Z March 11 to 0100Z March 12

Eastern (Michigan) Time: March 11 - 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM EDST

Note: This is the first day of Daylight Savings Time

SSB, CW, Digital, 80 thru 2 metres. For details and rules see

http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm

Typically this QSO Party has over 200 participants, with over 100 in Wisconsin, so there should be plenty QSO's available. There is a special award for out of state operators who contact all 72 Wisconsin counties.

73 de n8xx Hg

2600. Re: XP, Vista,2K

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-07 23:17:42 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 2596 Message: 2600

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2601. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: XP, Vista,2K

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-08 01:00:37 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2596 Message: 2601
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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Tim
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From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Scott Pawlowski
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2603. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Daylight Savings Time

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-08 01:30:45 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 2597 Message: 2603

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2604. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: XP, Vista,2K

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-08 01:34:27 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 2596 Message: 2604

Not at all off topic. That was the same thing I was talking about in Vista to change except you explained it much better than I did. BTW, I just check in XP home as I am writing this from my laptop and it is there as well.

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2605. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Daylight Savings Time

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-08 01:46:55 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2597 Message: 2605
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I have posted the tzedit utility for both 2000/xp and for win9X and ME on my website. http://www.tdats.net You can edit the time zone data with this utility, including the start and end dates, times, the time zone names, all without registry edits. I have only tested these utilities in windows 2000, XP and 98 computers.

You can also use the utility to tell if the automatic update for xp was installed or not.

The downloads on the instructions website I posted do not seem to work, but the directions are good. The downloads on my site are valid files that I used to patch our work computers.

Good luck!!
73
Tim Deater
KC8MSE
http://www.tdats.net

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Jim
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2606. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Daylight Savings Time

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-08 01:47:27 UTC
From: Deater, Tim
Topic: 2597 Message: 2606
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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2607. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Daylight Savings Time

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-08 02:06:41 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 2597 Message: 2607

Emerson smart set? I hear you there.... too bad they dont have a replaceable chip for them that has the new dates in it.

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with theYahoo! Search weather shortcut.

2610. March Skywarn Training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-08 04:23:24 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2610 Message: 2610

Skywarn Training

Tuesday
March 13,2007
7PM
Rm 1100 Stevenson Center
Muskegon Community College
221 S Quarterline Rd

Use North campus parking lot

Talk in on 146.940 PL 94.8

No reservation required just walk in.
Refreshments will be provided

Tom Porritt, Muskegon County Skywarn Coordinator (231) 744-4485

2611. The Oklahoma QSO Party!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-08 14:50:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2611 Message: 2611

Besides the Wisconsin QSO party, you might want to dabble in the Oklahoma QSO Party.

Note rules, etc., can be found at http://www.okdxa.org One interesting part is that they will have special event stations on the air during the party which will allow you to "spell" OKLAHOMA with special event contacts and get a special certificate.

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [MRRC] The Oklahoma QSO Party!
Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 23:43:29 -0600
From: Tim Duffy K3LR <k3lr@...>
Reply-To: k3lr@...
Organization: ARS K3LR http://www.k3lr.com
To:

Now that ARRL Phone is over it's time for a QSO party!

Only 3 days until the 2007 running of the Oklahoma QSO party March 10 and 11. Everyone is invited to work all Oklahoma stations and many 1x1 Oklahoma Amateur Radio Centennial Event call signs. Spell OKLAHOMA with 1x1 calls during the QSO Party and become eligible for a specially designed award. All 77 counties will be on the air again this year and many rovers await your call. Visit http://www.okdxa.org for QSO Party and Centennial Event announcements, rules and awards.

2613. Milford Hamfest, April 21, 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-08 21:11:50 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2613 Message: 2613

Milford Hamfest - April 21, 2007

The Annual Milford Hamfest - Where: Milford High School, 2380 Milford Rd., Highland, Mi.48357 - Saturday, April 8, 2006, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Vendors will be allowed in at 6:00 am, Saturday. general public at 8:00 am.

Web site is http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk/milford_hamfest.htm

Milford is about 120 miles from downtown Grand Rapids.

2614. NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-08 23:02:42 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2614 Message: 2614

All Hams
I still need more item for Sale. I need MORE Good stuff on consignment
Please bring me more this week.

New This week
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course Level 1 books $16 each
JB 1002 SWR Power Meter from Wawasee Electronics $20
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B&W 550A 5 Coax switch box $10
TM 3000 Power SWR Meter $20
Astatic D-104 M6B Microphone $10
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HF Tuner
VHF/UHF SWR Meters From $5
HF SWR Meters
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition
Heathkit items From $5
Extra Speakers For Radios $3
Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily
For more information call me at 231 798-7898

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From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2615. Re: tone deaf

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-09 11:52:12 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2593 Message: 2615

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> What rig?
>
> 2 meter rigs have had tones as standard equipment for about 30
years now.
>
> 73 and wish you were here!
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: kd8cbj
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2007 22:32
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] tone deaf
>
>
> Neither rig has tone squelch,dead in the water.Give me simple
Michigan

Both are HT's.When the fire bottles in the Kenwood warm up--Joke--.
They have tone encode for TX,TH-215--30 is close,the other tone
squelch is an ad on option.Ham fest tomorrow,$9.95 T.SQ,$5.00 tube
I'm good to go.

2616. Coffee Break, 3/10/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-09 13:58:06 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2616 Message: 2616

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday March 10, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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2618. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-09 15:59:12 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2614 Message: 2618

or would it be closer for me just to go to yur house just a thought paul.

Tom VanderMel <kb8vee@...> wrote: All Hams
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2619. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-09 15:58:15 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2614 Message: 2619

can you hold the pk232 for next weekend and the d104 mike for me i was going to be there this saturday but something came up let me know paul

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2620. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-10 01:12:04 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 2614 Message: 2620

What is the repeater monitored for in coming visitors? DE WD8USA ...-.-

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2621. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-10 01:31:52 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2614 Message: 2621

Try 145.490 pL 94.8 or 146.940 PL 94.8 there is allways someone to talk you in 73 kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: wd8usa@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2007 8:12 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK

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2622. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-10 03:13:19 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2614 Message: 2622

Joe
If you mean the Store I lesson to 145.490 Grand Haven in the Store. Are you coming this Sat? Tom
----- Original Message -----
From: wd8usa@aol.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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2623. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEW ITEMS THIS WEEK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-10 14:23:51 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 2614 Message: 2623

Afraid I have to hold off- I got just too much painting to do around here- I hope to make it soon- JB

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2624. ARRL on Red Cross' Background Check Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-10 15:16:30 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2624 Message: 2624

Did you see this paragraph or two in the recent ARRL Letter? Might send you in some interesting directions.

* ARRL releases statement on Red Cross background check policy:

ARRL -- the National Association for Amateur Radio, has released a position statement <http://www.arrl.org/announce/ARRL-ARC-bg-check.html> <http://www.arrl.org/announce/ARRL-ARC-bg-check.html> regarding the implementation of a background check procedure by the American Red Cross.

The statement was released to address ARRL members' concerns prior to a March 31, 2007, compliance deadline the Red Cross has set. The application of the background check policy to Amateur Radio operators providing communication services to the Red Cross -- either as Red Cross volunteers or as Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) members -- is the subject of continuing discussions between the ARRL and the Red Cross. Therefore, the position statement is subject to change. The ARRL will announce any such revisions and updates on its Web site.

2625. Re: ARRL on Red Cross' Background Check Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-10 21:19:03 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2624 Message: 2625

For the MCECS and NCEC members, please read the message I posted to each reflector in regards to this continuing saga.

For those of you that are not MCECS or NCEC members then I would ask that you contact your groups Red Cross Liaision and find out about how your local chapter is handling this whole saga.

If you do not have a Red Cross Liaision and wish to know the latest information then feel free to email me at kd8bgq at arrl.net

Best Regards,
Doc Strait, KD8BGQ
MCECS Red Cross Liaison
Muskegon-Oceana-Newago Red Cross Chapter RTT Manager & Volunteer.

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2627. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Daylight Savings Time

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-11 20:40:05 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 2597 Message: 2627

Mark,

Try going to the Control Panel and select Regional and Language.

If you are using Windows XP Custom under Regional Options, then click on the Time Tab. If the Hour (HH) symbols are capitolized that means it displays the time at 24 hours. If the Hour (hh) symbols are in lower case the means it displays the time as 12 hours time.

If you have a different operation system you may have to poke around in the Regional Options to find it.

Denny

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2007 16:15
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Daylight Savings Time

Hi Tim,

I ran the utility and now my clock only displays in 24 hr. time. There is no AM/PM choice.

Any idea what happened?

Thanks,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Deater, Tim
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2007 21:46
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Daylight Savings Time

I have posted the tzedit utility for both 2000/xp and for win9X and ME on my website. http://www.tdats.net You can edit the time zone data with this utility, including the start and end dates, times, the time zone names, all without registry edits. I have only tested these utilities in windows 2000, XP and 98 computers.

You can also use the utility to tell if the automatic update for xp was installed or not.

The downloads on the instructions website I posted do not seem to work, but the directions are good. The downloads on my site are valid files that I used to patch our work computers.

Good luck!!
73
Tim Deater
KC8MSE

http://www.tdats.net

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From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Jim
Sent: Wed 3/7/2007 2:12 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Daylight Savings Time

Just a reminder about daylight savings time. Here are some helpfull information to make sure your computer changes the time this weekend.

If your computer is setup to receive automatic updates, you should be all set, however it will be good to check just to make sure.

With the upcoming time change Sunday at 2:00 am you will want to check your home computers and apply the windows update patch that corrects DST to the new start and end dates. You will want to assure that patch (KB931836) is applied. You can check from the windows update page in Internet explorer. Then click on View to see your update history. If it is not already installed click on the express install and it will download. Then install updates and you should be good.

If you have an older computer running Win 98 or 95 you will have to manually make the change this Sunday and again on April 1 as the system will not know that it has been changed, you will need to do this every time DST changes in Spring and Fall for as long as you keep these computers running, as Microsoft does not have a patch for the older systems.

Old DST: First Sunday in April until Last Sunday in October
New DST: Second Sunday in March until First Sunday in November

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No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.413 / Virus Database: 268.18.7/711 - Release Date: 3/5/2007

2629. MCECS (ARES) Training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-12 01:35:50 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2629 Message: 2629

Skywarn Training

Tuesday
March 13,2007
7PM
Rm 1100 Stevenson Center
Muskegon Community College
221 S Quarterline Rd

Use North campus parking lot

Talk in on 146.940 PL 94.8

No reservation required just walk in.
Refreshments will be provided

Tom Porritt, Muskegon County Skywarn Coordinator (231) 744-4485

2630. ARES Net Tonight?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-12 01:26:57 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 2630 Message: 2630

Was there an ARES net at 7:30 tonight? I haven't been tuning in for awhile but was going to this evening and didn't hear anything on either the 94 or 82 repeaters.

2632. OkQP N8XX SOAB LP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-12 03:19:19 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2632 Message: 2632

Oklahoma QSO Party

Call: N8XX

Class: SOAB LP
QTH: MICHIGAN
Operating Time (hrs): 5

Summary:
Band CW-Dig Qs Ph Qs

80: 4
40: 43 2

Total: 47 2 Mults = 29 Total Score = 4,205

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments: Nice casual contest - The 1 x 1 mobiles were most impressive.
K5K parked at the intersection of 3 counties and gave a very long run of
contacts, then moved to another 3 county intersection and did the same.
The hardest 1 by 1 was the "H" - only heard K5H in two different counties.

2633. WEAVER'S WORDS -- THEY ARE PLAYING BASEBALL!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-12 12:15:54 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2633 Message: 2633

[As always, send replies to k8je@.... Do not click on REPLY. The
ARRL reflector that gets this newsletter to you is one-way, only.]

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- Elmering Newcomers
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- Division Convention
- Tentative Itinerary for K8JE and KI4LA

-- Why Steering Wheels are on the Left Side --

From the beginning of the production of automobiles in the US, steering
wheels on virtually all US motor vehicles have been on the left side of
the vehicle. Why? The answer is below.

-- Elmering Newcomers --

Elmering newcomers should come in many forms. Recently, I've seen one
form that builds on the high-interest of younger people in computer
technology -- the Internet.

I encourage the editors who put club news and activities into club
Internet and print bulletins work with other members in the club to
develop a series of short how-to-do-its or watch-outs to be included in
these bulletins. A recent brief discussion I saw came via a local BB
and local club bulletin. This discussion addressed how hams are
required by FCC to "protect" our band edges. As nearly all of us
established hams know, it isn't merely important where the "carrier
frequency" is centered if the side-band lies outside the legal band
edge. Many of our newer hams may not know this, so a
simple-to-understand explanation might be in order. But this topic is
merely one of many that a newbie might need to learn. How about the
time between IDing, listening for more than a split second before
transmitting and many, many more tidbits of information the rest of us
take for granted?

Before anyone begins to rail against "ignorant, new amateurs," keep in
mind that many of us who came into the Service by way of the Novice
license didn't know everything at the time, either. I admit I didn't
really understand what "protecting the band edge" fully meant until my
Elmer explained it to me just after I received the Novice license.

This is the reason there is an introductory license. It is a "license to learn." The Tech license is the current introductory license.

One purpose for an introductory license is to allow the new ham to learn. Let help them learn just as so many of us were assisted during the learning process by other hams.

-- AD for the Advancement of Digital Radio --

I am pleased to announce that John Champa, K8OCL of Howell, Michigan has accepted appointment as Assistant Director for the Advancement of Digital Radio! John earned the ARRL 2003 Microwave Development Award for his work in chairing the League's High Speed Multi-Media Working Group and for his work in developing practical IEEE 802.11 Wi-Fi technology for Amateur Radio.

John is an RF Systems Engineer with Rockwell-Collins.

-- Legislative Action Progress --

Since my latest plea for assistance with the new ARRL Legislative Action Program, several additional volunteers have stepped forward to become Legislative Action Assistants (LAAs). These are the people who meet occasionally with their US Congressman or aides back in the home Districts. This has been an encouraging turn of events as more members have recognized the importance of developing this "grassroots" effort. I thank each new volunteer for coming forward to serve the best interests of Amateur Radio and ARRL.

We still need quite a number of additional LAAs. If you believe you are capable of meeting about three times a year at a local Congressman's office to talk let him know you support or oppose a piece of legislation that effects Amateur Radio, contact your state Legislative Action Coordinator to find out how the LAA task works. In Michigan, contact Bob "Scotty" Wright, KB8APS at kb8aps@.... In Ohio it is Brent Stover, WD8PBZ, wd8pnz@..., and in Kentucky contact Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA at ki4l@....

Incidentally, legislation of importance to Amateur Radio has been introduced into the US House of Representatives. Before much longer, it will be important that our LAAs contact their Representatives. To do this successfully, we need LAAs in each Congressional District in the Great Lakes Division.

-- FCC: No Habla Espaniole --

The FCC rejected a petition by the Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League (PEARL) to require Amateur Radio exams to be printed in Spanish for Spanish speaking license applicants. If the PEARL petitiion had been adopted, all VE sessions would have been required to maintain supplies of Spanish-language exams for all license levels.

-- Who Says Morse Is Dead --

Mark Spencer, WA8SME who heads the ARRL Amateur Radio Education & Technology Program has been doing research related to review the "Big Project" and schools that are signed up for this. One interesting comment in his most recent report on the subject is:

"I spent a day working with a 6th grader who was on school vacation. I tried out some curriculum materials on the young man. Morse code is the content area that seemed to capture his interest the most (the old mode maintains its relevance)."

Who says youngsters are not interested in Morse code? Maybe we need to get to "them" at a younger age than we previously thought. Admittedly, this "poll" is far from being statistically significant, but it provides a bit of interesting insight.

-- W1AW Transmits On Required Frequencies --

A few members asked for the reference to the FCC rule that requires W1AW to broadcast code practice, code trial runs, bulletins and the like on pre-announced frequencies and times, and therefore, prevents the station from QSYing at the last moment to avoid stations that have come on a pre-announced frequency. This rule is as follows:

"Code of Federal Regulations 97.113(d).

"(d) The control operator of a club station may accept compensation for the periods of time when the station is transmitting telegraphy practice or information bulletins, provided that the station transmits such telegraphy practice and bulletins for at least 40 hours per week; schedules operations on at least six amateur service MF and HF bands using reasonable measures to maximize coverage; where the schedule of normal operating times and frequencies is published at least 30 days in advance of the actual transmissions; and where the control operator does not accept any direct or indirect compensation for any other service as a control operator."

-- Progress Toward ARES Response Capability Upgrade --

One item highlighted in the National Emergency Response Preparedness Committee report in January relates to developing a database of amateurs who are willing to roll out in the event of a major, area wide disaster. This database would list trained ARES volunteers from throughout the US. The database has been developed and tested at HQ in a pilot study. The study disclosed areas in which improvements are needed. These improvements are being made at this time. Developing the data base will follow.

-- Why Steering Wheels are on the Left Side --

With all of Europe placing steering wheels on the right side of their vehicles until fairly recently, one wonders why steering wheels have essentially always been on the left side in this country. The reason is our old friend and fellow ham Hiram Percy Maxim who founded ARRL and for all intents and purposes founded Amateur Radio.

Hiram was a leading inventor in many fields, including in the development of the automobile. Hartford, CT was the hub of auto production in the early years of cars and trucks, and the ritzy streets even in New York City had the cars H.P. developed running around through them very early in the history of autos. H.P. simply chose to put the steering wheel on the left side. Everyone else in North America followed suit.

-- What'd They Say??? --

(The following comments are not intended to advise any of you what action to take reagrding the Red Cross' required background checks for its volunteers. What you do regarding the requirement is your business, not mine. All I am trying to do is to disclose the facts of the situation . . . and kick in a bit of sarcasm! Read on, if you will.)

In the last issue I commented that the American National Red Cross announced it would change the requirements for volunteers to have a background checks performed. The change has now been made. As before, I have no intent to tell anyone if they should or should not agree to the RC background check; however, the following information may help you decide.

Disclosure supplied on MyBackgroundcheck.com: "American Red Cross ("RED CROSS") will procure a consumer report and/or investigative consumer report on you for the limited purpose of evaluating you for a position with RED CROSS. MyBackgroundCheck.com, LLC ("MBC") an affiliate of Pre-employ.com, or any agent of MBC, will obtain the report for RED CROSS. MyBackgroundCheck.com is located at 2301 Balls Ferry Road, Anderson, California 96007 and can be reached at 800-300-1821."

Sound good? Maybe not. Let's look deeper into this. The important
> "spanner in the works" may just be the required agreement to an
> "investigative consumer report."
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> Investigative consumer report? On its web site, the US Federal Trade
> Commission defines investigative consumer report as: "(e) The term
> "investigative consumer report" means a consumer report or portion
> thereof in which information on a consumer's character, general
> reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living (ed note: read
> the last three words again) is obtained through personal interviews
> with neighbors, friends, or associates of the consumer reported on or
> with others with whom he is acquainted or who may have knowledge
> concerning any such items of information. However, such information
> shall not include specific factual information on a consumer's credit
> record obtained directly from a creditor of the consumer or from a
> consumer reporting agency when such information was obtained directly
> from a creditor of the consumer or from the consumer."
>
> In other words, instead of calling the search a Manner of Living

> search, an Investigative Consumer Report that does the same thing and
> more than a manner of living report is now required. And by the way,
> an investigative consumer report can include doing a credit check
> unless the credit information has already been obtained from the person
> submitting to the check or from this person's creditor.
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> OK, so RC says it has changed its background checking for volunteers so
> that it no longer requires agreement to having credit and manner of
> living checks done. Instead, it says, it will only do consumer checks
> and investigative consumer checks which can include credit and manner
> of living checks. Is this another case of the more things change, the
> more they stay the same?
>
> Who says politicians are the only people in Washington, DC who talk in
> circles and always say the same thing or nothing? Or am I the only
> person confused by this diffuse logic?
>
> -- Hamvention(R) Designates --
>
> Our friends at the Dayton Hamvention(R) have designated two ARRL
> luminaries for honors at this year's Hamvention. ARRL Past President
> Jim Haynie, W5JBP, has been named Amateur of the Year for his service
> to Amateur Radio before and during his 3-year term as head of the
> League. Also tapped from ARRL was ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare,
> W1RFI. Ed has been named to receive the Special Achievement Award for
> his long fight against radiofrequency interference. Most notable among
> his recent work, Ed tirelessly led the technical fight against BPL.
> The fact that faulty BPL systems are not rapidly spreading interference
> throughout the US is in large part due to his relentless battle.
>
> Knowing Jim and Ed personally, I especially applaud the Hamvention
> Committee for its outstanding selections. They fully deserve the
> respective honors.
>
> -- DIVISION CONVENTION --
>
> In planning for the Great Lakes Division Convention this September 22,
> its Cleveland area organizers polled area amateurs to see what they
> would like to have by way of seminars. To see what the results were,
> go to www.2007gldc.com/ to see a complete list of seminars, speakers,
> features, sponsors and biographies.
>
> -- Tentative Travel Schedule for KI4LA and K8JE --
>
> 2007
> Mar 18: Toledo Hamfest, Toledo - Jim
> Mar 20: Owensboro ARC Dinner Meeting, Owensboro, KY - Jim
> Mar 31: Elizabethtown (KY) Hamfest - Jim
> Apr 14: QCWA Meeting, Cleveland, OH - Jim
> Apr 21: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim

> Apr 26: SUMCO ARES, Stow, OH - Jim
> May 10: LARK, Howell, MI - Jim
> May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH. - Gary & Jim
> Jul 12: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown, OH - Gary
> Jun 17: Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI - Jim
> Jul 19: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jul 20-21: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
> Jul 28: UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI - Jim
> Aug 18-19: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL - Jim
> Sep 8: GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI - Jim
> Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH - Jim
> Sep 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH - Gary & Jim
> Sep 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH - Jim
> Oct 2: OH-KY-IN ARRL Night, Cincinnati, OH - Jim
> Dec 1: Motor City RC 75th Ann., Wyandotte, MI - Jim
> 2008
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> Do you want Vice Director Johnston, KI4LA or me to attend a club
> function? Let us know. If we are available, we will attempt to
> accommodate you. Gary is at ki4la@.... I am at k8je@....
>
> 73,
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> Jim, K8JE
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
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> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

2635. irlp

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-12 23:32:25 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2635 Message: 2635

To all the irlp node in Grand Haven is up and running on the 445.773 list of node numbers can be found at http://status.irlp.net/statuspage.html you can talk to the world on a tech ticket 73 kc8uny

2636. irlp

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-13 01:55:36 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2635 Message: 2636

To all the irlp node in Grand Haven is up and running on the 443.775 list of node numbers can be found at http://status.irlp.net/statuspage.html you can talk to the world on a tech ticket 73 kc8uny

2637. Field Day packet available

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-13 18:47:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2637 Message: 2637

The ARRL Field Day packet is now available for downloading.

http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/fd-2007-packet.pdf

Only a few new rules, one being the GOTA station can only collect a max of 100 points PER GOTA Operator...and you have to have 20 GOTA contacts for 20 points. No partials.

It's never to early to start planning 4 the Day in the Field.

73 de n8xx Hg

2638. Tulip Time Festival 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 02:34:38 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2638 Message: 2638

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2639. Amateur Radio Shut Down in Iraq

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 03:25:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2639 Message: 2639

From: http://www.arrl.org/?artid=7293

Amateur Radio activity shut down in Iraq (Mar 13, 2007) -- Iraq Amateur Radio Society (IARS <http://www.iraqi-ars.org/>) President Diya Sayah, YI1DZ, has informed ARRL that all Amateur Radio activity in Iraq has been suspended until the security situation there improves. He says the suspension affects both Iraqi citizens as well as any foreigners -- including military personnel and contractors -- who have been on the air from Iraq. The request to halt all ham radio activity and the issuance of licenses in Iraq originated with a letter from the Iraqi Ministry of Defense to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki as part of a new security plan, Sayah said. He received subsequent confirmation via the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research to shut down ham radio activity, although he allows for a possible misunderstanding on the part of government officials as to the nature and purpose of Amateur Radio.

2640. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Tulip Time Festival 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 11:11:38 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2638 Message: 2640

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Best regards,

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svanderhill@chartermi.net

2641. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Tulip Time Festival 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 11:29:13 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 2638 Message: 2641

Tom,
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Tom, N8YJT

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2642. Marshall hamvest, 3/17/2007, 8:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 11:58:12 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2642 Message: 2642

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Marshall hamvest
Saturday March 17, 2007
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Location: Marshall High School, Marshall, MI
Street: 701 North Marshall Avenue
City State Zip: Marshall, MI 49068

Notes:
For more info see For more info see http://www.w8df.com/hamfest.html

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2643. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Tulip Time Festival 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 12:26:23 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 2638 Message: 2643

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Denny N8CTT

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From: Tom Porritt
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 07:29
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Tulip Time Festival 2007

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2644. ARC & Identification

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 17:44:25 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2638 Message: 2644

Hello, reference ARC background checks, good question, great answers by Denny and in Doc?s recent email/s.

We attempt to keep it simple during Tulip Time, the HAM volunteers do not wear any ARC identification, be it vests, hats, backpacks, badges, or whatever, but are asked to wear something the identifies them as being a part of the HAM communications group, be it club/organization/call sign hats, ID badges, shirt, vests, or whatever, besides the antennas attached to our bodies that show that we are not ARC First Aid responders.

On this subject, does anyone know of a club that might have three dozen of those bright ARRL Communications vests (or something similar) that they would be willing to lend out during Tulip Time?

We have enough events within W. MI maybe we can get the area clubs to each purchase six of them, have them all placed in a duffle bag to be passed among the various HAM event coordinators throughout the year. Food for thought?.

Best regards,
Steve - N8UJD

-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Dennis Harriss
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 7:26 AM
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2645. ARRL's latest concerning Red Cross background check

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 17:58:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2645 Message: 2645

See http://www.arrl.org/announce/ARRL-ARC-bg-check.html

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2646. River Bank Run 2007Ham Radio Operators needed!!!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 19:21:56 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2646 Message: 2646

All, Its time again.. River Bank Run 2007! This sign up is for the main event.. Remember that if you sign up we will need you at a Pre-Race meeting the night before. We are also looking for a few people to ride bikes in to help cover the event. So if your in shape and you want to ride a bike let me know. Please go to this link to sign up. www.kcraces.net/rbr River Bank run requires lots and lots of people.. This is the BIG ONE for the year, 5 hours of controled chaos! 25,000 people and lots of fun! We need everyone, we do not care what club you belong to, ARRL affiliation or any other affiliations. All you need is a Tech License and be willing to give up your Friday Night / Saturday Morning for lots of Fun!!!! IF you have questions or to sign up for the smaller events please email me jnawrot@...

This year there are several events related to the River Bank Run to help get things going..

April 21 - Pre Run Need about 15-20 people , 4 Bikers needed

May 8th - Holland Junior Run Need about 10 People for this

May 9th - Wyoming Junior Run Need About 15 People for this

May 11th - Pre Race meeting Everyone signed up needs to be at this. Meeting place will be the Red Cross 1050 Fuller Ave NE
May 12th - Main Event - Need about 80 People for this event!!! 12 Bikers needed

2647. Stolen Items from the Red Cross Chapter in Grand Rapids..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 19:49:03 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2647 Message: 2647

All:

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Thank You
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Vice Chair Disaster Communications
Greater Grand Rapids Red Cross

2648. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Stolen Items from the Red Cross Chapter in Grand Rapids..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 21:00:16 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2647 Message: 2648

Hello, reference below, by chance is there any digital pictures of the equipment that can be shared?

Steve
N8UJD

-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Jeffs Lists
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 2:49 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Stolen Items from the Red Cross Chapter in Grand Rapids..

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Greater Grand Rapids Red Cross

2649. Red Cross Command Center pictures

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 20:15:48 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2649 Message: 2649
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

These are the best I have

Jeff

2650. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Stolen Items from the Red Cross Chapter in Grand Rapids..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 21:43:34 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2647 Message: 2650

On 03/14/07 02:49 pm Jeffs Lists wrote:

> On March 3rd sometime after business hours someone entered the Grand Rapids Red Cross Chapter house with out permission and stole the amateur radios from the Red Cross Emergency Operations Command Center. During this they also removed one of the computer systems and ransacked the front desk area. We are looking for help in locating these radios. If you hear anyone suspicious or see a single band radio for sale on 2 meter, 220 or 440 that seams suspicious please contact the Rick Norman from the Grand Rapids Red Cross Chapter.

What are the model numbers? Have serial numbers as well?

73

Alan NV8A

2651. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Stolen Items from the Red Cross Chapter in Grand Rapids..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-14 20:45:39 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2647 Message: 2651

I'll get with Joe to get some model #'s and serials..

Jeff

----- Original Message -----
From: Alan NV8A
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 5:43 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Stolen Items from the Red Cross Chapter in Grand Rapids..

On 03/14/07 02:49 pm Jeffs Lists wrote:

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What are the model numbers? Have serial numbers as well?

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Alan NV8A

2652. Not open on Sat this week so we all can go to Marshall Hamfest

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-15 11:32:35 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2652 Message: 2652

All Hams
We will be in Marshall this week on Saturday to enjoy the Hamfest

I still need more item for Sale. I need MORE Good stuff on consignment
Please bring me more this week.

New This week
New 2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12 More Power supplies on the Way
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

Coming Soon Coax Cable and Connectors

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals. Technician, General and Extra Class Study Manuals. FCC Part 97 book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

JB 1002 SWR Power Meter from Wawasee Electronics $20
AB 300 Power Booster $20
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch box $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
PRO-2038 Radio Shack 50 Ch Scanner Works Great $45 (Best Buy in Store)
Travel Plus For Repeaters CD $5
75 meter Ham stick $15
Yaesu MP-1 Microphone $40
HF Antenna Mount for Reese Trailer Hitch with Ball $15
Comet CT-5 3/8 -24 antenna Mount $35
Allied A-2515 Short Wave Receiver $75
Ten-Tec Argosy HF radio $200
HF Tuner
HF SWR Meters
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition
Heathkit items From $5
Extra Speakers For Radios $3
Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily
For more information call me at 231 798-7898

Come in and Join us for FREE Coffee Saturday March 24 from 9AM-12PM

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the new retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 behind the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2653. Fw: Stolen Radios

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-15 14:49:57 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2653 Message: 2653

rom: Rick Norman
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 9:25 AM
To: 'WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com'
Subject: Stolen Radios

This radio equipment that was taken from the American Red Cross Building on Wednesday, March 7:

Yaesu FT-2800M, 2 meter, SN 5G520076
Bearcat Scanner BCT8, no SN recorded, like new condition
Kenwood TM321A, 220 mobile, SN 9020063
Kenwood TM461A, UHF mobile, SN 20800233

Rick Norman, PEM
Associate Director
Disaster Readiness and Response
?American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids
1050 Fuller, N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Please note my new email rnorman@...
Visit our website www.greatergrandrapids.redcross.org

2654. Fw: ARRL Position on the American Red Cross Background Check Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-15 21:11:49 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2654 Message: 2654

ARRL Position on the American Red Cross Background Check Policy
Last year, the American Red Cross announced that it was implementing a background check procedure which would be mandatory for its staff and volunteers. Many ARRL members, including those who are also Red Cross volunteers, and ARES members who provide emergency communications for the benefit of the Red Cross, have questions about this policy, and whether or not it applied to them. ARRL offers the following information on this subject, so that ARRL members can decide for themselves whether or not to participate in this program. This information is subject to change, however, as ARRL and the Red Cross have commenced some discussions about the application of the Red Cross policy to Amateur Radio operators providing emergency communications. Should any of the following information change, ARRL will modify this posting immediately, so please review this page periodically.

ARRL will not attempt to advise members what organizations they should or should not support, or the extent to which they should comply with policies that such an organization requires in order for them to accept volunteer Amateur Radio communication services. However, we feel compelled to caution ARRL members to read very carefully any request for, or consent to the collection or disclosure of, personal, normally private information from a served agency. ARRL members should carefully consider what is being requested; for what purpose the information is needed; to what use the information will be put; and to whom it will be disclosed.
While there have been conflicting statements by local chapters, the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross apparently intends to require that all radio amateurs who provide communications for the Red Cross submit to a background check. Their policy applies to all partner organizations that do not themselves conduct criminal background checks on their members. ARRL, of course, does not conduct background checks. Some ARRL members are willing to submit to a criminal background check in order to volunteer to provide communications for the benefit of the Red Cross. The Red Cross has delegated the conducting of the background checks to a separate, private company. The private company has a consent form which is a requirement for the background check. The deadline for compliance with this Red Cross requirement, twice postponed, is now March 31, 2007. After that date, the Red Cross indicates that they will not accept volunteer services from those individuals who have not complied.

Initially, the Red Cross' requirements included more than a criminal background check. Volunteers were also to be required to grant permission for the Red Cross' background investigation company to conduct a "credit check" and a "mode of living" check as well. Additionally, the Red Cross indicated that the only criminal background check they would accept would be from its own investigation company, "mybackgroundcheck.com."

On February 6, 2007, the Interim CEO and the National Chair of Volunteers of the Red Cross jointly announced that the policy had changed; (1) that only criminal background checks would be required of Red Cross volunteers; that credit checks would not be required except where separate permission was granted; and that mode of living checks would not be conducted on volunteers under any circumstances. However, the Red Cross' investigation company consent form still includes consent to the conduct of an "investigative consumer report." The Federal Trade Commission's definition of that term specifically includes

"mode of living" checks and certain credit checks. The consent form that is required by the Red Cross, therefore, would permit both credit checks and mode of living checks, and not just criminal background checks. (2)
The new consent form used by "mybackgroundcheck.com" does not disclose to the person consenting to the search that he or she is in fact granting permission to have a credit check or mode of living check performed, but only makes reference to a "consumer investigative report" (3) without explaining it.
Although the Red Cross promises that it will not conduct a mode of living check or a credit check of volunteers, its contractor continues to require permission to conduct such investigations. ARRL has inquired of the Red Cross as to the reason for this, but to date has not received a satisfactory explanation.
Should the Red Cross clarify or further modify its background check policy in response to ARRL's written inquiry and the negotiations commenced thereby, we will provide that information immediately for the benefit of ARRL members and ARES participants.

(1) That announcement was as follows:

The following message is from Jack McGuire, Interim President and CEO and Kate Forbes, National Chair of Volunteers:

On December 22, 2006, we announced that the background check deadline was extended until March 31, 2007 and that a leadership team would examine specific aspects of the program so that they were better understood and accepted across the organization. This week, we approved key modifications to the program, specifically related to the consent form. We believe these changes respond to legitimate concerns and still maintain a strong organization-wide background check program.
The following summarizes the changes:
A new consent form will be developed that eliminates all references to credit checks and mode of living. The Red Cross will not run future credit checks or mode of living checks on anyone who has signed the previous consent form. The Red Cross will consider that consent form null and void as to the credit check and mode of living authorizations, and promises not to conduct a credit check on individuals unless we obtain a second consent form from them authorizing those checks. Mode of living checks will not be conducted under any circumstances. In an effort to establish and maintain consistency across the organization, Jane Gilbert, Senior Vice President, Service Area Support, will convene a working group to establish an ongoing credit check policy that will define which positions require a credit check in the future and how to evaluate credit checks for those positions.

You may be wondering why we made these changes and particularly, why now. We listened to your concerns and feedback and determined that adding another consent form in the event that a credit check is needed best met the needs of our volunteer force. This change does not reflect negatively upon the admirable efforts of the many units that worked extremely hard to meet the goals of this initiative by conducting background checks on their employees and volunteers. We believe it underscores the fact that an open dialogue on these issues is critical to the success of this program. These are positive changes that do not compromise the program, but rather advance our shared goal of having a consistent and standard background check program for all employees and volunteers who serve under the American Red Cross symbol. All other aspects of the program remain unchanged, including the deadline of March 31, 2007, by which all employees and volunteers must undergo and clear a background
check.

Employees and volunteers who have not cleared a background check by this date will no longer be able to serve with the Red Cross until they do so.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the National Background Check Office for their hard work and dedication in assisting the implementation of the program across the organization. If you have questions, please contact the National Background Check Office at backgroundchecks@... or (800) 507-3960.

(2) The following text is from the Federal Trade Commission website defining the term "investigative consumer report":

(e) The term "investigative consumer report" means a consumer report or portion thereof in which information on a consumer's character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living is obtained through personal interviews with neighbors, friends, or associates of the consumer reported on or with others with whom he is acquainted or who may have knowledge concerning any such items of information. However, such information shall not include specific factual information on a consumer's credit record obtained directly from a creditor of the consumer or from a consumer reporting agency when such information was obtained directly from a creditor of the consumer or from the consumer.

(3) The following text is from mybackgroundcheck.com's website, which discusses the information that is being requested:

Disclosure Regarding Background Investigation
American Red Cross ("RED CROSS") will procure a consumer report and/or investigative consumer report on you for the limited purpose of evaluating you for a position with RED CROSS. MyBackgroundCheck.com, LLC ("MBC") an affiliate of Pre-employ.com, or any agent of MBC, will obtain the report for RED CROSS. MyBackgroundCheck.com is located at 2301 Balls Ferry Road, Anderson, California 96007 and can be reached at 800-300-1821.

The report will contain any written, oral, or other communication of any information by a consumer reporting agency bearing on your character, general reputation, personal characteristics which is used or expected to be used or collected in whole or in part for the purpose of serving as a factor in establishing your eligibility for (A) employment purposes; or (B) any other purpose authorized under section 604 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act. The types of information that may be obtained include, but are not limited to: social security number verification, criminal records checks, public court records checks, driving records checks, educational records checks, verification of employment positions held, personal and professional references checks, licensing and certification checks, etc.

The information contained in the report will be obtained from private and/or public record sources, including sources identified by you or through interviews or correspondence with your current or former employers, educational institutions. You understand that while the information contained in the report or reports provided has been obtained by various third parties from public record data sources deemed reliable, their accuracy cannot be guaranteed due to potential human error in the actual recording or retrieval of the record. The nature and scope of this disclosure and authorization is all-encompassing, however, allowing RED CROSS to obtain from any outside organization all manner of consumer reports and/or investigative consumer reports now and, if you are hired, throughout the course of your employment or volunteer service to the extent permitted by law. As a result, you should carefully consider whether to exercise your right to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report.

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2655. LOOKING FOR YOUTH INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO AGES 14-20

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-15 23:31:32 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2655 Message: 2655

What: Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council Venture Crew 9050 Open House

When: March 18th from 3pm-5pm.

Where: Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council Clubhouse at 2888 Scenic drive, about one mile north of River Road.

For: Youth who are 14 (and have completed the 8th grade)through 20 years of age.

What did you do last weekend? Play video games? Sit in the house? Watch TV? Hang out at the mall? Tell your parents "I'm bored. There is nothing to do"?

Would you rather have talked to teenagers around the world for free? How about making something with electronics? Talk to the astronauts on the International Space Station? Go backpacking, canoeing, camping, DXing or other high adventure? Learn a ancient language? Hang out with friends at a really kewl place that is not the mall?

Youth, ages 14 (and have completed 8th grade) through 20, who are interested in Amateur Radio and High Adventure are invited to attend the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council Venture Crew 9050's "open house" program on March 18th from 3pm - 5pm. The purpose of the open house is to encourage high school-age young people to participate in the program developed by the crew. Come and learn about what the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council's Venture Crew has to offer to the youth and their adults.

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

If you have questions or need more information, contact the Crew Advisor Karen Strait, KD8DHJ via email to Sarjenka47@...

2656. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: ARRL Position on the American Red Cross Background...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-15 23:38:23 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 2656 Message: 2656

I know and have seen this document however it does not change the feeling that NO background checked and minimum required trained individuals will assist the Chapter in critical sensitive areas of a disaster operation. This is in part why there is no ARES in Kent County. The only way we can use unknown personnel will be in message running, radio installations in non critical areas and the like. I repeat-No longer is a ham ticket and a desire to serve enough! The Red Cross Nationally are engaged in talks to institute background checks and the IS courses. Already the Red Cross has responded to the mode of living check issue but needs to further clarify this to the ham community. Until they do this and the National ARRL enters into a new agreement I agree that will be a problem for hams in general. And it seems a bone of contention although why expanding one's knowledge is causing such a problem I will never know! JB

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2657. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: ARRL Position on the American Red Cross Background...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 01:15:12 UTC
From: Bill Fries
Topic: 2656 Message: 2657

All:

My two cents goes along these lines:

ARES folks like to encourage hams to train and continue learning emergency communication techniques. The world of EmmComm is getting more complex with different players, new jargon, and the entire concept of a unified incident command.

When someone says, ". . . the feeling that NO background checked and minimum required trained individuals will assist the Chapter in critical sensitive areas of a disaster operation" I initially read another message that goes something like, "Hey, you untrained and lower class radio operator, how can you ever dream of offering meaningful EmmComm assistance on a bad day?"

Is it progressive and encouraging to create a caste system and put a large number of willing folks into the undesirable category? On that bad day will the folks trying to help really think they can manage and sustain the service for the duration of the event with the few blessed operators? It might be better to encourage and train folks. Encourage training and participation with an esprit de corps. Rather than pointing out the obvious and unflattering of folks deemed unwashed.

Just my take.

Bill, AB8SC

2658. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: ARRL Position on the American Red Cross Background...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 00:23:45 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2656 Message: 2658

I don't belive expanding one's knowledge is the problem it's the way the red cross is checking the background doing a criminal check is ok but checking your credit isn't . also being an ares member does not mean that we have not done all the req IS courses at least in ottawa co we all have the req IS courses and are background checked by the county some of us even have are races cards 73 kc8uny jtf
----- Original Message -----
From: wd8usa@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 7:38 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: ARRL Position on the American Red Cross Background...

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2659. Re: Fw: ARRL Position on the American Red Cross Background...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 11:05:05 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2656 Message: 2659

Inconsiderate, idiot, unconscionable, boor, foolish, stupid

All and more leap from my last post.

I am reminded of an old admonishment by a wiser man, with an especially appropriate twist in this scenario; that it is better to be though an idiot than to type such garbage and remove all doubt.

And when I hit that "SEND" key the internet lasts a very, very long time.

I am very sorry for the insults perpetrated on the list with my last post.

Bill, AB8SC

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> and unflattering of folks deemed unwashed.
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> Just my take.
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> Bill, AB8SC
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2660. Coffee Break, 3/17/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 12:57:35 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2660 Message: 2660

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday March 17, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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2662. If you want to avoid all the Red Cross superfluous background check requirements

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 13:58:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2662 Message: 2662

As I understand it, RACES members are required to submit to a criminal background check run through the Michigan State Police.

This is a truly professional organization, which knows the requirements of a criminal background check, and doesn't require anything superfluous.

One gets much more training in communications skills, disaster response, etc., than is required by Red Cross. Red Cross will accept the background check provided by RACES through the State Police. There may be some conflict if one is a RACES member and also a member of the Red Cross disaster team, but the Red Cross communications officer and several assistants are membes of both groups, so it should be workable.

The requirements for membership in RACES may look onerous to some hams, but for those really dedicated to public service work, they are very useful.

73 de n8xx Hg

2663. Re: Fw: ARRL Position on the American Red Cross Background...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 13:47:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2656 Message: 2663

Expanding one's knowledge and becoming more proficient in communications abilities is not the problem. There have been many hams who have taken the ARRL communications courses, as well as FEMA courses, and many more are willing to do so.

The problem is that Nationally, American Red Cross advised its chapters that they were changing the requirements to ONLY require a criminal background check, and has instructed mybackgroudcheck.com to ONLY do this, yet mybackgroundcheck.com continues to require consent for much, much more. This is viewed as deceit and a downright lie by a signficant number of hams, including many on the Board of Directors of the ARRL.

My contacts within a local chapter of Red Cross have summed the situation up succinctly, and I edit the locality specific items from the following:

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Let's make sure, rather than beating up each other, we "beat up" those
that are creating policy we might not like.

Here's your contact, PLEASE express your displeasure (if that's your posture):

Suzanne LeVert
Manager, National Background Check Office
American Red Cross
2025 E Street NW
Washington, DC 2006
202-303-4294
levertsu at usa.redcross.org

It is probably not real productive to keep trying to convince each other of the merits of the argument. Let's turn discord into action.

One last thought -- A recent e-mail message sums up the issue as I see it. The Red Cross is using only the criminal background check as I understand -- BUT we are all being asked to consent to every other possible check that this company provides, and that's not right. Let's raise our voice to try to make this easy policy/documentation change.

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I've written to Ms. LeVert asking why the Red Cross requirement is different from the requirements on the mybackgroundcheck.com

If more volunteers were to do this, perhaps we could generate an effective grass roots effort and get mybackgroundcheck.com to comply with Red Cross' stated policy.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, wd8usa@... wrote:
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> <snip> I agree that will be a problem for hams in general. And it seems a bone of contention although why expanding one's knowledge is causing such a problem I will never know! JB

2664. Ride needed or ride offered to the Marshall Hamfest tomorrow

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 13:01:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2664 Message: 2664

Note that the Marshall hamfest is March 17, St. Patty's Day. (Will they have Green Beer in the High School??? NAWWW...., it's a high school, Dratz!)

But, does anyone have room in a vehicle for another passenger, or does anyone need a ride? I'm going to Marshall, but would like to carpool, either as a rider (preferred) or driver (I'm going anyway, so will drive if I can't find a ride.)

73 de n8xx Hg

2665. Re: [WestMichiganHams] If you want to avoid all the Red Cross superfluous background check requirements

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 15:58:52 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2662 Message: 2665

Hi All:

I'm boored and feel like throwing .02 in to the ring for what its worth. I happen to wear a unique hat, ok several unique hats..

My Thoughts on the Red Cross BG check..

- As a volunteer, its my choice to volunteer with the Red Cross. As the Vice Chair for Disaster Communications at the Grand Rapids Chapter I have chosen to volunteer in a higher level. With this I accepted the application packet with out any hesitation. I am not concerned about them running credit or criminal or even mode of living.. #1) I have Terrible credit, don't lend me any money! #2) My Criminal History is clean, were talking squeaky clean. For those who know me they know its above board. (and I know how to wear gloves.. jk) #3) My mode of living is just like most of you.. I spend more then I make, usually on my ham radio stuff. As my wife, she'll tell you! As a person, who is always mindful of what is being put on my credit report, I watch it like a hawk. My identity has been stolen and it has been compromised in the past. So yes, I watch it. As for Red Cross running the Check or the company they use? So far, nothing has shown up and nobody has ever knocked on my door. Other then INS about the people across the street. If you choose to take your volunteering to a higher level and be a Red Cross volunteer then you must make the decision to sign the papers or not.

My thoughts about Hank's post? He's right on the money, my other hat the one I wear almost 25 hours a week for the County is that of County RACES coordinator for Kent. We run Criminal History checks on members, we also run a full membership process to become a member in Kent. This is what our EMD requires. We also report 3,000 or more man hours each month. With the budget crunch, they use us a lot. I've spent more time this week working for the county as a volunteer then I have working for my full time job. (maybe that's why I am broke?) In Kent County, we do not have an ARES program. Why? its simple, the EM will not use people who he cannot prove who they are via the application process. So, it would be a waste of time to do it. While I do get people who complain about not having an ARES program I get more who want to apply to join the RACES program. If anyone ever looks through the training program we have, we try to make everything independent as we know everyone's busy. We also try to bring new blood in by not requiring a ham license to start. Of course, we do require our members to A) Be Responsible for themselves and there actions B) To be someone that is free from a criminal record. My Emergency Manager explained it to me in simple terms when it came to the Criminal History check it went something like. You want to know that the person who might be stationed with your wife or your child is not a murderer or child molester or a rapist. (for those who do not know, my wife is a member also). Being in Grand Rapids / Kent County. We have a VERY diverse mix of people applying, I have seen applications from Rapists, Murderer's and even quite a few sex offenders.

While I know someone will blast me for my program because we are unconventional and we do not do the ARES thing. I am not downing anyone else's program at all. Each County has the program that works for them. Each person has the right to decide what program or programs

they want to volunteer for and the amount of information they are willing to give out. One thing I have done to make things easier on those who want to volunteer as a communicator for the Red Cross in Grand Rapids is to work out an agreement with the Red Cross Chapter so that Kent County RACES members play with Red Cross. This means NONE of the Red Cross Background checks, NONE of the Red Cross training program. It just means you have to be a Kent County RACES member. And when it hits the fan, as long as the person is properly credentialed from other Counties, they accept that also. This is a unique agreement that we have with them.

So, hope this helps a bit. Choices about your participation and information are up to you. Its a volunteer activity and we still get to choose who we do that for.

Jeffrey Nawrot - N8JSN
GRR Red Cross Vice Chair
Kent County RACES Coordinator
Kent County Search and Rescue Director
6 District Assistant RACES Coordinator

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73 de n8xx Hg

2666. A Really nice tower....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 15:10:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2666 Message: 2666

Anyone interested in a "Real" antenna tower?

http://www.superbertha.com/

I'm interested, would someone donate $10,000 or so to a worthy ham cause. :)

2667. Fw: Hockey?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 16:20:53 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2667 Message: 2667
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi All:

This is from Lt. Stewart our Emergency Manager in Kent County. Its a very good cause, please pass on to anyone who may be interested.

Kent County Area Law Enforcement VS the GUNS & HOSES
Benifit hockey game

Donations go to the Marshall Elementary Center for Physically / Mentally Handicapped Children and Families and the kids games of Grand Rapids.

Check out the attached flyer for more info.

Jeff

2668. Re: [WestMichiganHams] If you want to avoid all the Red Cross superfluous bac...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 16:25:43 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 2668 Message: 2668

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proficient in what we do. Some posts to this topic clearly indicate what he had
to face and that is why he washed his hands of the whole thing and quit! What
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2669. Re: [WestMichiganHams] If you want to avoid all the Red Cross superfluous bac...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 16:31:29 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 2668 Message: 2669

Thanks Hank-Great post! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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2670. Re: If you want to avoid all the Red Cross superfluous bac...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 16:36:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2668 Message: 2670

I beg to differ with your comment. I, for one, have no personal complaint against anyone in the local Red Cross. I have no personal complaint concerning criminal background checks. I've told Red Cross that I'm happy to submit to such a check.

But, for the life of me, I cannot understand why National Red Cross personnel say that they require ONLY a criminal background check, yet the consent agreement at mybackgroundcheck.com continues to require consent of much more.

And, if I believed that an organization like mybackgroundcheck.com, which charges the general public $5 for such a check, could be sure of keeping all my personal information secure from hackers, I wouldn't mind submitting to such a check. However, I don't really need all my credit data in another database - it's frightening enough to me that the credit bureaus collect all the minutia of my credit history.

I trust you'll understand this..... Note, I'm sending this as a private message - it needn't clutter up the west michigan reflector.

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2671. Re: If you want to avoid all the Red Cross superfluous background check requirements

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 20:41:34 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2662 Message: 2671

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2672. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: If you want to avoid all the Red Cross superfluous background check requirements

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 20:46:26 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2662 Message: 2672

Doc,

I believe thats a "national" thing.. We have a written agreement with our chapter to use RACES members in GRR. We did this specifically after national made the intelectual property form a requirement. I watched several long time members quit and refuse to fill it out. So we went to our chapter and asked for the "contract".

Hope this clarifies things.

Jeff

2673. Project OSCAR Pioneer Richard "Dick" Esneault, W4IJC -- SK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 21:33:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2673 Message: 2673

Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 21:06:04 -0400
From: John Champa <k8ocl@...>
Subject: Project OSCAR Pioneer Richard "Dick" Esneault, W4IJC -- SK

Project OSCAR member Richard "Dick" Esneault, W4IJC -- SK

I recently learned that Richard "Dick" Esneault, W4IJC, passed away.

My first encounter with Dick was many years ago when Gene Marcus, W3PM, mentioned that Mr. Esneault was involved with Project OSCAR and he was going to be part of the AMSAT Forum with me at the Huntsville Hamfest. The Forum was a big hit as Dick displayed articles on hardboard for display and the most spectacular item was the OSCAR-1 model that you could pick up and hold in your hands. Not just a model, but very much the same as the real model that went into space. The only other known model is in the Smithsonian Institution and here is this guy in Huntsville, Alabama carrying an OSCAR-1 prototype model in the trunk of his car to hamfests, field day sites, and local club meetings.

Mr. Esneault was never short on words. He could talk about the history of Project OSCAR and capture your attention. It was not until recent years that we thought we should really capture some of his conversation on videotape. So, we had him visit the Huntsville Amateur Radio Club a few years ago to share his memories.

Mr. Esneault always had an impressive display when he set-up to talk about Project OSCAR

His wife told him to tell us how they got the parts for OSCAR-1 and Dick with a big grin responded, "Well, well, they were acquired". He always said that Jack Kennedy hit a home run with Project OSCAR as a peaceful use of space. When asked what kind of battery was used on OSCAR-1 he responded, "It was a fancy battery, it wasn't cheap". Later discussion would reveal that perhaps it was one of those acquired items. Things that just appeared. When asked about the callsign used (HI) on OSCAR-1 he responded, "Hey, after Kennedy kicked the front door of his office wanting to get it up.. that made no difference.. we could have got up there and did anything, because he wanted it done.. it was sort of a blessing he got in on it.". When asked if there was any budget for OSCAR-1 or was it just all acquired Dick responded, "Budget to covert the cost of OSCAR? (pause) No, nobody would ever admit it, it just happened."

When asked how President Kennedy received project OSCAR, Dick responded, "Everret R Morrow (not sure if this name is spelled correctly), who Kennedy knew, heard about it in Washington and said let me talk to Jack about that.(pause) there was a big scream behind the

closed door's. why isn't that blank, blank, blank thing up in the air now. and that is how Project OSCAR was received by the President."

Last year, I ran into Dick at the 2006 Huntsville Hamfest and he was looking in good health, but it was apparent his memory was slipping away. I could tell by the look his wife's eyes that he was not himself, so I played along with his conversation. The next day I called his son and he confirmed that his father was having some memory issues as I had detected.

Mr. Esneault was a pioneer (at the right place at the right time) in the satellite community as one of those enabler's to pave the way where we are today. We will certainly miss his stories as he had so many.

His picture can still be found in the Satellite Experimenters handbook (Directors of the Project OSCAR Association) the last time I checked.

73's,
Tim - N8DEU
Huntsville, Alabama

2674. Coffee Break, 3/17/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 22:25:23 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2674 Message: 2674

Not this week We will be in Marshall at the Hamfest Tom KB8VEE

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group

Title: Coffee Break

Date: Saturday March 17, 2007
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Repeats: This event repeats every week.
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898
Notes: Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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2675. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: If you want to avoid all the Red Cross superfluous background check requirements

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-16 23:07:41 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 2662 Message: 2675

Doc,

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While a lot of RACES people are ARRL members RACES itself is a Federal Government program that is handled locally by the Emergency Management Divisions in the various counties.

Denny N8CTT

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From: ravennaelectronics
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2007 16:41
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2676. Re: If you want to avoid all the Red Cross superfluous background check requirements

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-17 02:11:45 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2662 Message: 2676

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2677. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: If you want to avoid all the Red Cross superfluous background check requirements

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-17 02:17:18 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 2662 Message: 2677

Thanks Doc.

Denny N8CTT

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From: ravennaelectronics
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2007 22:11
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2678. Re: If you want to avoid all the Red Cross superfluous background check requirements

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-17 02:18:45 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2662 Message: 2678

Hi Jeff
It adds a bit of confusion to it. It is contrary to what was explained to us by the National Representative. He said that all chapters are to comply 100% with the background check policy by March 31st and that RACES background checks were not acceptable. Why the are not accepted, he would not elaborate on.

I will wait and see what is in the next Official Statement when it is released later this month.

Thanks!
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2679. Historical documents-hihi

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-17 13:37:57 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2679 Message: 2679

Part 95
subpart D
Citizens Band
Radio Service
Rules and Regulations
April 1977

FCC Form 555-B
April 1976
Temporary Permit
Class D Citizens Radio Station

FCC Form 505
DEC.1974
Application For Class C or D Station
License In The Citizens Radio Service

Like WWII ration book (worth $ now)who would keep this stuff.

KD8CBJ

2680. Fw: FCC NOW POSTING AMATEUR RADIO ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-17 15:58:30 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2680 Message: 2680

FCC NOW POSTING AMATEUR RADIO ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Amateur Radio enforcement correspondence -- with some exceptions -- now is available to the public on the FCC's "Amateur Radio Service Enforcement Actions" Web site <http://www.fcc.gov/eb/AmateurActions/Welcome.html>. The listing will be cumulative, and Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth anticipates updating it every 7 to 10 days.

The site will not be a comprehensive listing of enforcement correspondence. For example, it will not include letters requiring retesting pursuant to §97.519(d) of the FCC's rules, letters regarding radio frequency interference to amateur licensees and letters requesting an initial response to a complaint.

As a result of irregularities detected by ARRL VEC in examination sessions in Clinton, South Carolina, in June and July 2006, Hollingsworth has issued retest orders to Technician licensees in Simpsonville, Greenwood, and Clinton, South Carolina, to an Amateur Extra licensee in Joanna, South Carolina (Elements 3 and 4), and to a General licensee in Laurens, South Carolina (Element 3).

He also wrote to Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Azle, Texas; Northfork Electric Cooperative, Sayre, Oklahoma; Bit-by-Bit Horse Farms, Wind Gap, Pennsylvania, and to a resident of Gallipolis, Ohio, requesting they work with Amateur Radio licensees regarding RF interference generated by power line hardware and other devices.

Direct all questions concerning the Amateur Radio Service Enforcement Actions Web postings via e-mail only to Riley Hollingsworth in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division <fccham@...>.

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2682. Re: Ham plate at restaurant

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-18 11:14:28 UTC
From: Craig
Topic: 2681 Message: 2682

According to an old callsign search on www.qrz.com, in 1993 WA8MZG was assigned to George Groenleer of Grand Rapids.

73

Craig WX8DX

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Today we ate at Finley's in Muskegon and on the wall was a ham plate from 1968. The call is WA8MZG.
>
> Anyone know who that was?
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>

2683. Re: Historical documents-hihi

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-18 14:31:36 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2679 Message: 2683

In the late 60's (or maybe early 70's) I held CB license KBIV-6460.
I might still have it somewhere, but I haven't looked for it for
quite a while.

A bunch of us hams would go out on public service events, and have CB
rigs with us. We'd quiet down the chatter on whatever channel we
decided to use by using quasi-ham procedures, tactical calls, and
professional sounding transmissions.

For a (short) while, FCC even tried to monitor and enforce
regulations on the CB bands.

Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "kd8cbj" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
>
> Part 95
> subpart D
> Citizens Band
> Radio Service
> Rules and Regulations
> April 1977
>
> FCC Form 555-B
> April 1976
> Temporary Permit
> Class D Citizens Radio Station
>
> FCC Form 505
> DEC.1974
> Application For Class C or D Station
> License In The Citizens Radio Service
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> Like WWII ration book (worth $ now)who would keep this stuff.
>
> KD8CBJ
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2685. Re: Ham plate at restaurant

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-18 22:08:40 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2681 Message: 2685

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> Craig WX8DX

Same as above in my 1968 Callbook...

Laryn K8TVZ

2686. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Historical documents-hihi

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-18 23:56:24 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2679 Message: 2686

I have box of them and I even have one from Pix.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2007 9:42 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Historical documents-hihi

If you had a 4 x 4 it was more likely the late 70s. In the 60s and early 70s they were 3 x 4s. Ours was KPM-4279.

My mother had a whole shoebox of CB QSL cards from the 60s and they are now lost. I sure would like to have that box!

73 de K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2007 10:31
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Historical documents-hihi

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regulations on the CB bands.

Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "kd8cbj" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
>
> Part 95
> subpart D
> Citizens Band
> Radio Service
> Rules and Regulations
> April 1977
>
> FCC Form 555-B
> April 1976

> Temporary Permit
> Class D Citizens Radio Station
>
> FCC Form 505
> DEC.1974
> Application For Class C or D Station
> License In The Citizens Radio Service
>
> Like WWII ration book (worth $ now)who would keep this stuff.
>
> KD8CBJ
>

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.1.413 / Virus Database: 268.18.13/725 - Release Date: 3/17/2007

2687. Ham plate at restaurant

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-19 01:29:43 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2681 Message: 2687

This is Alan Groenleer's KF8VN Dad from the Grand Haven Area. Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: kf8vn@...
To: Tom VanderMel
Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2007 6:26 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Ham plate at restaurant

Hello Tom,

WA8MZG was indeed my dad. Since that call he upgraded to Advanced and became KF8IJ. Sadly KF8IJ is now a silent key, he passed away in 1998. I had no idea his license plate was on the wall at Finleys. Strange how you find out things about your parents years after they are gone.

Thanks for this bit of information...

73
de KF8VN

--
Alan Groenleer

-------------- Original message --------------
From: "Tom VanderMel" <kb8vee@...>

Alan
Was this your Dad? Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: Craig
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2007 7:14 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Ham plate at restaurant

According to an old callsign search on www.qrz.com, in 1993 WA8MZG was assigned to George Groenleer of Grand Rapids.

73

Craig WX8DX

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Today we ate at Finley's in Muskegon and on the wall was a ham plate from 1968. The call is WA8MZG.
>
> Anyone know who that was?

>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>

2688. Re: Historical documents-hihi

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-19 13:29:34 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 2679 Message: 2688

Check this site out: http://www.thepostcard.com/walt/qsl/qsl.htm

Those old CB QSL cards are worth something to collectors!

Linda, AB8QH

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...> wrote:
>
> I have box of them and I even have one from Pix.
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: k8mhz@...
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2007 9:42 AM
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Historical documents-hihi
>
>
>
> If you had a 4 x 4 it was more likely the late 70s. In the 60s
and early 70s they were 3 x 4s. Ours was KPM-4279.
>
> My mother had a whole shoebox of CB QSL cards from the 60s and
they are now lost. I sure would like to have that box!
>
> 73 de K8MHZ
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Hank Greeb
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2007 10:31
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Historical documents-hihi
>
>
>
> In the late 60's (or maybe early 70's) I held CB license KBIV-6460.
> I might still have it somewhere, but I haven't looked for it for
> quite a while.
>
> A bunch of us hams would go out on public service events, and
have CB
> rigs with us. We'd quiet down the chatter on whatever channel we
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3/17/2007
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2689. Fwd: skywarn

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-19 14:04:21 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2689 Message: 2689

for anyone that has not recieved skywarn class and wanted to take it. thanks paul

Note: forwarded message attached.

Looking for earth-friendly autos?
Browse Top Cars by "Green Rating" at Yahoo! Autos' Green Center.

2690. Fwd: File - Prevent_Yahoo_SPAM_NOW!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-19 14:08:56 UTC
From: mike foster
Topic: 2690 Message: 2690

hfpack Moderator <hfpack-owner@yahoogroups.com> wrote: Date: 17 Mar 2007 12:39:53 -0000
From: hfpack Moderator <hfpack-owner@yahoogroups.com>
To: kc8pza@...
Subject: File - Prevent_Yahoo_SPAM_NOW!

Special Bulletin To All HFpack
==========
About Your Security on Yahoo Groups.
==========
From the HFpack moderators

Dear HFpacker,
HFpack, the HF Portable Group, rarely issues special email bulletins. It is very important for your own security to read all of this message. It concerns all of us personally.

HFpack is a great group of radio operators because of participation in both the HFpack egroup, and on-the-air activity. The information content on the egroup is very high because radio operators like you are friendly and helpful. Hundreds of photos... files... thousands of messages are in the HFpack archives at your fingertips. As you know, the HFpack egroup runs on the Yahoo Groups server. The HFpack moderators always maintain complete secrecy of the members emails listing. The HFpack email list is still safe. It would be extremely difficult for the 6000+ member HFpack egroup to operate with so many great access features without making use of the Yahoo Groups service. So for the moment, there are no plans to change servers.

We all know that Yahoo provides the egroup service only so that it can advertise. But you can act now to minimize the advertising you will receive in the future.

It will do no good to unsubscribe or delete yourself as a Yahoo member, because Yahoo already knows your email address, and possibly other information about you if you have given them real information in the past. However, you can help to prevent them from using your email or information, or any possible problems resulting from this, by going to a special Yahoo web page and re-setting your "marketing preferences" and "account information". By doing this, you are specifically instructing them not to send spam to you.

The moderators of HFpack are very concerned about the security and personal preferences of HFpackers. For your own protection, please update your "Yahoo Marketing Preferences" and "Account Information" as soon as possible.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT SPAM, you MUST set ALL of your "marketing preferences" to "NO".

You should inspect your Yahoo "account information" to make sure it only contains information that you wish Yahoo to have. If not, then "update" it! Many Yahoo users are changing most of the Yahoo account information to non-real, alias, or "bogus" information. The only account information which must be correct is a valid email address.

To RE-SET, you will need your Yahoo ID and Password.
If you lost it, just click on "Password Lookup"
and use one of the three methods to restore it.

As Soon As Possible:
RESET YOUR "ACCOUNT INFORMATION" and
Click on "MARKETING PREFERENCES".
Here is the special Yahoo web site:

http://subscribe.yahoo.com/showaccount

Yahoo also has a browser tracking system called a "beacon". Web Beacons are like browser "cookies". They try to track statistics of users on the web or by HTML email.
You may disable Yahoo's Web Beacons by clicking on the following link to "opt-out".
http://pclick.yahoo.com/p?optout
DO NOT CLICK on the button called "Cancel Opt Out".
You will need to click on that link with every browser you use for Yahoo.
Click here for more info about Yahoo Web Beacons:
http://privacy.yahoo.com/privacy/us/pixels/details.html

Thank you for your continued participation in HFpack. The moderators have taken a lot of time and effort to investigate the Yahoo procedures and find ways to thwart their online marketing efforts. We hope you will take advantage of these.
---73 from the
HFpack moderators
http://www.hfpack.com

Michael S Foster
(231)598-0274

2691. 1962 thru 1967 Callbook?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-19 15:00:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2681 Message: 2691

Does anyone have a 1962 thru 1967 callbook? My brother in law was K0RCX, technician class at the time. He got a KB9 call a few years back as a "new" technician, but would like a reference to the fact that he had passed the 5 WPM code test, etc., pre 1987. He let his license lapse in about 1967.

If anyone has a record of Fergus Moore, K0RCX, please advise.

73 de n8xx Hg

2693. Fwd: National Flood Safety Awareness

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-19 16:10:33 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2693 Message: 2693

Note: forwarded message attached.

Need Mail bonding?
Go to the Yahoo! Mail Q&A for great tips from Yahoo! Answers users.

2695. Fw: stuff for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-19 23:48:42 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2695 Message: 2695

All:
Contact me if your interested in any of these items, I either have them in my possession or can get them fairly quickly. Everything is pick up only in Grand Rapids, cash sales.

Icom ICT2H Sport 75.00
ADI AT-201 50.00
Magellan GPS-12 - 30.00
HP Laptop 400 MHZ Windows 98 - 125.00
Kantronics KPC3+ 140.00
Theilsen single radio chest harness 30.00

Yaesu FT-4700RH Dualband Mobile 144/440 $150
-Includes the box, instructions, remote
mount cable and 12amp Power supply.
(used as a base radio, not mobile)

Alinco HT's $300 for everything
DJ-580 144/440mhz
DJ-280 220mhz
DJ-180 144mhz

Also includes
EBP-22N 1200mah NiCad
EBP-28N 700Mah Nicad
AAA battery pack

EDC-34 Drop in Rapid charger
EDC-49 Drop in slow charger
EDC-24 Drop in slow charger

EDC-36 12v Lighter plug filtered power cable

Speaker mic, Earbud mic, and Mini-magnet mount
dual band antenn w/ BNC connector

Icom IC-2AT 144mhz w/ drop in charger $10

Compaq Laptop $300
Presario 700
- 1.2 Ghz CPU w/ 512 MB memory
- 20 GB Hard drive
- Windows XP home edition
- DVD reader/CD writer
- 2 USB/ 2 pcmcia
- Modem and Ethernet
- Built in floppy drive
- **** NO BATTERY ****

2696. Fwd: skywarn

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-20 13:25:21 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2689 Message: 2696

last chance for skywarn class if you know someone that still needs to take the class.
thanks paul

Note: forwarded message attached.

No need to miss a message. Get email on-the-go
with Yahoo! Mail for Mobile. Get started.

2697. Re: Fwd: skywarn

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-20 15:26:19 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2689 Message: 2697

Yes, options are running thin for Skywarn training. However, I draw your attention to a class being offered in White Cloud, Newaygo County, on March 28. Contact me off list and I'll get you details.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, paul odem <rockyroster@...> wrote:
>
> last chance for skywarn class if you know someone that still needs to take the class. thanks paul
>
> Note: forwarded message attached.
>
> ---------------------------------
> No need to miss a message. Get email on-the-go
> with Yahoo! Mail for Mobile. Get started.
> Skywarn March 20th in The Isabella County Building first floor then moving
> to the third floor
>

2698. Latest on RM 11306

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-21 04:42:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2698 Message: 2698

If you have an interest in narrow band modes (CW, PSK31, etc), you might have an interest in the following.

http://tinyurl.com/2v6k63

This might be worth reading and commenting to your ARRL Director and/or the Federal Candy Company.

Seems like proposing up to 3 KHz wide emissions in the very small remaining allocation for 80 thru 12 Metres for narrow band modes deserves careful reflection. Folks were terribly upset with the proposal to allow 3 KHz wide RTTY and data emissions in the phone bands, effectively beating down the FCC NPRM on the subject.

73 de n8xx Hg

2699. (no subject)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-21 13:15:00 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2699 Message: 2699

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This class is open to the general public.
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Date:
Saturday March 24th, 2007
9:00 AM ? 4:00 PM
Testing will start at 3:00 PM
Testing will be for Technician, General and Extra class license

Location:
Isabella County Emergency Management Department
2008 East Preston St
Mt Pleasant MI 48858
Cost:
The class costs $30, which covers the FCC testing fee; learning materials. You must RSVP to one of the contact people listed below to have a spot in this class.

To register, contact
Gus Glass K8GUS e-mail gglass@... or call 989-339-0851.
Terry Francis WB8ZNO e-mail francis@... or call 989-578-0627
For information and directions Gus or Terry
Talk-in 146.720 or 442.825 PL 100.0

Bring either a driver?s license or two pieces of identification.
Coffee and Treats will be provided! Dress comfortably!

Small Print Warning: Since not everybody learns the same, there is no guarantee that you will pass the test and get your license at the end if this class. Decent short-term memory is a must!

No need to miss a message. Get email on-the-go
with Yahoo! Mail for Mobile. Get started.

2701. Need some computer parts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-21 21:17:14 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2701 Message: 2701

I'm in need of a few computer parts that I ran out of money too quickly to get at Marshall. Anyone have either of these laying around?

* ATX power supply
* Serial mouse OR serial-PS/2 adapter plug

I have a budget of $10. If you can help me out, let me know.

Thanks!
-Joe, N8FQ

2702. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Need some computer parts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-21 21:28:24 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2701 Message: 2702

On 03/21/07 05:17 pm Joe Veldhuis wrote:

> I'm in need of a few computer parts that I ran out of money too quickly to get at Marshall. Anyone have either of these laying around?
>
> * ATX power supply

Can't help with that.

> * Serial mouse OR serial-PS/2 adapter plug

If you mean an adapter to connect a PS/2 mouse to a 9-pin serial port...
Yes, I have one that you can have.

73

Alan NV8A

2703. Re: Need some computer parts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-22 11:49:50 UTC
From: Paul E. Zellar
Topic: 2701 Message: 2703

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...>
wrote:
>
> I'm in need of a few computer parts that I ran out of money too
quickly to get at Marshall. Anyone have either of these laying around?
>
> * ATX power supply
> * Serial mouse OR serial-PS/2 adapter plug
>
> I have a budget of $10. If you can help me out, let me know.
>
> Thanks!
> -Joe, N8FQ
>
I can help with the mouse, Joe.
W8IQE

2704. 2007 Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference Registration

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-22 18:21:18 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2704 Message: 2704
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Please see the attached for important information regarding the 2007 Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference & Expo scheduled on May 8-11.

2705. New Ham items this week at Tool Max Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-23 02:37:48 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2705 Message: 2705

All Hams
Join us for coffee this Sat from 9AM-12PM

New This week
RG-8 .60 per Foot and RG-8X Coax Cable .35 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors and adadapters
BNC - SO-239 Connectors
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I still need some more items for Sale. I need MORE Good stuff on consignment
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PRO-2038 Radio Shack 50 Ch Scanner Works Great $45 (Best Buy in Store)
75 meter Ham stick $15
Yaesu MP-1 Microphone $40
HF Antenna Mount for Reese Trailer Hitch with Ball $15
Comet CT-5 3/8 -24 antenna Mount $35
Allied A-2515 Short Wave Receiver $75
Ten-Tec Argosy HF radio $200
HF Tuner
HF SWR Meters
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition
Heathkit items From $5
Extra Speakers For Radios $3
Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily
For more information call me at 231 798-7898

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From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@comcast.net Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2706. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Ham items this week at Tool Max Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-23 04:19:23 UTC
From: steve Cowan
Topic: 2705 Message: 2706

what heathkit items do you have for sale.

thanks and 73
Steve KD8DHZ

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2707. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Ham items this week at Tool Max Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-23 11:09:22 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2705 Message: 2707

I will check on Heathkit numbers and post tonight. Tom KB8VEE

----- Original Message -----
From: steve Cowan
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 12:19 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Ham items this week at Tool Max Store

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Steve KD8DHZ

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2708. Coffee Break, 3/24/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-23 12:57:43 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2708 Message: 2708

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday March 24, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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2709. Fwd: SKYWARN Training 3/27/2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-23 14:02:49 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2709 Message: 2709

Note: forwarded message attached.

8:00? 8:25? 8:40? Find a flick in no time
with theYahoo! Search movie showtime shortcut.

2710. Fw: Fwd: RM-11306 Confusion About CW Sub-Bands

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-23 19:22:56 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2710 Message: 2710

23 MAR 2007 - 1245 CDT

All ARRL officers and directors are starting to receive email messages about the recent ex parte discussion ARRL had with the FCC about RM-11306; the ARRL's proposal to regulate Amateur Radio Service HF sub-bands by bandwidth. Because of what amounts to a clerical oversight, a number of amateur radio licensees are concerned, even angry, about what appears on the surface to be another move to curtail the use of Morse code communications. This is not the case and those who insist on saying it is, either don't know all the facts or have other motives for making their complaints and threats.

What follows is a summary history of RM-11306 provided by ARRL CEO Dave Sumner, K1ZZ. All the words are his with the exception of the lead-in sentence in the last paragraph.

In July 2002 the ARRL Board of Directors adopted the following policy: "At the next practical opportunity the ARRL shall petition the FCC to revise Part 97 to regulate sub-bands by signal bandwidth instead of by mode." The Board's objective was to update rules that were written long before the development of the current generation of digital modes so that digital emissions can be appropriately regulated in the future, while impacting traditional modes as little as possible.

Turning that statement of principle into a detailed petition proved to be no easy task. The Board received input from an ad hoc committee as well as staff, and twice solicited input directly from the ARRL membership. Hundreds of comments were received each time and helped inform the Board's discussions. Finally, at its July 2005 meeting the Board concluded its review of a draft petition and authorized its filing, following final review by the Executive Committee. The resulting petition was filed on November 14, 2005 and was designated RM-11306 by the FCC, after which additional comments were filed by individuals directly with the FCC.

Once the FCC had dealt with two outstanding proceedings, WT Dockets 04-140 and 05-235, we realized that the bandwidth petition was the next major Amateur Radio item in their hopper. On reviewing the RM-11306 petition, the comments, and the rules changes adopted in Dockets 04-140 and 05-235 it was apparent that some of the proposals contained in the petition had been affected by the changes adopted in the other two proceedings. It was also apparent that some aspects of the petition remained controversial.

After reviewing the situation at its January 2007 meeting, the ARRL Board authorized General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD to determine what

changes to the petition had to be made to align it with the new FCC rules, as well as which aspects of the petition were not controversial and could reasonably be expected to be included in an FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making. Chris did so, and a meeting was held with FCC staff on February 13. As are all such meetings, this was made a matter of public record by the filing of a notice with the FCC Secretary that immediately became part of the on-line record in RM-11306.

The FCC staff was provided with a shortened list, or subset, of proposed rule changes from that contained in RM-11306. The list is included with the notice of the meeting. Because the proposals affecting the bands above 28 MHz had not aroused much controversy, they were retained in the shortened list. Regulation by bandwidth rather than by mode of emission remains controversial below 28 MHz because of perceived potential impact on established operating patterns, so these proposals were removed from the list with one narrow exception. The exception is necessary because, as discussed on page 11 of the RM-11306 petition, under the existing rules there is presently no effective bandwidth limit on HF digital operations. Digital emissions using multiple carriers, such as OFDM, can be designed for any bandwidth while staying within the existing rules. So, the subset of proposed rule changes given to the FCC on February 13 includes a bandwidth limit of 3 kHz on RTTY and data emissions below 28 MHz. It is important to understand that this does not increase the allowed bandwidth for RTTY and data emissions; it actually represents a new limitation that accommodates existing practice but prevents future monopolization of large segments of our narrow MF/HF bands by a single digital station. Also, the limit would not apply to phone emissions.

Some confusion has resulted from an item that, through oversight, was not deleted when the list of proposed rule changes was shortened. Because RM-11306 had proposed that bandwidths in most of the band segments now used for CW and RTTY be limited to 200 Hz and 500 Hz respectively, the existing 500-Hz bandwidth limit that applies to certain automatically controlled RTTY/data stations was redundant and could be dropped. However, because the subset of proposed rule changes does not substitute regulation by bandwidth for regulation by mode of emission, the 500-Hz limit needs to be retained. General Counsel Imlay has filed an erratum with a corrected list of proposed rule changes that makes it clear there should be no change to the existing Section 97.221. We regret the error.

Some amateurs have observed that the subset of proposed rule changes provides less protection to CW, RTTY and other narrowband modes than was afforded by the ARRL's proposals in RM-11306. This is true. However, it is not true that less protection is afforded than is the case with the existing rules. In fact, protection against interference from wide digital modes would be increased, not decreased, by adoption even of the subset.

The ARRL Board, having studied the situation literally for years, continues to support the principles of regulation by bandwidth that are contained in the original RM-11306 petition. Regulation by bandwidth provides a better regulatory framework, not only for the introduction of future digital emissions but for the protection of traditional narrowband modes as well. By providing the FCC with a subset of the modifications proposed in RM-11306 the ARRL has offered an alternative that, it is hoped, will make it easier for the FCC to move at least part of the way in that direction.

And for the truly paranoid or perhaps those who are not familiar with the FCC's table of authorized emissions in Part 97, here is specific information about the CW sub-band allocation. CW is not listed in the table of authorized emissions ONLY because it is covered by the blanket statement in 97.305(a): "(a) Except as specified elsewhere in this part, an amateur station may transmit a CW emission on any frequency authorized to the control operator." This isn't mentioned in RM-11306 or in the appendix to the ex parte statement because no change is proposed.

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2711. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Ham items this week at Tool Max Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-23 22:19:38 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2705 Message: 2711

Heathkit items in stock

I have a Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope ? Price
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101

I will check on Heathkit numbers and post tonight. Tom KB8VEE

----- Original Message -----
From: steve Cowan
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 12:19 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Ham items this week at Tool Max Store

what heathkit items do you have for sale.

thanks and 73
Steve KD8DHZ

Tom VanderMel <kb8vee@comcast.net> wrote:

All Hams
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M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
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Ten-Tec Argosy HF radio $200
HF Tuner
HF SWR Meters
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
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2712. ARRL OFFERS ALTERNATE APPROACH TO "REGULATION BY BANDWIDTH

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-24 04:36:39 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2712 Message: 2712

==>ARRL OFFERS ALTERNATE APPROACH TO "REGULATION BY BANDWIDTH"

In the wake of recent changes in the Part 97 Amateur Radio rules, the ARRL has revised its “regulation by bandwidth” proposals to match the new reality, avoid some unintended consequences and temper some of the controversy the original petition had aroused. In a November 2005 Petition for Rule Making (RM-11306 <http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/rm-11306/RM-11306-asFiled.pdf>) <http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/rm-11306/RM-11306-asFiled.pdf>, the League asked the FCC to establish a regulatory regime that would segment bands by necessary bandwidths ranging from 200 Hz to 100 kHz rather than by emission mode. The ARRL now is urging the FCC to adopt a "subset” of the rules <http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/rm-11306/appendixA.html> <http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/rm-11306/appendixA.html> contained in its original petition that largely affects only the amateur bands at 28 MHz and above.

“Because the proposals affecting the bands above 28 MHz had not aroused much controversy, they were retained in the shortened list,” ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, explained this week. “Regulation by bandwidth rather than by mode of emission remains controversial below 28 MHz because of its perceived potential impact on established operating patterns, so these proposals were removed from the list with one narrow exception.”

That exception addresses the fact that current rules impose no effective bandwidth limit on HF digital operation. “Digital emissions using multiple carriers, such as OFDM [orthogonal frequency division multiplexing], can be designed for any bandwidth while staying within the existing rules,” Sumner points out, “so, the subset of proposed rule changes includes a bandwidth limit of 3 kHz on RTTY and data emissions below 28 MHz.”

The proposed 3 kHz RTTY/data bandwidth limit aims to avoid the possibility existing under the present rules that a single digital station could monopolize large MF and HF band segments. In an Erratum this week the ARRL also asked the FCC to retain the existing 500 Hz bandwidth limit that applies to certain automatically controlled RTTY/data stations under §97.221.

The ARRL proposal would amend the definition of “bandwidth” in §97.3(a)(8) to read: “For a given class of emission, the width of the frequency band which is sufficient to ensure the transmission of information at the rate and with the quality required under specified conditions.” The rule references the definition of “necessary bandwidth” appearing in Parts 2 and 97 of the FCC rules.

If the FCC adopts the League’s revised proposals, the 10, 6 and 2 meter amateur bands would be segmented into subbands allowing maximum emission bandwidths of 200 Hz, 500 Hz, 3.0 kHz (with an exception for double-sideband, full-carrier AM phone), 16 kHz or 100 kHz. Above 222 MHz, the entire emission must be within the allocated Amateur Radio band to comply with §97.307(d).

Sumner concedes that the subset of proposed rule changes in RM-11306 would provide less protection to CW, RTTY and other narrowband modes than the League’s original proposals afforded, but not less than the existing rules provide. “In fact, protection against interference from wideband digital modes would be increased, not decreased, even by adoption of the subset,” he contended.

Some confusion arose because of an inadvertent omission in the initial notice of a meeting on this subject between ARRL officials and FCC staff. This week's Erratum addressed that issue.

Additional consternation followed in the wake of a widely circulated, but erroneous, comment alleging "the complete absence of CW as a mode in the table of HF modes" the ARRL submitted. The ARRL has proposed no change to §97.305(a) of the rules, which authorizes CW on all amateur frequencies except on 60 meters.

The League has petitioned the FCC to permit CW and other modes on 60 meters, in addition to the presently permitted upper-sideband SSB.

After studying the topic several years, the ARRL Board of Directors continues to support the principles of regulation by bandwidth contained in the original RM-11306 petition.

“Regulation by bandwidth provides a better regulatory framework, not only for the introduction of future digital emissions but for the protection of traditional narrowband modes as well,” Sumner asserted this week. He expressed the hope that the subset of RM-11306 modifications offers an alternative that “will make it easier for the FCC to move at least part of the way in that direction.”

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2713. ARRL SAYS KNOW YOUR PRIVILEGES! MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUND REGARDING TECH HF PRIVILEGES

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-24 04:57:19 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2713 Message: 2713

==>KNOW YOUR PRIVILEGES! MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUND REGARDING TECH HF PRIVILEGES

Some Technician licensees who gained new privileges February 23 remain unaware or uninformed as to what they may and may not do on the HF bands, says ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND. In addition to all Amateur Radio operating privileges above 50 MHz, Technicians who never passed a Morse code test now have CW privileges on certain segments of 80, 40 and 15 meters plus CW, RTTY, data and SSB privileges on certain segments of 10 meters. And that's it. "Know your privileges <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bands.html>,"; Henderson advises all Amateur Radio licensees. He says some Technicians apparently believe their new HF phone privileges go far beyond what they really have.

"Technicians have no phone privileges on any HF band other than 10 meters, period!" Henderson emphasizes. "That's the bottom line. If you want to operate phone on the other HF bands, you'll have to upgrade to General or Amateur Extra class."

A lot of Technician licensees appear to have done just that, according to statistics compiled by Joe Speroni, AH0A <http://ah0a.org/FCC/Licenses.html>. So far in March, the number of General class licensees is up by more than 2700 over the February figure to 134,173, after hitting a 5-year low of just under 131,000 in January. The number of Technicians dropped by 4655 in the same period to 318,838. Speroni notes, however, that his mid-month figures tend to underestimate actual totals.

Most Technician license holders face a learning curve to take advantage of their new CW privileges on HF, but they no longer have to pass a Morse code examination. Technicians also may use their new HF privileges without having to apply for them first. No other license class automatically acquired additional privileges February 23. The "omnibus" rule changes effective last December 15 did not give Technician licensees without Morse code credit any additional privileges either.

Henderson further warns new Techs not to extrapolate additional phone privileges by misconstruing the FCC Part 97 rules to mean something they don't.

"Calls I've been getting lately indicate that some misinformed individuals believe Technicians may operate 'digital voice' on 80, 40 and 15, where they have only CW privileges," he says. "Not true. Digital voice is really digitized voice, and it's not permitted in non-phone band segments."

Henderson reiterates that Technicians do not have FM voice privileges on 10 meters -- or on any other HF band, for that matter.

The HF privileges all Technicians now have are equivalent to those that Novice licensees enjoy, Henderson notes. "This also means the 200 W maximum power limit still applies, regardless of where you operate in the HF bands," he says. Technicians may operate at up to the legal limit on VHF and UHF, however.

On 10 meters, Technician and Novice licensees have CW, RTTY and data privileges from 28.000 to 28.300 MHz, and CW and SSB privileges from 28.300 to 28.500 MHz. "We're sorry that the sunspots aren't favoring 10 meters at this point in the sunspot cycle, but they will in a few years," Henderson allowed.

In addition, Technicians and Novices have CW -- and only CW -- privileges on from 3.525 to 3.600 MHz on 80 meters, from 7.025 to 7.125 MHz on 40 meters and 21.025 to 21.200 MHz on 15 meters.

Henderson believes at least some of the confusion may have originated with a few brand-new or inexperienced Technician licensees who heard that the FCC deleted the Morse code requirement to obtain an Amateur Radio license, but paid little attention to the fine print.

"And we all know the devil's in the details," Henderson says. "Remember, the FCC requires you to know where you may and may not operate and with what modes. Stick to the privileges your license allows or risk hearing from the FCC."

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2714. Mini-Swaps (Mini-Hamfest) returning to Grand Rapids Area

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-25 17:31:41 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2714 Message: 2714

START SPREADING THE NEWS!

Mini-Swaps coming back to the Grand Rapids area!

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club http://www.w8lrc.org/ is pleased to announce the summer 2007 series of Asphalt Adventure mini-hamfests.

First one STARTING SATURDAY, APRIL 14. Setup 9AM, begin 10AM "until it ends", figure sometime past noon.

Here's the deal. The monthly LARC meeting will begin at 9, the swap immediately follows at 10. (Visitors always welcome at our meetings)
Location, just outside the new shack, 11435 Fulton St E (Hwy-M21), West end of Lowell, between Cumberland Dr and Alden Nash Dr. Same location as the FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES
THRIFT STORE.
Former location of Cumberland Manor.
Yahoo Map:
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What is a mini-swap? It?s a small version of a Hamfest. Not nearly the planning or advertising that goes into a full fledged Hamfest, you don?t have a variety of commercial vendors. But their cheep to put on and fun.

Advantages of a mini-swap at this location, besides being where the LARC Ham shack is located:
Lots of traffic passing by on Hwy M-21. Signs will be placed to attract spectators.
Co-located with the Thrift Store, which also opens at 10.
Set-up is on a circle drive in front of the building, out of the way of other building traffic on main driveway, yet easily seen from the main driveway as well as Hwy M-21.
Just outside the windows of the LARC ham shack. If you need electricity, bring your own cord.

What's the catch? Sure we'd like to raise a couple bucks with this FUNdraiser, but we certainly don't have grandeurs of cleaning up either.
ADMISSION IS FREE.
Sellers are asked to contribute $10 per setup*. (Please read statement at bottom)
Considering the location, with no admission fee, lots of drive by traffic, potential shoppers from the Thrift Store, that's really a good deal.
Coffee, pop, and donuts available. Sellers get free coffee.

TALK-IN: 145.27-(94.8Hz) Lowell (naturally) repeater.

Here's the summer 2007 schedule:

April 14, Saturday

May - since the second Saturday in May, the 12th, is also the same day as the 53rd River Bank Run, lots of hams needed for communications support, the LARC membership is being polled on the best course. The Saturday before is Cadillac Hamfest http://members.fortunecity.com/wexaukee/warc_hamfest.htm and Holland's mini-swap http://www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=30 . The Saturday following is Hamvention(c) http://www.hamvention.org/ . So the choices are have it anyway on the 12th, the following day Sunday the 13th (Thrift Store closed) or skip May altogether. The problem with skipping May is June is skipped because of IRA's Hamfestival. Stay tuned!

June - NO mini-swap, enjoy the IRA's Hamfestival at Hudsonville Fairgrounds, Saturday, June 2. http://www.w8hvg.org/IRAfest2k.htm

July 14, Saturday

August 11, Saturday

September - NO mini-swap, enjoy GRARA's GRAHamfest 2???7 at Kent County Fairgrounds, Lowell, Saturday, September 8. http://www.grahamfest.org/

October 13, Saturday

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with trailer with a bunch of tables = 1 Setup. You get the idea. If there's a disagreement on what constitutes a setup, you win. Can't get better than that.
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a 501c3 organization.

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2715. Monday Nights Holland VE testing

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-27 01:58:51 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2715 Message: 2715

Once again the Holland Amateur Radio Club held a fine session of VE testing.
Under the guidance of head VE Jim KC8KE, there were a total of 7 VE's to test 9 people. A special note of thanks to Kim, N8KAL as he made his first appearance as a VE.

We now have 2 new Tech's, 3 new Generals and 4 new Extra's.

In what has to be a first for the Holland club, one person named Richard Harder, from Hudsonville, did something way cool. He took and passed in succession, his tech, his general, and his EXTRA! A most noteworthy achievement! The 7 member VE team immediately held an Ad hoc meeting and decided that the HARC will start a new award list, to be called the "Clean Sweep", in which a person, who was not licensed before, walks in and takes all three tests, and walks out with an Extra. It would be nice to see Richard invited to the next club meeting to be honored.

Congratulations also goes to Dave Posthuma, WD8PUO for heading up the tech/general class, and Don Stephans, KD8DAG who was his right hand man.

Once again, nice job by the students, the teachers and the VE's.

Tom Bosscher K8TB

2716. Fwd: michigan severe weather awareness week march 25-31

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-27 15:21:00 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2716 Message: 2716

Note: forwarded message attached.

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2717. Cadillac Hamfest, May 5

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-27 15:41:46 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2717 Message: 2717

Cadillac Amateur Radio and Computer Swap - Saturday May 5, 2007

8am to Noon at the Cadillac Junior High School

Details at http://members.fortunecity.com/wexaukee/warc_hamfest.htm

Cadillac is about 90 miles North of downtown Grand Rapids on US 131

2718. Anyone for Michigan QSO Party?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-27 21:54:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2718 Message: 2718

According to the statisticians who keep track of activity during the Michigan QSO party, there has been no fixed station operation from Allegan, Cass, or Montcalm counties - all in the lower peninsula and all in Western Michigan. I'm not sure of the clubs ham radio clubs which are in these counties, but I'd be willing to visit a meeting in early April to proselytize for activity in this fun event. While some folks make a real contest out of the event, most folks have a more casual approach .

This activity is scheduled for the third Saturday in April - this year Saturday, April 21, 2007. The contest period runs from 1200 EDST to 2400 EDST (16Z Saturday until 04Z Sunday UTC). SSB, & CW are allowed - on 80 thru 10 metres. For details and rules see http://www.miqp.org

Please consider joining in this fun event!

73 de n8xx Hg

2719. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-28 13:35:41 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 2719

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Regards,

wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>

2720. Emergency Preparedness Information

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-28 16:09:18 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2720 Message: 2720

Emergency Preparedness Information is Just a Click Away with the New Online Be Red Cross Ready Presentation

A new online presentation is now available at www.redcross.org/beredcrossready to help prepare individuals for emergencies at home, at work and in their communities. The presentation includes sound narration throughout, as well as streaming video of key first aid skills, including conscious choking and CPR. Visitors to the site can also download an emergency preparedness kit shopping list and key steps in making an emergency plan.

2721. Packet Demo this Saturday March 31 at Coffee Break

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-29 23:11:44 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2721 Message: 2721

All Hams

Join us for coffee this Saturday At the Tool Max Store from 9AM-12PM

We will have a Packet Demo of many kinds of Packet by expert for over 12 years Don Meyer KB8ODB this Saturday.
See the Ottawa County system for live radar. All you need is a scanner, HT or anything else that tunes 70 centimeters, set to 445.125 MHz
A laptop running SSTV software (MMSSTV is recommended: http://mmhamsoft.amateur-radio.ca/mmsstv/)
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Allied A-2515 Short Wave Receiver $75
Ten-Tec Argosy HF radio $200
HF Tuner $40
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
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EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

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2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Extra Speakers For Radios $3
Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

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2723. Coffee Break, 3/31/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-30 12:57:55 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2723 Message: 2723

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday March 31, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
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2724. Re: Fw: [MCECS] New 146.82 on air

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-30 23:51:40 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2722 Message: 2724

Just for grins and while I was mobile in the Newaygo area I used the "new" '82 repeater. The report of my signal on the repeater was quite flattering. Even from right on the bridge over the Muskegon River and again downtown among the buildings my fifty watts to a roof mounted quarter wave was quite readable into the repeater.

Congratulations to those who made this possible. This will be one really great repeater for our area.

Bill, AB8SC

2725. Spotter training program

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-03-31 18:02:48 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2725 Message: 2725

It's not a book, but here's a pretty nifty online training program for spotters put out by the NWS. It's intended to supplement the training sessions, not take their place. Plenty of good photos and graphics:

http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/presentations/spotter-training/NWS-Spotter-Training_files/frame.htm

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2726. Victims needed April 14th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-01 15:04:45 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2726 Message: 2726

All:

CERT is holding a exercise on April 14th at.. well.. Sorry I cant tell you that..

Were in need of Victims. If you don't mind being victimized for the good of CERT and your fellow man kind then we need you.

Were in need of Victims 12 & Up (under 16 with parent's only) The location & The times will be kept to only victim's as everything else is a huge surprise.

For those of you who are CERT trained, keep the day open and on your calendar. Just figure all day, Rain or Shine!

If you want to be a victim please email us @ cert@... and we'll get you on the list.

tnx
J

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http://lists.kcraces.net/mailman/listinfo/kc-arpsc

2727. 82's turn

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-01 16:14:48 UTC
From: kd8cbj
Topic: 2727 Message: 2727

What is the location of the 82?My bad weather indoor antenna is a Yagi,so I need to know where to point it.
Signal report on the 82--from here in the north land nice,nice,and by the way nice.

KD8CBJ

2728. 146.820 repeater signal report

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-01 17:16:54 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2728 Message: 2728

How about we have some fun and also see how the repeater is working at its new location. If you use the 146.820 Musegon repeater and would like to help, please report the folowing items.

Location: (include GPS info, if available)
Operation type: Mobile, HT, Base station (If base also include antenna information ie, yagi, ground plane at 25 ft)
Power output
Signal report you recieved

Location: Cooperville behind Vetranary Clinic Location 43.05865N 85.95601W, 16.5 miles from repeater
Ht with 5 watts
report, scratchy but readable.

2730. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 146.820 repeater signal report

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-01 23:18:28 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2728 Message: 2730

43.28.28N
086.54.45w
Base,G.P.32ft.
10watts
5by9 a little "tanky-hall way sounding"no scratch or nothing.

KD8CBJ

********** See what's free at http://www.aol.com.

2731. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 82's turn

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-01 23:19:31 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2727 Message: 2731

good enough

KD8CBJ

********** See what's free at http://www.aol.com.

2732. Emergency communications project imperiled

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-01 23:56:39 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2732 Message: 2732

DAILY BRIEFING
March 26, 2007 Audit: Emergency communications project imperiled By Daniel Pulliam dpulliam@...
A partnership between the departments of Justice and Homeland Security to create an interoperable wireless communications network for police and first responders has fallen apart and the project is imperiled, according to an audit released Monday. The report from the Justice Department's inspector general office stated that despite more than six years of development and $195 million in funding, the Integrated Wireless Network project "does not appear to be on the path to providing the seamless interoperable communications system that was envisioned." The two agencies now appear to be pursuing separate solutions, the report said. The Treasury department is also involved in the project, but has a smaller percentage of potential users. Uncertain and disparate funding mechanisms, the fractured partnership and a poor governing structure are all causes for the project's high-risk status, the 89-page report stated. The audit found that Justice has been spending more money to maintain its existing communications system instead of developing new wireless solutions as part of the network project. Justice, Homeland Security and Treasury agreed in 2004 to work together to develop the network, which could cost as much as $5 billion through 2021. It was expected to consist of a combination of land mobile radios, cell phones and walkie-talkie devices that would provide a secure nationwide wireless communications system. The project would permit 81,000 federal law enforcement officers to communicate across agencies and with state and local partners. A majority of Justice's communications systems are considered obsolete because they are not supported by the manufacturer and spare parts are difficult to find, the IG noted. Justice Inspector General Glenn Fine said a failure of the project would represent a significant missed opportunity to achieve needed communications interoperability among federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. "We believe that the departments of Justice, Homeland Security and Treasury need to repair the partnership and work together more closely to develop an interoperable communications system," Fine said. The project's failure could have significant consequences beyond the financial losses, the IG said. The safety of Justice law enforcement officers could be at stake because the department's legacy communications systems have limited functionality, diminished voice quality and weak security, the report stated. It recommended that Justice reach an agreement with DHS and Treasury that accurately reflects each agency's commitment to the network project by explicitly stating the shared goals, responsibilities and funding requirements. If the agencies are unable to reach such an agreement, Justice officials concurred with the IG that Congress and the Office of Management and Budget should be notified that the joint network project is not viable.
Vance Hitch, Justice's chief information officer, said in a statement that the department believes the network program is the most appropriate strategy for providing agency agents with secure, reliable and interoperable communications in the field. He cited successful implementations of the network in Oregon and Washington state, but acknowledged that the audit raises valid concerns regarding funding and interagency partnership. "We are working diligently to address these issues," Hitch said. A DHS spokesman said the department agrees with the report's recommendations. Treasury officials did not respond to requests for comment. Potential Integrated Wireless Network Users

Agency/Component Number of Potential Users
Percentage of Potential Users Homeland Security Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service 66 0.08 U.S. Customs and Border Protection 16,250 19.94 Federal Emergency Management Agency 2,954 3.62 Federal Law Enforcement Training Center 600 0.74 Federal Protective Service 1,244 1.53 Immigration and Customs Enforcement 17,636 21.64 Transportation Security Administration 7,317 8.98 U.S. Secret Service 6,124 7.51 Homeland Security Total 52,191 64.04 Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives 3,426 4.20 Federal Bureau of Investigation 12,751 15.64 Federal Bureau of Prisons 203 0.25 Drug Enforcement Administration 5,147 6.31 Office of the Inspector General 157 0.19 U.S. Marshals Service 3,089 3.79 Justice Total 24,773 30.38 Treasury Bureau of Engraving and Printing 279 0.34 Internal Revenue Service 2,868 3.52
Internal Revenue Service Facilities 601 0.74 Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration 400 0.49 U.S. Mint 400 0.49 Treasury Total 4,548 5.58 Total Users 81,512 100.00 Source: Justice Management Division, Wireless Management Office, IWN Cost Model.

This document is located at http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0307/032607p1.htm

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2733. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 82's turn

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-02 01:13:10 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 2727 Message: 2733

For those who might wonder how to figure out where the center of an "L" shaped county is this might help. The repeater is just south and west of the "L" where Muskegon county meets the SW corner of Newaygo county.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, April 01, 2007 12:38
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 82's turn

Approxamately the center of the county. Aim there and fine tune for the best signal.

It has been worked from Whitehall with an HT.

mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: kd8cbj
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, April 01, 2007 12:14
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] 82's turn

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2734. Restarting the 2m digital net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-02 01:52:11 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2734 Message: 2734

The net was put on hiatus over the winter due to the poor propagation conditions, but with spring underway, conditions are improving and it would be a good time time to resume the net.

However, I am hoping that someone else can be the net control station this time. I only have a single 13 element beam at 30 ft, with no preamp, so my effective range is quite limited. I can barely pick out Mike KC9DOA at only 120 miles under normal conditions, and band enhancement is necessary for me to copy Jerry KC0HLN at 320 miles. Someone with a better tower and antenna system would be much better as a net control station.

Opinions?

-Joe, N8FQ
Grand Haven, MI

2735. For Sale: New Yaesu VX-150 5-watt 2m FM HT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-02 02:54:04 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2735 Message: 2735

I have a new VX-150 5-watt 2m FM HT for sale. It has never been taken out of the box so it is just like buying new from a dealer with warranty card intact.

Information & a description about the VX-150 can be found at:

http://www.yaesu.com/indexVS.cfm?cmd=DisplayProducts&ProdCatID=111&encProdID=SnUxsyxpdj8%3D&DivisionID=65&isArchived=0

The average dealer selling price for this model seems to be around $120. If interested and want to make a reasonable offer please contact me off-list at either my email address or call me at my mobile # at 847-867-2774.

73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

Don't pick lemons.
See all the new 2007 cars at Yahoo! Autos.
http://autos.yahoo.com/new_cars.html

2739. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSTV ID Question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-03 00:47:31 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2738 Message: 2739

Maek their is a lag time from the time you send to the time the sstv image is sent John kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...m
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2007 5:57 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] SSTV ID Question

As I understand the SSTV service provided by Joe N8FQ, DTMF tones can be sent to request various images to be displayed as desired.

How does one ID properly after sending the tones without interfering with the SSTV transmissions?

Thanks

73

Mark K8MHZ

2741. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSTV ID Question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-03 02:13:57 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2738 Message: 2741

I would suggest that you identify BEFORE you send the tones. That's what I do.

-Joe, N8FQ

On Mon, 2 Apr 2007 22:06:46 -0400
<k8mhz@...> wrote:

> So I would send the tone and then say my call before I unkey?
>
> Thanks
>
> mhz

2742. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSTV ID Question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-03 02:09:16 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 2738 Message: 2742

If I were doing it I would wait for the R(eceived) response from the machine and then ID.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2007 22:06
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSTV ID Question

So I would send the tone and then say my call before I unkey?

Thanks

mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: jtlr.fischer@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2007 08:47
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSTV ID Question

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2744. Dayton travel and accommodation

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-03 16:01:11 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2744 Message: 2744

Is anyone going to Dayton who could take a(nother) passenger and possibly even share a room?

I would like to travel on Thursday so I can be there for the Lightning Protection forum on Friday a.m.

I could take my car if push comes to shove, but it would be more convenient if I could leave it for my wife.

73

Alan NV8A

2745. FS: Astron RS-35M Power Supply

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-03 16:47:45 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 2745 Message: 2745

In great shape physically, and operating perfectly. This is the 35 Amp supply with dual meters. You can see it work, if you wish. Price is $90 (cash) PICKED UP at my home south of Grand Haven. (ROBINSONtucky Township)) We are non-smokers here, if it matters to you.

Please reply direct to kc8hxo@yahoo.com

Thanks-
Greg, KC8HXO

2746. MAARC Meeting - April 5 - D-Star Digital Repeater Technology

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-03 17:18:12 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 2746 Message: 2746

Hello, West Michigan Hams:

Thursday, April 5th, 7:00 p.m. at the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council's cabin in the woods, located at 2888 Scenic Drive, Muskegon: Be there when Al Pepping, KV8X, presents our monthly program on the topic of D-Star digital repeaters. Al has been educating himself on this interesting new technology and we welcome anyone and everyone to come and listen to what he has learned. If you aren't familiar with the clubhouse location, Google works and so does our local .94 repeater for directions.

See you there,
Linda, AB8QH
Vice-President, MAARC

2747. RE: [WestMichiganHams] MAARC Meeting - April 5 - D-Star Digital Repeater Technology

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-03 20:38:43 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 2746 Message: 2747

I'd like to go to that, is it possible that someone on the list that lives in my area would be able to give me a ride? I'd appreciate it very much. Thanks in advance,

Chris w8cjs

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Linda
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2007 1:18 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] MAARC Meeting - April 5 - D-Star Digital Repeater Technology

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2748. Emergency Radio...Getting the message through for your family and community

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-03 21:33:18 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2748 Message: 2748

The link below provides a great summary on how Amateur Radio works when all else fails.

http://www.emergency-radio.org <http://www.emergency-radio.org/>

2749. West Olive NOAA Transmitter Hit By Lightning

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-04 09:13:46 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 2749 Message: 2749

The West Olive NOAA transmitter was hit by lightning yesterday and is nonfunctional. It appears that the NWS is suggesting that we tune into the Hesperia or Grand Rapids transmitters for those in that transmitter coverage area.

2750. GRARA Monthly Meeting, 4/6/2007, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-05 22:26:00 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2750 Message: 2750

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

GRARA Monthly Meeting
Friday April 6, 2007
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(This event repeats every month on the first Friday until Friday November 9, 2007.)
Location: Red Cross, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE, Grand Rapuids
Street: 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City State Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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2751. Join us Saturday from 9-12

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-06 01:06:22 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2751 Message: 2751

All Hams

Join us for coffee this Saturday At the Tool Max Store from 9AM-12PM

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HF Antenna Mount for Reese Trailer Hitch with Ball $15
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Allied A-2515 Short Wave Receiver $75
HF Tuner $40
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
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Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

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2752. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Join us Saturday from 9-12

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-06 03:59:48 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 2751 Message: 2752

Tom,
Please confirm that Jim Duram will be at your shop on April 14 with his service monitor to check out deviation and frequency accuracy. If hams want to have any problems corrected they will need to bring a copy of the service manual (paper or electronic) for their radio. Service manuals can be obtained from www.mods.dk for just about any radio. All it takes is to register with the site and you are allowed to download your manual for no cost.
Tom

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2753. Help w/ Your New License Privileges

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-06 07:18:01 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2753 Message: 2753

QST:

It has been mentioned that lots of folks are upgrading their license from Technician to General and even Amateur Extra class. These upgrades are due to the recent FCC decision to remove the code test impediment. This is a very good thing and the ham community congratulates and welcomes these amateurs and their new privileges.

Probably this weekend even more hams are going to upgrade at the test session on Saturday, April 7. This session is held at 9:00 am at the Red Cross Building in downtown Muskegon. Remember to bring a copy of your current license (if you have one), identification, and fourteen dollars in cash. You probably will want to bring along a simple calculator, too.

At any rate it has been suggested that these new General and Amateur Extra hams might want to exercise their new privileges. If this is the case then following the exam session we should adjourn to the MAARC clubhouse and their great radio shack. Should there be this type of interest I am sure there will be experienced hams to assist the /AG and /AE hams around the HF bands and modes. Please make your request known at the test session and I, for one, will welcome the opportunity for an Open Shack session following the testing on Saturday.

Also, some of these newly created and upgraded hams have asked for some help from Elmer in getting on the air. The MAARC can offer this assistance in the form of a class, an Open Shack type event, individual assistance, and informal counseling. We have offered Technician, General, and even special Extra study groups and classes in the past. This next step seems reasonable and fun for everyone.

Please contact a member of the Board of Directors of the MAARC and mention your interest in these training opportunities. The MAARC is here to help its membership enjoy the amateur radio hobby. We can make any number of accommodations to accomplish this goal. We insist that you enjoy your new privileges and we welcome the chance to show you around the bands and modes.

73

Bill, AB8SC
past president of the MAARC, the Muskegon radio club

2754. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Join us Saturday from 9-12

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-06 10:44:23 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2751 Message: 2754

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2756. Coffee Break, 4/7/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-06 12:57:29 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2756 Message: 2756

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday April 7, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
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2757. SPECIAL EVENTS TO COMMEMORATE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF TITANIC TRAGEDY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-06 12:55:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2757 Message: 2757

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From: The ARRL Letter Vol. 26, No. 14 April 6, 2007
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Several Amateur Radio special event operations are scheduled to mark the 95th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic. The "unsinkable" White Star Line passenger vessel was on its maiden voyage from Liverpool, England, to New York City when it struck an iceberg and sank early on April 15, 1912. More than 1500 people perished, while some 700 passengers in 19 lifeboats were rescued by the RMS Carpathia, whose radio operator copied the frantic distress call (the still common "CQD" signal, possibly coupled with the then-new "SOS") transmitted by MGY radio operator Jack Phillips as the Titanic foundered.

Special event W0S <http://www.wzeros.com/> (for "White Star Line") will be on the air from the Titanic Museum in Branson, Missouri, commencing at 1300 UTC on Saturday, April 14, and concluding at 2400 UTC on Sunday, April 15. Members of the Nixa Amateur Radio Club and the Southwest Missouri Amateur Radio Club (SMARC) will be among those at the helm of W0S. Icom has loaned Amateur Radio equipment for the special event.

Look for W0S on or around: SSB, 3.860, 7.260 and 14.260 MHz; CW, 3.560, 7.060 and 14.060 MHz. Operators will be listening 2 kHz up for calls. Visitors are welcome. E-mail the Nixa club for more information <titanichams@...>. In conjunction with the W0S operation, GB2MGY will be on the air from Belfast, Northern Ireland.

In Titanic wireless operator Jack Phillips' home town of Godalming, England, members and guests of the Wey Valley Amateur Radio Group <http://www.weyvalleyarg.org.uk> will run special event station GB95MGY. Operation will begin at 1000 UTC on April 14 and continue through 0547 UTC on April 15, the time the Titanic sank. After a short radio silence, operation will continue until April 16 at 0547 UTC. The special event will celebrate Phillips' heroism. The 25-year-old radio operator went down with the ship.

GB95MGY will operate CW only on all HF bands, 80 through 15 meters, 15 kHz up from the band edge, and will QSL all contacts (QSL via the bureau). For more information, contact Michael Shortland, G0EFO <michaelgs@...>.

Special event station W1MGY will be on the air from the Titanic Historical Society Museum in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts. Operation

will concentrate on 40 and 20 meters April 14 from 1400 UTC until 2030 UTC, although W1MGY may be on the air at other times, bands and modes throughout the 95th anniversary weekend.

Look for W1MGY on or around: CW, 3.533, 7.033, 14.033, 18.099, 21.033 and 28.033 MHz; SSB, 3.860, 7.260, 14.260, 18.160, 21.360 and 28.336 MHz, conditions permitting.

To schedule a contact with W1MGY, contact Dave Isham, KB1MU <kb1mu@...>, indicating a preferred date, time, and frequency. Include an SASE with QSL requests to Titanic Historical Society, W1MGY, PO BOX 51053, Indian Orchard, MA 01151-0053 USA.

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2758. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Join us Saturday from 9-12

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-06 13:19:34 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 2751 Message: 2758

Mark,

You will have plenty of time to get there. The testing at the Red Cross is this Saturday the 7th. Jim will not be at Tom's place until next week Saturday the 14th.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2007 08:51
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Join us Saturday from 9-12

I will be at the Red Cross during testing in the morning. I hope he stays until we are done. Sounds very interesting.

mhz

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2007 06:44
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2760. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Help w/ Your New License Privileges

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-06 23:56:21 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2753 Message: 2760

Bill you forgot to mention the Michigan QSO party the following weekend. This would also be a good learning experience.
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2007 3:18 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Help w/ Your New License Privileges

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2761. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Help w/ Your New License Privileges

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-07 00:01:19 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2753 Message: 2761

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-07 00:08:14 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2753 Message: 2762

Well lets try this again.

Michigan QSO party. is on the 21st, at the MAARC club house. 12:00 noon to Midnight. 2 weeks after the testing on the 7th.

No that I slowed down on the keyboard, the msg might make a little more sense.

73s Jim

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From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2007 8:01 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Help w/ Your New License Privileges

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2763. V.E. Testin in Muskegon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-06 23:45:38 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 2763 Message: 2763

The Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council (M.A.A.R.C.) V.E. team will be conducting Amateur Radio Licensing Testing Tomorrow the 7th.

The testing will take place at the Red Cross building at 3rd and Webster in downtown Muskegon starting at 9AM. We will be monitoring the 94 repeater until testing starts for those that might need directions.

You will need to bring $14.00 CASH, and I.D. If you are upgrading you will need a copy of your current license.

If anyone is doing a "paper" upgrade we will need copies of your documents to submit with your application.

Looking forward to seeing you in the morning.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

2764. QRP ARCI Spring Contest This weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-07 01:49:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2764 Message: 2764

It begins 1200Z Saturday, and runs through 2359Z Sunday. If my calculations are correct, that's 08:00 EDT Saturday to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Details of the contest are at

http://www.qrparci.org/

72 de n8xx Hg (No, that's not a typo, for whatever reason the QRP folks use 72 instead of 73. :)

2766. Re: Help w/ Your New License Privileges

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-07 08:11:46 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2753 Message: 2766

All:

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2767. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Help w/ Your New License Privileges

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-07 11:56:37 UTC
From: kc8pcj@verizon.net
Topic: 2753 Message: 2767

Bill I am thinking about bringing my Ft847 and laptop to do a little satelite education. Not sure about antennas but will do what I can. I do have a power point presentation if we can get the projector to work or have another one available.

From: Bill <bill_fries@...>
Date: 2007/04/07 Sat AM 03:11:46 CDT
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Help w/ Your New License Privileges

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2768. Contests are fun!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-07 15:48:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2768 Message: 2768

If anyone, newcomers, or olde tymers alike, wants to try some contesting, I've listed some of the domestic contests for the months of April. For a more complete list of contest, including those sponsored by groups outside the Untied States, see http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/apr.html

You needn't be a die-hard contester to join the fun! You may operate for a short period of time, or the entire contest period. The best way to learn procedures is to "jump in with all four feet flailing" and "give it the olde college try." Contesting can be fun! It's a good way to test your rig, antenna, and sharpen your operating skills.

Jump in - have some fun!

73 de n8xx Hg

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Apr 3-9

Missouri QSO Party -- CW/SSB, sponsored by the Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society of St. Louis (BEARS) from 1800Z Apr 7-0500Z Apr 8 and 1800Z-2400Z Apr 8. Frequencies (MHz): CW -- 40 kHz from band edge and 1.810; Phone -- 1.850, 3.980, 7.280, 14.280, 21.380, 28.310 kHz, work MO stations once per band and mode. Categories: Fixed, MO Mobile, MO Rover. Exchange: RST, serial number and MO county or S/P/C. QSO points: CW -- 2 points, Phone -- 1 point. Score: MO stations -- QSO points ? States + Provinces + MO counties + 1 for DX; non-MO stations -- QSO points ? MO counties. Multipliers count only once. QSO with W0MA counts 100 QSO points one time. For more information: www.qsl.net/w0ma. Logs due 30 days after the contest to moqso@... or n0aj@... or James L. Kinser, N0AJ, 2147 Encino Dr, Florissant, MO 63031-7627.

QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party -- CW, sponsored by the QRP ARCI, from 1200Z Apr 7-2400Z Apr 8, work 24 hours max (same rules as Fall QSO Party, see Oct 2006 QST, p 102 or www.qrparci.org). This is one of the largest QRP contests of the year. Turn down your output power to 5 W and join the fun -- you will be surprised at how easy it is to make contacts with a few watts. Try for the 1000 Miles Per Watt award, too!

DX YL to North American YL Contest -- CW, sponsored by YLRL from 1400Z Apr 3-0200Z Apr 5, work 24 hours max (Phone -- Apr 10-12). Frequencies: all HF bands. Exchange: RST, serial number and ARRL Section, province or DXCC entity. QSO points: 1 point/QSO. Score: QSO points ? S/P/C counted only once ? 1.5 (<100 W CW, 200 W SSB). For more information: www.ylrl.org. Logs due 30 days after the contest to kc4iyd@... or Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD, PO Box 775, North Olmsted, OH 44070.

Apr 10-15

Montana QSO Party -- Phone/CW/Digital--sponsored by the Flathead Valley Amateur Radio Club from 2300Z Apr 13 through 2300Z Apr 15. Frequencies: 160 meters-70 cm. Categories: Fixed and Mobile/Portable. Repeaters and IRLP are permitted. Exchange: RST and S/P/C or MT county. Work mobiles in each county. Score: QSOs ? S/P/C + MT counties (counted only once). 100 point bonus for national or state park. 10 point bonus for mobile stations on a lake or river shoreline - specify location. For more information: www.fvarc.org. Logs due May 31 to normsclassicradio@... (Cabrillo format) or Norm Palin K7NCR, 68 Silver Leaf Dr, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Georgia QSO Party -- CW/SSB, sponsored by SECC and SEDXC from 1800Z Apr 14-0359Z Apr 15 and 1400Z-2359Z Apr 15. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Categories: SOAB, MS, MM, Rover, Novice/Tech; HP, LP (<150 W), QRP; CW/SSB/Mixed. Rovers must activate at least two GA counties, no county line QSOs. Exchange RST and GA county or S/P/C. QSO points: SSB -- 1 point, CW -- 2 points. Score: QSO points ? GA counties (GA station use states and provinces) counted only once per band and mode. For more information: gqp.contesting.com. Logs are due May 15 to gqp@... or mail to John Laney, K4BAI, PO Box 421, Columbus, GA 31902-0421.

DX YL to North American YL Contest -- Phone, Apr 10-12 (see Apr 3-5).

PSK31 Flavors Contest -- PSK31 and variants, sponsored by the PODXS 070 Club from 1200 - 1800 local time 14 April 2007. Frequencies (MHz): 14.070-14.080 only. Categories: SO (QRP, LP, MP). Exchange: S/P/C and name or 070 number. QSO Points: 1 pt/QSO for each PSK variant used. Score: QSO pts x S/P/C + PSK variants uses. For more information: http://harvey.licht.home.sprynet.com/PSKFlavors/2007/2007RulesPost.htm. Logs due May 14 to pskflavors@....

Radio Maritime Day -- CW, from 1200Z Apr 14-1200Z Apr 15 (note silent periods). Frequencies (MHz): 1.824, 3.520, 7.020, 14.052, 21.052, 28.052. Categories: Coastal Station (LP, HP),SO & MO (LP only; Radio Officers and Radio Amateurs). Exchange: RST + call sign of last assignment or serial number. QSO points: QSO with Coastal Station -- 5 points, Ship Call to Ship Call -- 3 points, Ship Call to Amateur -- 2 points, Amateur to Amateur -- 1 point. Score: QSO points ? country flags (counted once only). For more information: www.radiomaritimeday.org. See Web site for log submission requirements.

Apr 21-22

Michigan QSO Party -- CW/SSB, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z Apr 21-0400Z Apr 22. Bands: 80-10 meters. Frequencies: CW -- 45 kHz from band edge; Phone (MHz) -- 3.825, 7.200, 14.250, 21.300, 28.450. Work stations once per band and mode, MI-to-MI QSOs allowed, mobiles and portables can be worked from each county. Categories: SO, MS, MM, Mobile SO, Mobile MO. Exchange: serial number and MI county or S/P/C. QSO points: CW -- 2 points, Phone -- 1 point. Multipliers for MI stations are states, provinces and MI counties; multipliers for non-MI

stations are MI counties. Multipliers count once per mode. Score: QSO points ? multipliers. For more information: www.miqp.org. Logs due 30 days after contest to logs@... or Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Motorola QSO Party -- CW/SSB, sponsored by the Motorola Amateur Radio Club - Illinois Section from 1700Z Apr 21 - 0300Z Apr 22. Frequencies (MHz): 160 - 2 meters; Phone: 1.880, 3.880, 7.180, 14.280, 21.380, 28.380, 50.180. Categories: see Web site. Exchange: RS(T) + S/P/C (Motorolans give office location code). QSO Points: Phone -- 1 pt/QSO, CW -- 2 pts/QSO. Score: QSO points x Motorola office codes (Motorolans also count S/P/C). For more information: www.qsl.net/k9mot/motqp.htm. Logs due 31 May to motoham@... or 2007 MOTQP, c/o Mike Swiatkowski, AA9VI, 225 Southgate Dr, Northbrook, IL 60062 USA.

Ontario QSO Party -- CW/Phone, sponsored by Contest Club Ontario and the Ontario DX Association from 1800Z Apr 21-1800Z Apr 22. Frequencies (MHz): SSB -- 1.870, 3.735, 3.860, 7.070, 7.260, 14.130, 14.265, 21.260, 28.360; CW -- 30 kHz above band edges; VHF-SSB: 50.130, 144.205, 432.105; VHF-FM 52.540, 146.550, 446.1; no repeater QSOs. Categories: SOAB and SOSB (HP, LP <150 W HF and 50 W VHF, QRP) in CW, Phone and Mixed Modes, SO VHF FM QRP, MS, SWL, Mobile, Rover. Exchange: RS(T) and S/P/C or Ontario QTH. QSO points: HF SSB -- 1 point, HF CW -- 2 points, VHF -- 5 points (work stations once per VHF band), 10 points for each QSO with VA3CCO, VE3ODX and VA3RAC. No county line QSOs. Score is QSO points ? Ontario QTHs (non-VE3 stations) or S/P/C + Ontario QTHs (mults count once per band). For more information: cco.ve3xd.com/oqp. Logs due May 31 to ve3agc@... or Ontario QSO Party, Ontario DX Association, PO Box 161, Station A, Willowdale, ON M2N 5S8, Canada.

Kids Roundup -- Phone, sponsored by the Anne Arundel Radio Club, Jr, from 1400Z Apr 21-2200Z Apr 22. Frequencies: 80 meters- 70 cm. See Web site for categories and QSO point rules. Exchange: Call sign, QTH, category, first name. Contacts with Amateur Radio station KI3DS count 25 points. For more information: www.ki3ds.org. Logs due May 1 to ki3ds@... or AARC Jr, Attn: Bob Rose, 7901 Pepperbox Ln, Pasadena, MD 21122-6328.

Apr 28-29

Florida QSO Party -- sponsored by the Florida Contest Group from 1600Z Apr 28-0159Z Apr 29 and 1200Z-2159Z Apr 29, 20 hours max, work FL stations. Frequencies (MHz): CW -- 35 kHz from band edges, Phone -- 7.260, 14.260, 21.335, and 28.485, no 160 or 80 meters, VHF/UHF. Categories: SO, MS, MM (one signal per band), Mobile (SO and SO+driver), School Club, SWL, all categories HP (<150 W), LP or QRP, Mixed Mode/CW/SSB (except MM and SWL). Exchange: RST and FL county or S/P/C. QSO points: CW -- 2 points, SSB -- 1 point. Score: FL stations -- QSO points ? S/P/C (W/VE/KH6/KL7 do not count as DXCC entities, DC is a separate multiplier) ? power multiplier; non-FL stations -- QSO points ? FL counties ? power multiplier. All multipliers count once per mode.

Power multiplier -- HP ?1, LP ?2, QRP ?3. For more information: www.floridaqsoparty.org. Logs due May 29 via the Web log entry page at www.b4h.net/cabforms/flqp_cab.php or to logs@... (ASCII text or Cabrillo format) or Florida QSO Party, c/o Ron Wetjen, WD4AHZ, 5362 Castleman Dr, Sarasota, FL 34232. The FQP is one of the largest state QSO parties and is a good time to put some rare Florida counties in your log. Watch for the mobile stations as they move around the state -- and watch for those Nebraska stations in their contest, too!

Nebraska QSO Party -- CW/SSB/Digital, sponsored by the Heartland DX Association 1700Z Apr 28-1700Z Apr 29. Frequencies (MHz): 160-2 meters; CW -- 1.805 and 35 kHz above band edge, Novices/Technicians -- 10 kHz above band edge; Phone -- 1.915, 3.865, 7.265, 14.265, 21.365, 28.465, 146.460. Categories: SO, MS, NE Mobile. Work stations once per band/mode. Work NE mobile stations again in each county. County lines count as one QSO with each county. Exchange: RST and NE county or S/P/C. QSO points: CW/Digital -- 2 points, Phone -- 1 point. Score: QSO points ? S/P/C for NE stations or NE counties (multipliers count once only). For additional information: www.qsl.net/hdxa. Logs due May 31 to nqp@... or Nebraska QSO Party, c/o Steve Rasmussen, N0WY, 312 N 6th St, Plattsmouth, NE 68048-1302.

Old-Old-Timers Club QSO Party -- CW/SSB, from 0000Z Apr 28-2359Z Apr 29. Frequencies: 80-10 meters. Exchange: RS(T) and member number or state. Score: total number of QSOs, work stations once per band and mode. For more information: www.ootc.us/party. Report scores by 30 days after the contest to w1eof@... or OOTC QSO Party, c/o Mark Titterington, W1EOF, 74 Hornet Rd, North Kingstown, RI 02852.

2769. Re: Help w/ Your New License Privileges

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-07 20:52:37 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2753 Message: 2769

Jim:

I encourage your power point and hardware for demonstrating satellite communications. I think that's fabulous. I'll be the one glued to the screen watching everything.

Try to bring an antenna since the ones at the club might not yet be replaced.

Bill, AB8SC

2770. Congratulations!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-07 21:02:35 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2770 Message: 2770

All:

What a fantastic day we had testing and upgrading folks in the Saturday test session. I'd rather not list the success stories for fear that I'll forget half. Suffice it to say that there were lots of folks testing and lots of folks passing.

The test proctors were tremendously busy grading and watching, with amazement, the folks attending and earning that CSCE and /AG and even /AE credentials. We worked from 9:00 until noon or later making this one of the most successful test sessions in our history. I'm sure that Bob, WB8OQT would be the first to say, "Thanks to Everyone for helping make today a Huge success."

Congratulations to all who tested successfully. The ham community welcomes you. We look forward to learning new call signs and getting to know more folks on the bands.

Without your dedication and persistence our hobby would be much different. Welcome!

Let's everyone endeavor to help these new hams and folks with new privileges learn and enjoy the world's best hobby. Welcome!

We certainly hope the new call signs are assigned quickly. And if you are already a ham you can get on the air right now by just adding a /AG or /AE and enjoy those opportunities on hf you have earned. A wonderful job well done!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2771. Mini-Swap, Saturday, April 14

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-08 13:46:42 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2771 Message: 2771

HOPE EVERYONE'S ENJOYING EASTER.

And hope to see many of you next Saturday, April 14 as mini-swaps return to the Grand Rapids
area. There is snow on the ground as I type this, BUT THIS IS MICHIGAN. The forecast is for the 50s by Saturday.

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club http://www.w8lrc.org/ is pleased to announce the summer 2007 series of Asphalt Adventure mini-hamfests.

First one STARTING SATURDAY, APRIL 14. Setup 9AM, begin 10AM "until it ends", figure sometime past noon.
Frank, N8UVI, will be operating the club's service monitor in the new club shack. If you want to see how your radio's performing, bring it. (Thanks Tom KB8VEE for the idea! :) For those of you in the Muskegon area, the Tool Max store will have a service monitor available on the same morning.)
An article, with photos, about the mini-swap, has been submitted to the local paper inviting
the public to check us out. Let's not be a dissapointment.

Here's the deal. The monthly LARC meeting will begin at 9, the swap immediately follows at 10. (Visitors always welcome at our meetings) Seller setup can begin at 9.
Location, just outside the new shack, 11435 Fulton St E (Hwy-M21), West end of Lowell, between Cumberland Dr and Alden Nash Dr. About 11 miles from GR city limits. Same location as the FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES (F.R.O.M.) THRIFT STORE.
Former location of Cumberland Manor.
Yahoo Map:
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=11435+Fulton+St+E&csz=49331&country=us&new=1&name=&qt
y=

What is a mini-swap? It's a small version of a Hamfest. Not nearly the planning or advertising that goes into a full fledged Hamfest, you don't have a variety of commercial vendors. But their fun and cheep to operate.

Advantages of a mini-swap at this location, besides being where the LARC Ham shack is located:
Lots of traffic passing by on Hwy M-21. Signs will be placed to attract spectators.
Co-located with the Thrift Store, which also opens at 10.
Set-up is on a circle drive in front of the building, out of the way of other building traffic on main driveway, yet easily seen from the main driveway as well as Hwy M-21.
Just outside the windows of the LARC ham shack. If you need electricity, bring your own cord.

What's the catch? Sure we'd like to raise a couple bucks with this FUNdraiser, but we certainly don't have grandeurs of cleaning up either.
ADMISSION IS FREE.

Sellers are asked to contribute $10 per setup*. (Please read statement at bottom)
Considering the location, with no admission fee, lots of drive by traffic, potential
shoppers from the Thrift Store, that's really a good deal.
Coffee, pop, and donuts available. Sellers get free coffee.

TALK-IN: 145.27-(94.8Hz) Lowell (naturally) repeater.

Here's the summer 2007 schedule:

April 14, Saturday

May - Likely, SUNDAY, May 13, to avoid conflict with the need for ham radio volunteers for the River Bank Run on the 12th. Stay tuned! VOLUNTEER at http://www.kcraces.net

June - NO mini-swap, enjoy the IRA's Hamfestival at Hudsonville Fairgrounds, Saturday, June 2. http://www.w8hvg.org/IRAfest2k.htm

July 14, Saturday

August 11, Saturday

September - NO mini-swap, enjoy GRARA's GRAHamfest 2??7 at Kent County Fairgrounds, Lowell, Saturday, September 8. http://www.grahamfest.org/

October 13, Saturday

*SETUP: We really don't want to get into fine details here. Your open trunk, with or
without
your buddies = 1 Setup. Your open trunk next to your buddy's open trunk = 2 setups. Your
van
with trailer with a bunch of tables = 1 Setup. You get the idea. No measuring tapes here.
If
there's a disagreement on what constitutes a setup, you win. Can't get better than that.
WHAT TO SELL: In respect to the co-located Thrift Store, who's owners have granted us permission to pursue our mini-swaps (its their property after all), LARC must insist that items offered for sale stay with the theme of this event. Radio, electronics, computers and related items only. General household items sold at the Thrift Store should not be sold at our swap meet (however, TVs radios stereos computers, anything electronics is OK). If you have good general household items you no longer need, please consider donating to the Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift Store. F.R.O.M. is a 501c3 organization.

Let's have fun, see you there.

More information, contact:
Jack Amelar
E-mail: mailto:jamelar@...
Phone-Home: (616)897-6885
-Office/Days: (616)493-8736

2772. You Tube "What the Hell" by FH#709

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-08 18:51:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2772 Message: 2772

If folks wish to learn about Feld Hell, there's a video on Feld Hell during the current Feld Hell Contest at

Randy Hall K7AGE FH#709 has posted a video of the Felhell contest here:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yR-EmyEBVqA

Give it a look.

73 de n8xx Hg

2773. Re: [WestMichiganHams] You Tube "What the Hell" by FH#709

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-08 19:15:49 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2772 Message: 2773

Never seen it before but looks like something fun to try.

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: West Michigan Hams
Sent: Sunday, April 08, 2007 2:51 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] You Tube "What the Hell" by FH#709

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2774. japan station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-08 22:30:37 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2774 Message: 2774

Hereing a japan 59 on 14282.

2775. Re: [WestMichiganHams] japan station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-08 22:46:48 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2774 Message: 2775

JA1CG now about 55 on 14.2825
----- Original Message -----
From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: westmichiganhams
Sent: Sunday, April 08, 2007 6:30 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] japan station

Hereing a japan 59 on 14282.

2776. Re: [WestMichiganHams] japan station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-08 23:00:21 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2774 Message: 2776

Just got JA1CG Japan......HIHIHI

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, April 08, 2007 6:46 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] japan station

JA1CG now about 55 on 14.2825
----- Original Message -----
From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: westmichiganhams
Sent: Sunday, April 08, 2007 6:30 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] japan station

Hereing a japan 59 on 14282.

2777. Re: japan station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-09 10:27:22 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2774 Message: 2777

Jim:

I more or less constantly monitor the dx spots. My software highlights the countries I need in my chase for DXCC(R). You can get a feel for the dx spots by visiting: http://www.dxwatch.com/

There is always something being "called in" or posted on the dx spots. I have, in the past, noticed quite a few spots to an area and the light bulb comes on that there is a band opening to that area. These dx spots are great for a band like ten meters that is suffering from low sunspot numbers.

When you get to the site, mouse over "dx spots" in the upper right corner where you filter the spots into a manageable number by only seeing the last fifty or only the twenty meter phone spots.

Drop by there and give it a try.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...> wrote:
>
> Hereing a japan 59 on 14282.
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2778. Re: japan station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-09 14:03:40 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2774 Message: 2778

Oops, meant to type "upper left" corner. Being a surveyor I should have said, "Northwest corner of the screen." Hi

Any rate, there are lots of filters available. With only a few countries confirmed this is a great place to start searching for dx. You can find lots of dx here. Just remember, work the dx first THEN spot them. You don't need to call in a dx, alert the world, and ruin your chances of a QSO. Work them first, then spot. It's great fun and quite easy.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

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2779. Tulip Time Festival 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-09 16:11:17 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2638 Message: 2779

Hello, it's hard to believe that the Tulip Time Festival parades are only a month away with the Michigan weather we've been receiving lately.

The purpose of the email is to ask for your assistance in filling the open the position for the three parades in which we work hand-in-hand with the American Red Cross and AMR in providing First Aid and emergency response along the parade route.

For both the Wednesday (May 9) parade and the Thursday (May 10) parade we are short ONE POSITION, and that is an Assistant Net Control Operator.

For the big parade on Saturday (May 12) we are short FOURTEEN POSITIONS, thirteen positions as a member of the walking American Red Cross First Aid Teams, and one position working ARES packet. If you know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering for these open positions, please have him or her drop me an email as soon as possible.

Thanks again to those that have already volunteered their skills, enthusiasm, and equipment in making the Tulip Time festival such an enjoyable one.

Best regards,

Steve - N8UJD

2780. N8S - Swain Islands

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-09 22:45:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2780 Message: 2780

If folks want some rather rare DX, but fairly easy to work, there's a DXpedition on Swain Island, operating as N8S

There are many spots for it, and it would appear that it is readily workable.

For more info on the Dxpedition, see http://www.yt1ad.info/n8s/index.html

73 de n8xx Hg

2781. Re: N8S - Swain Islands

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-09 23:21:52 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2780 Message: 2781

"easy to work"?

I've been pounding the keyer and working the phone bands without success. I'm beginning to believe my Carolina Windom won't work on seventeen meters and I'm not being heard on twenty meters.

My DX Elmer got N8S, first call, on thirty meters, cw. Guess that is what makes him a DX Elmer. HI

I even listened a bit from the clubhouse shack without success.

We've got until Sunday to score this very rare DX when they go QRT.

Best of Luck to you!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

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> 73 de n8xx Hg
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2782. Re: N8S - Swain Islands

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-10 02:24:29 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2780 Message: 2782

I haven't tried them, but I subscribe to the Minnesota Wireless Associations reflector, and they've been saying that N8S is easy to work. Maybe the ones who have made contact are running KW's and multi element beams.

Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Bill" <bill_fries@...> wrote:
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2783. N8S Times and Bands

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-10 03:12:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2783 Message: 2783

Times of successful contacts with N8S in Swain Island. These were from
a Minnesota station, but times should be similar for good propagation
from Michigan.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Re: [MWA] N8S Times and Bands
Date: Mon, 9 Apr 2007 21:33:34 -0500
From: Dick <rbodine@...>
Reply-To: Minnesota Wireless Association <mwa@...>
To: <mwa@...>

If this is of benefit to anyone here's my contact information, cw unless
otherwise noted.

160 1039z 9 Apr
80 1302z 7 Apr
40 nada
20 0025z 7 Apr
20 2128z 9 Apr ssb
17 1905z 7 Apr ssb
17 2005z 7 Apr
15 1947z 8 Apr

I've enjoyed the stories of the hunt, conquest and in between. I worked
EW1IP on 20 during the hunt, gave him a report 549 w/QSB. A short time
later I the Rx Ant light on, I had been listening on the beverage. With
the beam in play he was a solid 589. I wonder how others can keep their
switches all in the right place. If you can laugh at yourself you never
run out of material. ;)

73, Dick
'IM

2784. Re: N8S Times and Bands

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-10 08:31:07 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2783 Message: 2784

"easy to work" is, of course, relative.

I was listening on thirty meters yesterday. Wonderful signal from N8S. He was, of course, working up. In fact, he sent, often "N8S up 2 to 20"! Now how can I figure where he is listening with such a wide split? I'm using the spots which give some direction but the exchanges are going so fast, snap, snap, snap that there is hardly time to find the station he is working before working the next guy. Thinking back, maybe I should have set up above the reported listening, pounded the keyer, and let the DX find me. I've read that the really great operators eventually work everyone. That plan takes guts, too.

Or the twenty meter phone story I've suffered: the DX is almost begging for QSOs and saying he is listening up seven. I hear him working others up seven and he is not moving around his listening. I pound the push to talk. Then the DX gets a bit erratic, saying up ten, then up seven, and then "must QRT now. I've been on this radio eight hours straight and need some rest." Out.

I've been working on a new tower and beam. Hams have said this project will really put me in the game. But it is still pieces in the barn and the DX is on the air today. Frustrating.

I'm going to try the W8ZHO shack, maybe Wednesday. Maybe it is just my inner self fooling me. I've had some success with their shack on other DXpeditions.

DX Is!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2785. Re: N8S Times and Bands

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-10 08:41:10 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2783 Message: 2785

Don't you get the impression that some guys (read me) like to whine too much? It sure taxes one's station capability, patience, and determination.

I'll celebrate when I see "AB8SC" in the online log.

And whine some more before.

Bill, AB8SC

2786. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: N8S Times and Bands

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-10 12:21:17 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 2783 Message: 2786

I'm not sure if this is just the list taking its own sweet time sending each message out, but being awake at 4:30 in the morning trying to work a dx station is surely dedication Bill. With this level of dedication, surely you should be rewarded.Either that or committed, one of the two. Hi hi.

73

Chris,w8cjs

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bill
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 4:41 AM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: N8S Times and Bands

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2787. Re: N8S Times and Bands

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-10 12:31:20 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2783 Message: 2787

Or committed! Hi

From the Daily DX, a newsletter with quite a following, the following about N8S, times, and frequencies. (I hope this formats properly)

SWAINS ISLAND - The guys continue to knock out the QSOs, despite the conditions. They were reported Monday as follows:

GMT Frequencies
--- -----------
00 14020, 14190, 18100, 18150, 21020, 21295, 24895
01 14190, 18100, 18150, 21020, 21295, 24895
02 14020, 18100, 18150, 21020, 21295, 24895, 24950, 28020, 28080, 28495
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21 14190, 18106, 18150, 21295, 28495
22 14190, 18075, 18150, 21022, 21295, 24902, 24950, 28020, 28495
23 14020, 18075, 18150, 21020, 21295, 28082, 28495

Now that is TMI (too much information) Especially for a list that does not feature DX

Oh, by the way, Scarborough Reef is coming later this month and we get to do this all over again! Hi

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2788. Re: N8S Times and Bands

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-10 21:16:34 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2783 Message: 2788

I worked N8S on 17M SSB on Sunday at 3:20pm. Power out was 90watts into my G5RV that is hanging slightly as a V (no center support). The antenna is about 40 feet off the ground. I worked them again today on 17M when I found out that many QSOs were lost due to a computer crash. Today I worked them with setup on 17m. The time was 4:05pm. I have monitored 16, 12 and 10 and have not heard them well enough to make a go at. I tried on 20M and did not get through the pile up.

I tried getting them on CW. Unfortunately the are operating most of the time in the AE segment. When they have been in the General portion of the band I have been no match for those 20+ wpm operators. My speed still averages between 7 and 10wpm. So, to correct this problem for future DXs I need to continue studying for AE so I can take and pass that test. I also need to contine practicing my CW to get it quicker.

I am happy to have at least made it on 17m. That will be a nice piece of wall paper.

Have a great day everyone!
Doc, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:
>
> Times of successful contacts with N8S in Swain Island. These were from
> a Minnesota station, but times should be similar for good propagation
> from Michigan.
>
> -------- Original Message --------
> Subject: Re: [MWA] N8S Times and Bands
> Date: Mon, 9 Apr 2007 21:33:34 -0500
> From: Dick <rbodine@...>
> Reply-To: Minnesota Wireless Association <mwa@...>
> To: <mwa@...>
>
>
>
> If this is of benefit to anyone here's my contact information, cw unless
> otherwise noted.
>
> 160 1039z 9 Apr
> 80 1302z 7 Apr

> 40 nada
> 20 0025z 7 Apr
> 20 2128z 9 Apr ssb
> 17 1905z 7 Apr ssb
> 17 2005z 7 Apr
> 15 1947z 8 Apr
>
> I've enjoyed the stories of the hunt, conquest and in between. I
worked
> EW1IP on 20 during the hunt, gave him a report 549 w/QSB. A short
time
> later I the Rx Ant light on, I had been listening on the
beverage. With
> the beam in play he was a solid 589. I wonder how others can keep
their
> switches all in the right place. If you can laugh at yourself you
never
> run out of material. ;)
>
> 73, Dick
> 'IM
>

2789. NAQCC Sprint N8XX SO 40M Simple Wire Antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-11 17:16:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2789 Message: 2789

NAQCC Sprint April 11, 2007

MyCall QSO's Mbrs QSOPts Mults Score Bonus Final
N8XX 17 17 34 9 306 1 306

Operating time, 40 minutes.

The NAQCC Sprints are somewhat "laid back" CW contests, where the particpants are all QRP (5W or Less), where straight keys are encouraged, and where <10 WPM isn't at all uncommon. Folks using straight keys get a 2X multiplier, which encourages such operation. I lost (hopefully temporarily) my J-38 key in the move from Ohio, so I used my computer for keying, and didnt' get the bonus.

The Sprints are run on the 2nd Tuesday evening of even numbered months (February, April, June, etc.), and the 3rd Wednesday evening of odd numbered months (January, March, May, etc.)

Stations with any power are allowed to participate, but only those running <5W will be considered for awards. Full details of the NAQCC and their sprints may be found at:

http://www.arm-tek.net/~yoel/contests.html

2790. Smoke Alarm Installation, Grand Rapids, Saturday, March 14

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-11 18:19:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2790 Message: 2790

All available hams are encouraged to join with Greater Grand Rapids Red Cross and the Grand Rapids Fire Department this coming Saturday, March 14, at Berean Baptist Church, 1574 Coit Avenue NE, Grand Rapids. This is off the Ann Street Exit of US 131.

Hams are needed to provide communications for the teams which will survey the area surrounding the Berean Baptist Church. This is a very worthwhile public service event - teams typically find several homes with a non-working or non-existent smoke detector. We can help save lives by this effort.

Come on out, Saturday, April 14, 9:00 a.m. to no later than 1 p.m. The Red Cross will provide a nice lunch when we finish.

2791. Victims Needed!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-11 20:05:49 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 2791 Message: 2791

All:

This weekend April 14th is a very large CERT excercise in Grand Rapids / Kent County. .

If your not participating with your local CERT team and would like to become a victim please email cert@...

tnx
Jeff

2792. WEAVER'S WORDS -- HAMVENTION'S(c) COMING

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-12 01:37:14 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2792 Message: 2792

[As always, send replies to k8je@.... Do not click on REPLY. The
ARRL reflector that gets this newsletter to you is one-way, only.]

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== HR 462 ==

In January, Arkansas US Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR introduced the Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007 into the House. This bill has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. If enacted into law, the bill will require the FCC to conduct a comprehensive study on BPL. The bill is intended to lead to improved rules to prevent interference from BPL and similar devices.

So should everyone rush to send letters to their US Representative and Senators? The answer to this is a clear "No; definitely no." Now is not the time to do this.

The most logical sequence of activities we can expect to take on this bill will begin at the top of the ARRL Legislative Action Program when the Directors and Division Legislative Action Chairs receive the "go" signal from HQ.

This "go" signal is likely to request Legislative Action Assistants (LAAs) who are assigned to members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to call on these Representatives or their aides in their home offices. These visits will promote favorable action by the Committee. Depending on the precise manner in which things develop, the next step is likely to be to ask all LAAs to call on the local offices of each Representative. Finally, every member will probably be asked to write their Representative to encourage them to vote for the bill.

One major risk exists if we jump the gun in our zeal to get this bill passed. This is that we can inadvertently ruin the chances of its passage. Effective lobbying requires that we work in a coordinated manner. Lack of coordination can prove disruptive to the effort and cause us to throw away our chances of a legislative victory.

Please hold tight and take no action until the right time comes and you
are asked to take action. Be part of the team. Your help is needed
and it will be requested . . . at the right time.

== Legislative Action Program =

Legislative Action Assistants are the people who will be given the
information needed to call on our congressional representatives to
promote Amateur Radio-favorable legislation. We continue to make good
progress in enlisting additional volunteers as LAAs in our three
states, but we need more. If you are interested in learning how you
can help get the ARRL Legislative Program passed, contact the
Legislative Action Coordinator (LAC) in your state. These are: Brent
Stover, WD8PNZ (wd8obz@...) for Ohio and Bob "Scotty" Wright,
KB8APS (kb8aps@...) for Michigan. For the time being, contact me
(k8je@...) for the Commonwealth.

== ARRL and National Public Safety Telecommunications Council MOA =
>
> ARRL and the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC;
> pronounced Nipstick) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA). The League
> is an NPSTC member organization. The MoA completes an effort to
> formalize the relationship between the two organizations that began in
> 2003.
>
> "This agreement promotes the concept of strength in unity," the MoA
> says. "Speaking with one unified voice provides a clear and strong
> message from the public safety community." The MoA also aims "to
> promote a consensus input decision-making process." NPSTC has been
> among the organizations that have asked the FCC to thoroughly explore
> the potential of broadband over power line (BPL) technology to
> interfere with public safety and other licensed radio systems.
>
> "A federation of public safety organizations, NPSTC serves as a forum
> for the exchange of ideas and information for effective public safety
> telecommunications in the US and abroad.
>
> "NPSTC agrees to provide a National Support Office that will, among
> other things, coordinate its outreach activities and provide "national
> level technical assistance to the public safety telecommunications
> community."
>
> In addition to the ARRL, the Council's 13 member organizations include
> the American Red Cross, the Association of Public-Safety Communications
> Officials -- International (APCO), the International Association of
> Chiefs of Police and the National Association of State
> Telecommunications Directors.
>
> What is a MaO? MaO is the updated term for MOU -- i.e. Memorandum of
> Agreement is the former Memorandum of Understanding.
>
> == New Q-Signal =

>
> The International Q-Signal Management Board has adopted a new Q-Signal,
> especially for amateur use. As reported in the April issue of "The
> RADIOGRAM" of the Portage County (Ohio) Amateur Radio Society, the new
> signal is:
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> QBO = Don't sit next to that guy during meetings.
> QBO? = Can you spare some soap?
>
> Several additional new signals were considered but rejected. These can
> be found in The RADIOGRAM.
>
> == IT'S MY TURH =
>
> I'm going to gripe. What about? Single-purpose members, this is what.
> You know, the kind of folks who refuse to take ice cream unless they
> can have chocolate and chocolate, only, even if the refrigerator is
> crammed full with nothing but vanilla, strawberry, butter pecan, black
> cherry, butterscotch and peppermint.
>
> Each member of the Board of Directors, including me, receives
> complaints and requests for change. This is a good thing. Frankly, I
> want to hear when there are things that need to be improved and changed
> in ARRL as well as in government regulatory arenas. So, what is it
> that disturbs me?
>
> I'm disturbed by members who complain about a single aspect of all of
> the services provided by ARRL and threaten to drop their membership if
> this one, single thing is not changed. This attitude strikes me as
> being like a little boy who demands the rules of the pick-up baseball
> game be changed to meet his wishes.
>
> "Give me 5 strikes or I won't play and I'll take my ball and go home so
> you can't play, either," he demands.
>
> I'm sure I've already made a few folks unhappy, but please understand I
> am not referring to members who complain or ask about situations and
> keep everything in perspective. But, stop and think about it a little.
> With 150,000 ARRL members, what are the chances that every one of
> these will agree with everything ARRL does? If you have any concept of
> human nature, you know the chances are high that well less than a 2/3
> majority will agree with everything. This means that few people,
> including me, are totally satisfied with everything we do.
>
> Think about it even a little more. Suppose you are a DXer as I am.
> Even though we DXers often seem to act like we are the only people in
> ham radio, we represent a minority of amateurs. Why should we expect
> the ARRL Board to cow tow to our needs to the exclusion of everyone
> else? We shouldn't.
>

> Or, suppose you are a CW op, as I am. We are in the minority here,
> also. It would be unrealistic for us to think Amateur Radio should be
> run as though we are the sole reason it still exists. We aren't.
>
> What about SSBers and FMers? I don't have the figures, but let's
> suppose one of these groups represents the majority of hams. Should
> even slightly over 51# of amateurs expect to run the show for all
> others? I don't think so.
>
> Data operators? NTSers? ATVers? Name still more special interest
> groups, and they are most likely in the minority. Come to think of it
> (some of you better sit down and hold on for this one), not one of us
> are the sole reason Amateur Radio exists!
>
> Taking a different view, suppose you are a contester or whatever you
> wish to name, and ARRL has a rule for contesting that you don't like.
> Some folks have said, "This rule is stupid. Unless you change it right
> away, you don't represent my interests. Change it or I won't renew my
> membership when it comes due!"
>
> The fact is that ARRL first and foremost primarily exists to promote
> the good of all of Amateur Radio -- not just some small niche of
> interest. As much fun as each of the many aspects of Amateur Radio is,
> no single one is the sole reason ARRL exists.
>
> My hope is that even when a member becomes aggravated, he or she put
> things into perspective. Become aggravated; certainly. I do, but
> please remember that ARRL is attempting to help thousands of people
> fulfill their Amateur Radio dreams in scores of different specialty
> interest groups. It is important that we all, individually and
> collectively, respect the legitimate differences we pursue in hamming
> as well as the fact that not every aspect of our many favorite
> operating niches must coexist within a relatively confined electronic
> space.
>
> Be an individual . . . fight for your individuality . . . but do this
> in a dignified, courteous manner knowing we cannot all have everything
> we want.
>
> == MiQP Reminder =
>
> Don't forget the 2007 Michigan QSO Party (MiQP) is Saturday April 21.
> Activity will be on the 80 through 10 meter bands, and may use phone
> and CW. The exchange is: sequential QSO number (starting with 001),
> your location (Michigan county, or state or province). A station may
> be worked once per band and mode. See http://www.miqp.org for complete
> rules and awards.
>
> == BPL Information =
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> It has been a while since we discussed the effects of poorly operating
> BPL systems on Amateur Radio reception. For a quick refresher course,
> go to http://www.arrl.org/bpl. You will find brief discussions of BPL
> as well as audio and video recordings you can go to with the click of
> your mouse.
>
> == RM 11306 ==
>
> Here is the explanation I offered you. It is plain and simple . . .
> and right to the point.
>
> We on the Board became aware that objections to our Regulation by
> Bandwidth petition were relegated nearly totally to the HF range.
> There was limited objection to it in the VHF/UHF ranges. This
> proposal, RM-11306, was still alive with the FCC.
>
> We reviewed the proposal and took the pieces that we thought would be
> practical to ask the FCC to consider for adoption. It was impractical
> to ask them to adopt the proposal in the HF range because they had just
> adopted two new rules that addressed HF.
>
> What we have done, then, is to continue to ask FCC to adopt parts of
> Regulation by Bandwidth just as we had initially asked; however, we
> have focused this on HF.
>
> There is nothing new in what we requested.
>
> Secondly, we asked the FCC to address an oversight that could cause
> considerable problem to narrow band HF operators at some time in the
> future. To set the basic fact, please understand there currently is
> absolutely no maximum set by FCC for the bandwidth of data emissions.
> As a result, it is fully reasonable that a future data mode could
> occupy the entire 80M "CW" band. Yes, the entire, 3.5 kHz to 3.6 kHz
> band. This would have been corrected inherently if Regulation by
> Broadband had been adopted, but it wasn't, of course.
>
> To correct the oversight at this time, we have proposed that FCC
> initiate a maximum bandwidth on data where there currently is none.
> The bandwidth we suggested is 3 kHz.
>
> Why 3 kHz? First, we are not going to recommend taking anything that
> is currently legal from you or any other amateur. There are already a
> number of amateurs using signal bandwidths approaching 3 kHz in full
> compliance with FCC rules. In addition, 3 kHz still allows
> considerable wiggle room for experimenting with new forms of
> transmission.
>
> OK, so how does this, as we are accused, give the present CW and data
> subbands away to all those horrible "robotic" data stations. How will
> narrowing the maximum bandwidth for data automatically create thousands

> of these stations? They've had free run of bandwidth and the subbands
> for so long and haven't taken over while fully unimpeded.
>
> At the same time, we are not taking anything away from operators of
> Winlink and the like that they currently have.
>
> As for us having a secret meeting in a smoke-filled room with the FCC,
> it didn't happen. We met with the FCC in their offices in a
> pre-announced public meeting on a previously-published docket in full
> conformity with legal and individual ethics.
>
> == Thanks for the Memories ==
>
> I want to thank the many clubs and newsletter editors who send me their
> newsletters. I try to read or at least to skim through each newsletter
> I receive. Most of these come via the Internet; however a few are sent
> via USPS. If you are sending me a hard-copy newsletter through the
> mail, this is great. However, if you also publish the newsletter by
> the Internet, why not send me the electronic version. Save your club's
> money.
>
> == OHIO MEMBERS ARE ASKING ==
>
> Several Ohio members have asked when the ARRL Legislative Action
> Program will become involved in promoting the Ohio Section's effort to
> pass a PRB-1 law. The answer is it won't. The ARRL Legislative Action
> Program is one of two legislative programs the League sponsors. First,
> the Section Government Liaison Program that has existed for many years
> handles Section Legislative Effort -- i.e., state laws. Second, the
> ARRL Legislative Action Program is a Federally-oriented project that
> focuses on Federal laws and regulations.
>
> The SGL does not operate in the Federal Legislative arena and the ARRL
> Legislative Action Program does not operate in the SGL's state arena.
> On the other hand, there is absolutely no reason the SGL people cannot
> also assist in the Federal program to get both types of jobs done.
> When an SGL worker becomes involved in the Federal Legislative Action
> Program, he works under the direction of Legislative Action management.
> Similarly, when a Legislative Action worker volunteers to become
> involved in supporting a state SGL activity, he works under the
> direction of the SGL.
>
> == Not all Thumbs ==
>
> Robert Madsen KA8KNY of Mt. Pleasant, MI reminds me of the competition
> between two Morse operators and two "text messagers" that took place on
> the Jay Leno Tonight Show. This was when two hams flat out beat two
> fellows who attempted to send the same message by text messaging. A
> video of this near-famous event is at
> http://harbor.gaslightmedia.com/tmp/MorseOrSMS.wmv.

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> == Tentative Travel Schedule for KI4LA and K8JE ==
>
> 2007
> Apr 14: QCWA Meeting, Cleveland, OH - Jim
> Apr 21: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Apr 26: SUMCO ARES, Stow, OH - Jim
> May 10: LARK, Howell, MI - Jim
> May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH. - Gary & Jim
> Jul 12: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown, OH - Gary
> Jun 17: Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI - Jim
> Jul 19: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jul 20-21: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
> Jul 28: UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI - Jim
> Aug 18-19: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL - Jim
> Sep 8: GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI - Jim
> Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH - Jim
> Sep 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH - Gary & Jim
> Sep 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH - Jim
> Oct 2: OH-KY-IN ARRL Night, Cincinnati, OH - Jim
> Oct 8: Portage County ARS, Kent, OH - Jim
> Nov 19: Southern Ohio ARA Christmas Dinner, Russell, KY - Jim
> Dec 1: Motor City RC 75th Ann., Wyandotte, MI - Jim
>
> 2008
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> Jan 17: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jan 18-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
>
> Tnx. 73,
>
> Jim, K8JE
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
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> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
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> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
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> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from

> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

2793. Have your radios check out this Saturday at TOOL MAX

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-12 01:41:18 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2793 Message: 2793

All Hams

Join us for coffee this Saturday At the Tool Max Store from 9AM-12PM

Jim Duram will be at Tool Max this Saturday April 14 with his service monitor to check out deviation and frequency accuracy. If hams want to have any problems corrected they will need to bring a copy of the service manual (paper or electronic) for their radio. Service manuals can be obtained from www.mods.dk for just about any radio. All it takes is to register with the site and you are allowed to download your manual for no cost.

NEW THIS WEEK
Antennas and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are now a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock. Check out their website below to see what we have or can get for you in Muskegon so you do not have to wait for the next Hamfest.

Tower Electronics on line Catalog website http://www.pl-259.com/catalog.html

NEW items on consignment this week

MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B23G Mirage 30 watt VHF Power Amp $40
QF-1A SSB Filter by Autek Research $30.00
Model 21-533 Radio Shack SWR Meter $10.00

Now in Stock

The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
300 ohm twin lead 100Ft $10.00
RG-8 .60 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .35 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
New 2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class $17.95 Get yours NOW and upgrade before the changes on July 1, 2007
Extra Class $19.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
PRO-2038 Radio Shack 50 Ch Scanner Works Great $45
Yaesu MP-1 Microphone $40
Allied A-2515 Short Wave Receiver $75
HF Tuner $40
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Extra Speakers For Radios $3
Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies or snacks.
Come in and Join us for FREE Coffee and sweets (FREE Popcorn this week only) Saturday from 9AM-12PM

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the new retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 behind the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.For more information call me at 231 798-7898

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
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2794. Q Signals That Never Made It

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-12 01:44:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2794 Message: 2794

From THE RADIOGRAM, APRIL 2007,
Portage County (OHIO) Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS)
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Q Signals That Never Made It

Here are some Q signals have never made it to the ARRL's official list. I found these while on the internet. As with regular Q signals, each can be a statement or a question, depending on whether a question mark follows it.

QBA My antenna is BIG!
QBA? How big is your antenna?

QBO Don't sit next to that guy in the meeting.
QBO? Buddy, can you spare some soap?

QBS It's getting deep in here.
QBS? Did I tell you about the one that got away?

QCP I am using Cat Power (From Rotary Cat PowerWheel)
QCP? Are you using Cat Power?

QCW I am going to whistle Morse Code on FM (or SSB)
QCW? Why are you whistling Morse?

QDR Damn Right the frequency is busy! (In response to QRL)
QDR? Do you have a Receiver? (In response to QRL)

QET Phone home.
QET? Has anyone called me from another planet?

QFH This frequency is MINE! - go elsewhere.
QFH? Is this frequency hogged?

QHI I am jumping in quick to say hi, then going QRT.
QHI? Are you leaving after only one transmission?

QLF I am sending with my left foot.
QLF? Are you sending with your left foot?

QOK Your last transmission was Okie Dokie.
QOK? Was my last transmission OK?

QPM Your signal is purr modulated.
QPM? Is my signal purr modulated?

QRC Warning, rag chewer on frequency.
QRC? Are you a rag chewer?

QWC? Who cares?
QWC I don't care

QZZ I fell asleep at the mike.
QZZ? Is that a 60Hz hum, or are you snoring?

Thanks to Russ - KB8DPN

2795. Tulip Time Festival 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-12 02:03:35 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2638 Message: 2795

All Hams
Steve is still in need of 10 people for Tulip Time this year. If you can help him please e mail him direct. Please Please He needs help bad. It is a fun day to work

svanderhill@...

Hello, it's hard to believe that the Tulip Time Festival parades are only a month away with the Michigan weather we've been receiving lately.

The purpose of the email is to ask for your assistance in filling the open the position for the three parades in which we work hand-in-hand with the American Red Cross and AMR in providing First Aid and emergency response along the parade route.

For both the Wednesday (May 9) parade and the Thursday (May 10) parade we are short ONE POSITION, and that is an Assistant Net Control Operator.

For the big parade on Saturday (May 12) we are short FOURTEEN POSITIONS, thirteen positions as a member of the walking American Red Cross First Aid Teams, and one position working ARES packet. If you know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering for these open positions, please have him or her drop me an email as soon as possible.

Thanks again to those that have already volunteered their skills, enthusiasm, and equipment in making the Tulip Time festival such an enjoyable one.

Best regards,

Steve - N8UJD svanderhill@chartermi.net

2796. Newspaper article for the "ham shack" / mini-swap this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-12 11:09:39 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2796 Message: 2796

This Saturday, April 14, mini-swaps return to the Grand Rapids area.
Signage is posted at the site along heavilly traveled M-21 inviting the public: "RADIO ELECTRONICS SWAP MEET SATURDAY 10AM FREE ADMISSION". Come out to look, come out to sell. Together this can be a great event.

A nice article appears in today's (April 11) Lowell Ledger. They got all the details correct. I would hope so since I'm the one who made the submission.

A photo of adult and youth members operating in the shack accompanyed the article.

Here is the article as appears in the paper with the minor changes the editor made.

New Location for the ?Ham Shack?

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club (L.A.R.C.) and the Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (A.R.G.Y.L.) have moved their ?ham shack? into a new home located in the former Cumberland Manor Building ? just down the hall from the new Flat River Outreach Ministries (F.R.O.M.) Thrift Store, 11535 Fulton St E.
The new ?shack? will be christened with a swap meet this Saturday.
The ham shack will provide a hub for volunteer communications for the area. Amateur radio organizations throughout the world provide communications during emergencies and community events. Ham communications also use radio repeaters. In Lowell, the repeater frequency is 145.27 MHz.
L.A.R.C. and A.R.G.Y.L. members also have fun. With permission of F.R.O.M., beginning this Saturday, April 14, and about once a month into Fall, L.A.R.C. will host a ?Mini-Hamfest?, an Electronics-Radio flea market, held outside in the circle drive in front of the building. Selling starts the same time the Thrift Store opens at 10AM and goes until sometime past noon. Admission is free and open to the public. Sellers are asked for a nominal contribution. Items offered for sale are limited to the theme of the swap meet: electronics, radios, computers, and related items. The idea is to complement the Thrift Store, not compete with it.
A ?Mini-Hamfest? is a smaller, mostly general area event, unlike a full fledged ?Hamfest? which attracts buyers and sellers including new equipment vendors, from a wider region.
The ?GRAHamfest? (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest), sponsored by the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association, will be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 8. The ?Year End Hamfest?, sponsored by A.R.G.Y.L., will take place at Lowell High School, on Saturday, December 15. Call 897-6885 for more information.
L.A.R.C. meetings are on the second Saturday of the month, 9AM during the ?mini-swap? season. Visitors always welcome. Updates can be found at http://www.w8lrc.org
A.R.G.Y.L. meetings are on the first Saturday of the month at 9AM. Membership open to school age youth. More information can be found at http://www.argyl.org

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The Lowell Amateur Radio Club http://www.w8lrc.org/ is pleased to announce the summer 2007 series of Asphalt Adventure mini-hamfests.

First one STARTING SATURDAY, APRIL 14. Setup 9AM, begin 10AM "until it ends", figure sometime past noon.
Frank, N8UVI, will be operating the club's service monitor in the new club shack. If you want to see how your radio's performing, bring it. (Thanks Tom KB8VEE for the idea! :) For those of you in the Muskegon area, the Tool Max store will have a service monitor available on the same morning.)

Here's the deal. The monthly LARC meeting will begin at 9, the swap immediately follows at 10. (Visitors always welcome at our meetings) Seller setup can begin at 9.
Location, just outside the new shack, 11435 Fulton St E (Hwy-M21), West end of Lowell, between Cumberland Dr and Alden Nash Dr. About 11 miles from GR city limits. Same location as the FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES (F.R.O.M.) THRIFT STORE.
Former location of Cumberland Manor.
Yahoo Map:
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=11435+Fulton+St+E&csz=49331&country=us&new=1&name=&qt
y=

What is a mini-swap? It's a small version of a Hamfest. Not nearly the planning or advertising that goes into a full fledged Hamfest, you don't have a variety of commercial vendors. But their fun and cheep to operate.

Advantages of a mini-swap at this location, besides being where the LARC Ham shack is located:
Lots of traffic passing by on Hwy M-21. Signs will be placed to attract spectators.
Co-located with the Thrift Store, which also opens at 10.
Set-up is on a circle drive in front of the building, out of the way of other building traffic on main driveway, yet easily seen from the main driveway as well as Hwy M-21.
Just outside the windows of the LARC ham shack. If you need electricity, bring your own cord.

What's the catch? Sure we'd like to raise a couple bucks with this FUNdraiser, but we certainly don't have grandeurs of cleaning up either.
ADMISSION IS FREE.
Sellers are asked to contribute $10 per setup*. (Please read statement at bottom)
Considering the location, with no admission fee, lots of drive by traffic, potential shoppers from the Thrift Store, that's really a good deal.
Coffee, pop, and donuts available. Sellers get free coffee.

TALK-IN: 145.27-(94.8Hz) Lowell (naturally) repeater.

Here's the summer 2007 schedule:

April 14, Saturday

May - Likely, SUNDAY, May 13, to avoid conflict with the need for ham radio volunteers for the River Bank Run on the 12th. Stay tuned! VOLUNTEER at http://www.kcraces.net

June - NO mini-swap, enjoy the IRA's Hamfestival at Hudsonville Fairgrounds, Saturday, June 2. http://www.w8hvg.org/IRAfest2k.htm

July 14, Saturday

August 11, Saturday

September - NO mini-swap, enjoy GRARA's GRAHamfest 2??7 at Kent County Fairgrounds, Lowell, Saturday, September 8. http://www.grahamfest.org/

October 13, Saturday

*SETUP: We really don't want to get into fine details here. Your open trunk, with or without
your buddies = 1 Setup. Your open trunk next to your buddy's open trunk = 2 setups. Your van
with trailer with a bunch of tables = 1 Setup. You get the idea. No measuring tapes here. If
there's a disagreement on what constitutes a setup, you win. Can't get better than that.
WHAT TO SELL: In respect to the co-located Thrift Store, who's owners have granted us permission to pursue our mini-swaps (its their property after all), LARC must insist that items offered for sale stay with the theme of this event. Radio, electronics, computers and related items only. General household items sold at the Thrift Store should not be sold at our swap meet (however, TVs radios stereos computers, anything electronics is OK). If you have good general household items you no longer need, please consider donating to the Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift Store. F.R.O.M. is a 501c3 organization.

Let's have fun, see you there.

More information, contact:
Jack Amelar
E-mail: mailto:jamelar@...
Phone-Home: (616)897-6885
-Office/Days: (616)493-8736
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2798. Re: [WestMichiganHams] It's that time of the year

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-12 13:20:46 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2797 Message: 2798

send me more information for the greenville march of dimes, when you get them thanks paul

k8mhz@... wrote: But you wouldn't know it by looking outside!

Muskegon's first event of the season, the March of Dimes WalkAmerica will be April 28, 2007

I am just in the process of gathering names. The Walk will take place in Muskegon on the bike trail from Heritiage Landing to the BC Cobb plant.

I don't have the exact times yet, but we are looking at approx 9am to Noon. I will post exact times when I get them. This is a great event for new hams interested in EmComm training.

I also see several other WalkAmerica events on the list. Holland for the 21st, Fremont for May 5th, Greenville and Milford for the 29th that are covered by the office I work with.

Can anyone tell me if they know if the other events are being covered by ham radio?

Besides staffing the WalkAmerica events I have been asked to staff the upcoming Saddle Up and Mystery Rides as well. They are later in the year.

After WalkAmerica in Muskegon there will be the Muskegon Chronicle's Seaway Run.

Thanks and stay tuned for more info.

Mark K8MHZ

Looking for earth-friendly autos?
Browse Top Cars by "Green Rating" at Yahoo! Autos' Green Center.

2800. Fwd: [QRP-L] Worked Swains Island QRP ON 17 Meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-12 19:29:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2800 Message: 2800

For those who are having trouble working N8S with 100 watts or so, eat your heart out. :)

Note: I haven't even tried to work N8S, should I? I have 100 watts and a dipole up 30 feet or so.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [QRP-L] Worked Swains Island QRP ON 17 Meters
Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2007 14:53:14 -0400
From: Thomas Giella KN4LF <kn4lf@...>
To: a QRP-L eList <qrp-l@...>

At 1845 UTC from here in west central Florida I worked Swains Island on 18150.0 RX 18155.0 TX with 5 watts on phone. I worked them on second call using a dipole at 50 feet. My signal report was 55.

At 1838 UTC I worked them with 90 watts and my report was 59.

72,
Thomas F. Giella, KN4LF
Lakeland, FL, USA
kn4lf@...
NAQCC #1723
KN4LF QRP DXCC Entity & WAS Totals: http://www.kn4lf.com/kn4lf11.htm

2801. N2CQ QRP Contest Calendar: This weekend's events

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-12 20:08:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2801 Message: 2801

Folks who run >5W may participate, but usually aren't eligible for awards

The PSK-31 contest might be of general interest....

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N2CQ QRP CONTEST CALENDAR
April 14 - May 13, 2007
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PSK 31 Flavors Contest ... QRP Category
Apr 14, 12:00 to 18:00 YOUR LOCAL TIME
Rules: http://www.podxs.com/html/070_club.html
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Georgia QSO Party (CW/SSB) ... QRP Category
Apr 14, 1800z to Apr 15, 0359z
Apr 15, 1400z to Apr 15, 2359z
Rules: http://gqp.contesting.com
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RUN FOR THE BACON (CW) *** QRP CONTEST ***
EDT: Apr 15, 9 PM to 11 PM
UTC: Apr 16, 0100z 0300z
Rules: http://fpqrp.com
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And, please note - the Michigan QSO party on April 21 (local time)
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Michigan QSO Party (CW/SSB) ...QRP Category
Apr 21, 1600z to Apr 22, 0400z
Rules: http://www.miqp.org/
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2802. Re: Fwd: [QRP-L] Worked Swains Island QRP ON 17 Meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-12 23:36:16 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2800 Message: 2802

Working N8S via QRP? You're braver than I. I'd be much more impressed if a QRPer could accomplish this task in the first three days of a DXpedition when the competition is fierce.

I scored the dx this afternoon, local time. It was sad, sort of, to hear the guys on N8S begging for QSOs. There was still a full compliment of lids to make the twenty meter QSO questionable. Sure wonder why a lid would tune up on the dx and then change his transmit to the listening frequency. Why not tune up there? Or causing QRM is a badge of some distinction?

73

Bill, AB8SC

2804. Coffee Break, 4/14/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-13 13:02:18 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2804 Message: 2804

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday April 14, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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2805. Michigan QSO Party at the MAARC clubhouse!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-13 16:32:10 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 2805 Message: 2805

Hello all:

A reminder to anyone who would like to attend, the clubhouse will be open on April 21st, we will be contesting. Come on down to help, observe, eat potluck at 5 p.m., hang out, shoot the breeze and watch the club kick some bravo-united-tango-tango in the Michigan QSO Party contest. Bill, AB8SC, promises amazing results. Weather looks good so far for that day. The clubhouse is located at 2888 Scenic Drive, Muskegon. I believe that we'll have at least one demonstration mode for folks to see, possibly more. You're welcome to stay as long as you like, or pop in briefly. We had fun last year and this year should be no different.

73,
Linda, AB8QH

2806. New and upgraded license statistics

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-13 16:51:53 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2806 Message: 2806

I found this on another group:

'Debra Johnson, K1DMJ, released
to ARRL "instructors' newsletter" statistics for
all VECs comparing 1st quarter 2006 with 1st quarter 2007:

New techs 4685 up to 6565
New/upgrade Generals 945 to 7395 (yes, 7000! with only one month of the
noCode rule)
New/upgrade Extras 775 to 1910'

Alan NV8A

2807. Re: Fwd: [QRP-L] Worked Swains Island QRP ON 17 Meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-14 00:46:57 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 2800 Message: 2807

Nice of him to work it TWICE, quite possibly taking away a contact from some poor sap who hadn't worked the DX at all. Sorry, it's one of my pet peeves. Gotta love it when the DX says..... "We've worked 4 times OM... YOU ARE IN THE LOG, OK!!!!?????" C'mon people move over and let someone else up to the table!!!

I'll go crawl back in my hole now.

Greg, KC8HXO

_____SNIP_
_____
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SNIP AGAIN_____

2808. Re: Fwd: [QRP-L] Worked Swains Island QRP ON 17 Meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-14 10:59:53 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2800 Message: 2808

Greg:

I'm amazed at the folks who like to brag about getting the DX on every band and using every mode. Well, maybe not amazed as just wondering, Why? I have not noticed an Honor Roll for Five Band DXCC. Is it because this one is a sure QSL when that Serbia might not be such a sure thing?

The best one I read was a guy complaining that the on-line log did not have his call sign. He had worked the DX six times, the DX had told him he was a dupe, and the DX had made a special point to give the guy his call sign extra slow and twice. I guess it isn't over until the paperwork is done, meaning you have the QSL card on the wall. But why?

DX pig comes to mind.

An insurance QSO on another band or mode, fine. Ten QSOs on six bands seems extreme. Twenty QSOs on one band and mode? Certainly NOT priceless!

A guy could argue that the DX is rare and the next opportunity won't be for a while. And besides, toward the end of the DXpedition the DX is begging for QSOs. If it weren't for weekend warriors I'd bet that Saturday would be a great day to chase this DX with success. Sure seems that too many folks make too big a thing out of getting into the DX log too many times too early in the DXpedition.

The Peter One Isl folks worked nearly 90k QSOs. These Swains Isl guys had over 100k QSOs in the log before the on-line log went down. You can't keep everyone happy but numbers like those sure seem to indicate a pretty healthy percentage?

Bill, AB8SC

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "kc8hxo" <kc8hxo@...> wrote:
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> Greg, KC8HXO
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2810. QST May for Clarke Cooper K8BP Antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-14 18:07:45 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2810 Message: 2810

All
Talk a look at page 34 in your May QST to see Clarke Cooper's K8BP Portable Antenna. Nice article Clarke

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2813. Re: Fwd: [QRP-L] Worked Swains Island QRP ON 17 Meters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-15 19:29:10 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2800 Message: 2813

Hi Hank.
I worked N8S on 17 meters SSB with 90W going into a G5RV that is a slight V (no center support) that is hanging about 40 feet of the ground. The center I estimage to be around 37 feet of the ground. I was given a solid 59 for my RS(T). I know they have worked on other bands too. Either I have not been able to hear them on the other bands/modes or they have been in the AE portion. The one time they were in the General class portion of 20M SSB there was a gigantic pile-up and I was not able to get through.

Have a great day!
Doc, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:
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2815. Batch File QSLs 2 N8S?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-16 13:21:13 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2815 Message: 2815

All:

Is there any interest in collecting QSL cards to the N8S, putting them all into one envelope, putting donations into that same envelope, and mailing a handful of cards to the QSL manager?

I'm pretty sure AB8QH, and I would donate.

Maybe we can put together our cards and envelope at the Michigan QSO Party this weekend?

Congratulations to all who managed to get into the log. I remember reading they had 115K QSOs in the log before they pulled the plug Sunday. I was reading the mail on thirty meters when the operator went QRT to pack his gear and head for the boat.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

Next challenge? BS7H is predicted to be much more difficult.

2816. Reminder, Michigan QSO Party Saturday, April 21

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-16 22:28:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2816 Message: 2816

Yep, it's that time of the year, the third Saturday of April - which is the 21st this year.

The Michigan QSO party starts at Noon and runs till Midnight. 80 thru 10 metres, CW/SSB

Complete rules at http://www.miqp.org/MiQP_Rules.htm

Note - Allegan county has NEVER had a fixed station entry in recorded history of the MiQP. If you wish to set a precedent and live in Allegan County, or wish to operate portable from that county, you'll be "amongst the first."

73 de n8xx Hg

2817. Fw: ARRL Update on Red Cross Background Investigations

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-16 22:44:00 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2817 Message: 2817

ARRL Update on Red Cross Background Investigations

NEWINGTON, CT, Apr 16, 2007 -- In March, the ARRL posted its position statement regarding the American Red Cross background check policy for volunteers. This updates information the League has obtained about that program.

ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, and Chief Technology Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, met March 20 at American Red Cross offices in Washington, DC, with two attorneys from the Red Cross General Counsel's office and two management-level staff members from Red Cross Disaster Services.

ARRL asked the Red Cross staff if ARRL ARES volunteers would be subject to the American Red Cross background check if they are providing communications for more than seven days. The position of the Red Cross is that ARES volunteers would not be permitted to provide communications at a disaster site for more than seven days without submitting to the Red Cross background check procedure.

Discussion was then held regarding the Red Cross announcement that credit checks and mode-of-living checks would not be conducted. ARRL's stated concern was that the ARC background investigation consent form states that a consumer report and/or an investigative consumer report -- which includes certain credit checks and includes mode of living checks -- will be obtained on the volunteer signing the form.

The ARRL team asked if the Red Cross would be willing to modify the consent form so that it limits the authority granted by the person signing the form to criminal background checks only. The Red Cross representatives did not indicate a willingness to modify the consent form.

The ARRL team also suggested alternatives to the Red Cross investigation firm, MyBackgroundCheck.com. ARRL was given an indication that the Red Cross is also unwilling to accept background checks conducted by other entities, because the Red Cross would be required to compare the methodologies of its selected entity with those of the alternative background-check provider.

ARRL reiterates its recommendation that members carefully review any consent document permitting a private organization to conduct a background investigation on that person. The current Red Cross background check consent form does include permission, without further consent from the volunteer, to conduct a consumer report and/or an investigative consumer report. The Federal Trade Commission and Federal statutes define investigative consumer reports as including a mode-of-living check as well as certain credit checks.

ARRL will not suggest what organizations or agencies should or should not be supported by volunteer Amateur Radio communications. ARRL does wish to facilitate the provision of volunteer services, however.

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2818. License Test Session, Friday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-16 23:16:08 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2818 Message: 2818

All:

We have settled the details around the next licensing testing opportunity. We will be testing Friday evening, April 20, between 7:00 and 8:30 pm, give or take, at the First Congregational Church in Fremont.

Please visit the radio club's www site for more details, directions, and what to expect and bring.

http://www.qsl.net/w8zho/

The three licensing exams will be administered to anyone wanting to test. Please note that you should bring copies of some material. We will not be able to access the church's copy machine so bring the necessary copies. And also bring $14 in cash as we cannot process credit cards or checks.

You still have time to practice test on-line and I encourage you to be testing that way. It is a wonderfully effective way to prepare for this experience.

Please pass the word so we are all prepared. I am not aware of another test session available outside the other more formal or regular sessions in Grand Rapids or at a hamfest.

We wish you all the success in this next step to obtaining your FCC license and entry into the amateur radio hobby.

73

Bill, AB8SC

2820. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New call signs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-18 00:20:00 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2819 Message: 2820

Great
Please add them to West Michigan Hams ASAP Mark.

Tom KB8VEE DEC-6

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2007 8:05 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] New call signs

As of today Muskegon has two more new hams.

Jeff KD8FXA

Scott KD8FXF

Also Barb KD8FBY's General upgrade is now in the ULS.

Take time to introduce yourselves and say hi if you hear them on the air.

73

Mark K8MHZ

2822. Re: New call signs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-18 08:28:12 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2819 Message: 2822

Add Gary, KD8FXE to the list of new area hams.

And the folks who upgraded from Tech to General should be similarly welcomed. I don't recall specifically but there was an Amateur Extra success story in that Saturday session, or was it two?

Congratulations to our friends in the ham community!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2823. Re:[WestMichiganHams] New call signs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-18 09:18:18 UTC
From: Barbara Lukacs Grob
Topic: 2819 Message: 2823

Appreciation goes to Mark for all his explanations of test questions in class and for sharing his knowledge of the inner workings of ham radios. Thanks Mark! And for the continuing fun!

73

Barb KD8FBY

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Also Barb KD8FBY's General upgrade is now in the ULS.

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Mark K8MHZ

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2824. Re:[WestMichiganHams] New call signs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-18 12:35:25 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2819 Message: 2824

Barb:

Did you get invited to the W8ZHO clubhouse for this weekend's Michigan QSO Party? Starts noon ends midnight on Saturday. You can drop in any time, operate, log, or enjoy the radio demonstrations, friends, and fun. We are having a pot luck dinner at 5:00 so bring a dish to pass. We have the table service and drinks.

All are welcome to enjoy the fun.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2826. The guys to call when you need tower work done...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-18 14:02:29 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2826 Message: 2826

http://www.glumbert.com/media/highpower

73

Alan NV8A

2829. Re: New call signs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-18 14:42:43 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2819 Message: 2829

I did grade a General test of note. The answer sheet came back all filled in with a Pen. No changes in the answers were hurriedly scrubbed off. There were only two or three wrong answers. I was amazed. That's a first.

Bill, AB8SC

2830. Smoke Alarm Installation - Saturday April 28, 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-18 16:19:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2830 Message: 2830

I know that several other activites are happneing on April 28, but the Greater Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Red Cross has a LARGE smoke alarm survey and istallation event set for this date.

If at all possible, please send a message to Courtney Myers <cmeyers@...>, or WD8USA <wd8usa@...> with particulars.

It appears that volunteers for this event will be given a T shirt. Nice addition!

73 de n8xx Hg

------------------- Original Message follows ------------------
Subject: April 28th- Smoke Alarm Install
From: "Courtney Myers" <cmeyers@...>
Date: Mon, 16 Apr 2007 15:19:33 -0400
To: undisclosed-recipients:;

Hello All-
This is a reminder that there is a smoke alarm installation on Saturday April 28th. This event is being coordinated with Home Repair Services for their annual community event "Raise the Roof". We need as much manpower as possible for this day. I especially need Spanish-speakers!! Registration will begin at 8:30 AM at Home Repair Services, located at 1100 S. Division Ave. We will be going into Roosevelt Neighborhood and will wrap up at about 2 PM. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me by Wednesday April 18th with your name, number, address and t-shirt size. (I need all of these so Home Repair Services knows how many t-shirt, lunches, thank you cards, etc will be needed)

Thank you!!!

PS- If you have already told me you are volunteering I still need all of the info sent to me!

Courtney Myers
American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids
Saving Lives at the Sound/AmeriCorps
bus (616) 456-8661 ext. 3905
fax (616) 235-2355
cmyers@...

2831. Re: Submarines on the air

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-18 16:39:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2825 Message: 2831

I don't recall if the Ludington to Manitowoc ferry is running, but if it is, there's a submarine on the waterfront not far from where the ferry lands. They have a working WW-II vintage ham radio station on board. They typically operate during these contests. The tour of their submarine is very worthwhile!

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Anyone planning on activating the Silversides for Subs on the Air?
>
> This link has more info http://w0oog.50megs.com/
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ

2832. Fwd: In Behalf of Bob's family

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-18 21:52:02 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2832 Message: 2832

Note: forwarded message attached.

Ahhh...imagining that irresistible "new car" smell?
Check outnew cars at Yahoo! Autos.

2833. Fwd: [RACES] ARRL - ARC Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-18 22:11:05 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2833 Message: 2833

Note: forwarded message attached.

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2834. Re: The guys to call when you need tower work done...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-19 00:03:28 UTC
From: muskegonjimquay
Topic: 2826 Message: 2834

That was very kewl . I would love to give that a shot . That is
right next to the space shuttle ride I would like to do .
Thanks for sharing that . Very awesome video.

Big Mark

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Alan NV8A <nv8a@...> wrote:
>
> http://www.glumbert.com/media/highpower
>
> 73
>
> Alan NV8A
>

2835. Re: [WestMichiganHams] The guys to call when you need tower work done...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-19 12:55:56 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2826 Message: 2835

I saw this once before at an IMAX presentation, I believe at the Air Force Museum in Dayton. Great to watch again.
I never figured out what these guys actually do up on the wires besides scoot along them.
I don't know what kind of salary they make, but I'm confident they are not over paid.

73 Jack NY8D

----- Message from nv8a@... ---------
Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2007 10:02:29 -0400
From: Alan NV8A <nv8a@...>
Reply-To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] The guys to call when you need tower work done...
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com, WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com

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----- End message from nv8a@... -----

2837. DHS Announces $29.1 Million Available for National Preparedness

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-19 21:30:22 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2837 Message: 2837

DHS Announces $29.1 Million Available for National Preparedness
Training Initiatives

Release Date: April 17, 2007
Release Number: FNF-07-011

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the availability today of $29.1 million to eligible state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, national associations, higher education institutions, non-profit organizations, and private sector businesses as a part of the 2007 Competitive Training Grant Program (CTGP). This program awards funds to competitively selected applicants to develop and deliver innovative training programs for high priority national homeland security training needs.

CTGP provides funds to support training initiatives that are national in scope and further the department's mission of preparing the nation to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from catastrophic events. The emphasis this fiscal year is on the development and delivery of courses in one of the following five focus areas:

* Public communications
* Executive leadership of homeland security programs
* Intergovernmental coordination and planning
* Managing homeland security risks
* Legal issues in preparation, response, and recovery

Eligible entities must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on at www.grants.gov, no later than 11:59 pm EDT on May 4. Registering with Grants.gov is a one-time process, but first time registration could take 3-5 business days to validate, confirm, and receive a user name and password. It is highly recommended to start the registration process as early as possible.

Since 2003, CTGP has developed more than 40 training programs targeting areas like community outreach; vulnerable populations and special needs; intelligence, information sharing, and fusion centers; cyber-terrorism; agriculture; regional collaboration and continuity of operations planning; transit, port and infrastructure protection; rural communities; law enforcement; and mass casualty.

For further information on CTGP and other DHS programs, visit www.dhs.gov.

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2838. Coffee Break, 4/21/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-20 12:57:31 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2838 Message: 2838

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday April 21, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
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2839. Coming to MiQP?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-20 18:00:10 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2839 Message: 2839

All:

We hope you have set aside some time to visit the MAARC clubhouse to help us staff and enjoy the Michigan QSO Party. Starts noon, runs through midnight. Pot Luck (feeling lucky, Pilgrim?) dinner at 5:00. All tomorrow.

Bill, AB8SC

2840. This week at Tool Max

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-20 22:32:38 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2840 Message: 2840

All Hams

Join us for coffee this Saturday At the Tool Max Store from 9AM-12PM

Antennas and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are now a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock. Check out their website below to see what we have or can get for you in Muskegon so you do not have to wait for the next Hamfest.
Tower Electronics on line Catalog website http://www.pl-259.com/catalog.html

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2841. 1950s 10M Ops Movie

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-21 10:38:42 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2841 Message: 2841

Note: forwarded message attached.

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2842. 3:1

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-21 13:29:14 UTC
From: Paul Seyferth
Topic: 2842 Message: 2842

Recently while researching/pricing 2meter all mode rigs(between anchorage and new)I noticed some thing.Icom has more models,not just all modes,than the other makers.From Rig pix--Icom 311,Kenwood 191,and Yeasu 194.Icom also has more mods,per model,than the others.Are the higher numbers because Icom is fixing bugs?Or is Icom making that many techno.advances?
Junk?or cutting edge?

KD8CBJ

2844. Re: 3:1

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-22 21:44:07 UTC
From: Mark
Topic: 2842 Message: 2844

I think Icoms are VERY good rigs.

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Paul Seyferth" <KD8CBJ@...>
wrote:
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2845. MIQP, N8M(N8XX) SOAB LP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-23 17:19:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2845 Message: 2845

Michigan QSO Party

Call: N8M
Operator(s): N8XX
Station: N8M

Class: Single Op LP
QTH: KENT COUNTY
Operating Time (hrs): 8.5

Summary:
Band CW Qs Ph Qs

80: 89 27
40: 112 22
20: 13
15: 0
10: 0

Total: 214 49

CW Mults = 67 Ph Mults = 36 Total Score = 49,131

Club: Mad River Radio Club

Comments:

This is my second year in Michigan, and MiQP. Personal Best! Not bad for a LID operator and a wet noodle wire antenna! I bought a new microphone for my Drake TR-5, and managed a few SSB Q's, for an added 36 Phone multipliers! It was nice to work several stations from Kent County - last year I heard nary a one. Locally heard W8N (AF8A) in Montcalm County, W8MSK in Kent County, and W8ZHO in Muskegon County. Propagation during MiQP on 40 and 20 was poor. 40 metres was a bust for in State - only 8 counties worked on 40 CW, most in the upper peninsula, none on 40 phone. Even though I looked for the mobiles according a "proposed schedule" I could hear only a few of them, except for those which came through locally. (Thanks, WT9U on 40, for the KENT county - you must have been next door!) 20 metres had a pipeline into the Czech Republic. I did manage a few west coast stations, but they were generally weak. Oh, well, the experts tell us that we have actually hit the low for the current cycle, so maybe next year!

2846. Re: 3:1

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-23 20:23:08 UTC
From: ke8fo
Topic: 2842 Message: 2846

Oh rats. I thought this would be about a Bible verse.

I too have an Icom HF rig....the IC-728. I bought it used almost 10 years ago. It sure was a step up from my old Tempo One!

KE8FO

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Mark" <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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2847. Saturday, May 12 - Tulip Time Parade 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-24 14:06:34 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2847 Message: 2847

Hello, the purpose of this email is to request your assistance in filling the remaining seven open spots for this year's Saturday Tulip Time parade.

Hams pride themselves on being good emergency communicators. Public service events like Tulip Time are a great way to sharpen our skills, and test our equipment, and operating procedures. Working such an event is also a great way to meet, and spend time with other hams in the area.

For those that are new to the hobby or those that have sat on the sidelines in the past years, please consider giving it a try. It is fun, and is a great way to brush up on your net operating procedures while providing a highly visible community service.

If you?re interested in volunteering, please provide me with you full name, call sign, physical limitations or special needs, contact phone number, email address, and any special assignments you would like to cover.

Thank you in advance!

Best regards,

Steve - N8UJD

2848. Fwd: ARLB012 FCC poised to lower vanity call sign fee

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-24 21:36:26 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2848 Message: 2848

Note: forwarded message attached.

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2851. Armed Forces Day, Crossband Contacts May 12

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-26 19:55:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2851 Message: 2851

From http://www.arrl.org
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Armed Forces Day Crossband Radio Communications Test set (Apr 26, 2007) -- The US Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard will co-sponsor the annual military/Amateur Radio Communications Tests to celebrate the 57th Armed Forces Day. Although Armed Forces Day falls on Saturday, May 19, the 2007 Armed Forces Day Military/Amateur Crossband Communications Test will take place a week earlier, on Saturday, May 12, to avoid conflicting with the Dayton Hamvention May 18-20. The annual celebration features military station-to-amateur station crossband tests on SSB and copying the Secretary of Defense message via digital modes. "These tests give Amateur Radio operators and Short Wave Listeners (SWLs) an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills, and to receive recognition from the Secretary of Defense and/or the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise," the Armed Forces Day announcement states. Amateur Radio participants will listen for designated military stations on military frequencies, while military participants will listen for Amateur Radio calls in the adjacent ham band. QSL cards will go to Amateur Radio stations making contact with participating military stations. Special commemorative certificates will be awarded to anyone who receives and copies the digital Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense. Full details on participating stations, times and frequencies are available on the Army MARS Headquarters Web site.
http://www.netcom.army.mil/mars/docs/ARMEDFORCESDAYFinal.doc

2852. Heathkit HA-10 Amp?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-27 01:18:03 UTC
From: heavyfistcharlie24
Topic: 2852 Message: 2852

Hi,

This is my first post on WestMichiganHams. Just got my first Ham license, a General, after taking the exam for the first time. Of course, I have only been studying off and on for the last 30 years, but never followed through and pulled the trigger! Yes, I tend to be a big time procrastinator. With Al, KV8X, after me for the last 20 years to get my license, (along with other Hams), and then recently telling me I had run out of excuses to not get my license, I enrolled in Mark's, K8MHZ, excellent eight week Technician Class study group. Under his excellent teaching skills, I passed the Tech exam without a problem, and then immediately took the General exam. The General exam had beads of sweat breaking out on my forehead as I took it. After the examiner walked up to me and told me I had passed the General, I was grinning ear to ear. I am still smiling! This is something I started thinking about and wanting to do 45 years ago. Now, I have it, and the enjoyment begins. I have met some really fine people that are in this field. I feel like I have been given the key to a whole new world of action and knowledge. Heck, it's like Christmas!
In the next couple of days, I will be taking delivery on a Heathkit HW-101 with the power supply, complete manuals, and Shure 444 mic. It is from the shack of a Silent Key in Illinois. The items are in excellent condition. I have also been offered to buy a Heathkit HA-10 "Warrior" , 1KW amp, that was from the early 60's era. It is also from the SK's radio shack, and in excellent condition. Price is $275, but I will have to drive and pick it up as it weighs about 100 lbs. It's a tank. (A boat anchor large enough to hold the Queen Mary in a hurricane). I will also be buying the Heathkit SA-2060 antenna tuner that was connected to the HW-101, and it is also in excellent condition.
I have Googled the HA-10 and SA-2060, and read about these two pieces of equipment. My question to the members of WestMichiganHams is about the HA-10 amp. I'm sure there are members that know this amp well. I would just like some thoughts and info. I would be using it mostly on sideband.
For those wondering about my "HeavyFistCharlie24" ID, it was my first radio call sign when I was in Vietnam in the USMC.

73's,
- Scott -
KD8FXF

2853. Re: If the helicopter won't fly high enough

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-27 03:36:06 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2849 Message: 2853

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Call these guys!
>

Looks like the boys are having fun working on an FM broadcast antenna up there. The photographer has managed to exaggerate the height by appropriate selection of camera lens... Good picture!

Laryn K8TVZ

2854. Re: Heathkit HA-10 Amp?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-27 11:30:22 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2852 Message: 2854

Scott:

Welcome to ham radio. Well, in your case, a Big Congratulations on finally taking the exams and getting your call.

There are tons of local hams who enjoy boat anchors. Your ham friend, Al, KV8X would be your first choice for information. And don't forget to speak with Tom, W8AMZ who has a number of "green" rigs. Would that be "green" as it is popular in the press today? Hi

We encourage all our ham friends to get involved in the amateur radio related opportunities presented almost every week. A March of Dimes walk on Saturday (tomorrow) and the club meeting on Thursday. A clubhouse work bee, special opportunity to work the radio, and dinner on May 12. There are tons of things happening.

Welcome to you and all the new hams and upgraded hams. A special encouragement to the "been there, done that" hams who are pressed into service as Elmer, too.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2855. This Sat at Tool Max

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-27 11:44:22 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2855 Message: 2855

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2856. Coffee Break, 4/28/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-27 13:01:32 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2856 Message: 2856

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-27 13:56:54 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 2852 Message: 2857

Hi Scott,

I do indeed have an HA-10. I got real lucky, I had been looking for one for a long time in good condition. This one it turned out the original owner Had built it in the early sixties along with the matching RX-1 receiver and transmitter HX-10. When he finished building it and read about the high voltages inside he said he got scared of it and never plugged it in. Instead he boxed it up, and there it sat till last year. I will tell you it looks like it was just built yesterday. I would recommend a better match to the HW-101 (Hot Water -101) would be A Heathkit SB-200. Same power lighter weight and all parts are readily available and can also be used with all the newer modern rigs as well. the HA-10 does not have tunned inputs. So it has to be connected with older tube rigs with pie network on the outputs. Plus it's about 3-4 times the size of the hw-101. Good luck,

73' Tom W8AMZ

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a big time procrastinator. With Al, KV8X, after me for the last 20
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telling me I had run out of excuses to not get my license, I enrolled
in Mark's, K8MHZ, excellent eight week Technician Class study group.
Under his excellent teaching skills, I passed the Tech exam without a
problem, and then immediately took the General exam. The General exam
had beads of sweat breaking out on my forehead as I took it. After
the examiner walked up to me and told me I had passed the General, I
was grinning ear to ear. I am still smiling! This is something I
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it, and the enjoyment begins. I have met some really fine people that
are in this field. I feel like I have been given the key to a whole
new world of action and knowledge. Heck, it's like Christmas!
In the next couple of days, I will be taking delivery on a Heathkit
HW-101 with the power supply, complete manuals, and Shure 444 mic. It
is from the shack of a Silent Key in Illinois. The items are in
excellent condition. I have also been offered to buy a Heathkit HA-10
"Warrior" , 1KW amp, that was from the early 60's era. It is also
from the SK's radio shack, and in excellent condition. Price is $275,
but I will have to drive and pick it up as it weighs about 100 lbs.
It's a tank. (A boat anchor large enough to hold the Queen Mary in a
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73's,
- Scott -
KD8FXF

2859. WQ8RP (N8XX) in QRPTTF 2007 Tomorrow, April 28

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-27 15:47:28 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2859 Message: 2859

Reminder - please look for WQ8RP/TB from Greenville, MI during QRP TTF. I can't predict if skip will be short enough, even on 40 metres, but the best possibility would be 7030 KHz ? Florida QSO Party QRM early to mid afternoon. There is/was at least one Sunspot yesterday, so maybe, just maybe, short skip on 40 might work! The hours for this event are from 11 a.m. EDT to 11 p.m. EDT, though I doubt I'll last the entire period.

If you're in the neighborhood, I'll be operating from the auxiliary parking lot of the Taco Bell in Greenville, 1825 W Washington St. It's on the south side of M-57 (Washington Street) near the Meijer store.

If you want to operate from home or another field location, rules for QRP TTF are at http://www.zianet.com/QRP/2007/qttfruls.html

Note that you do NOT have to run <5 watts to contact me, or any other QRP TTF station. We'll take contacts from anyone!

72 de n8xx (WQ8RP during QRPTTF 2007)

2860. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Heathkit HA-10 Amp?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-27 15:49:00 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 2852 Message: 2860

Hi Scott,

I forgot to mention you can get an SB-200 for around the same price the HA-10.

73' Tom W8AMZ

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2861. Fwd: LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-27 18:38:32 UTC
From: Mike
Topic: 2861 Message: 2861

--- In HURRICANE_CHAT@yahoogroups.com, "Mike" <kc8pza@...> wrote:

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

From the on-going discussion of local emergency management in the IAEM Discussion List pulled the following item:

"Now lets take a look at rural America. In Rural America the County EM coordinator (one person only in most cases) might be full time, 1/4 FTE,
1/2 FTE or less. He or she might also be the EMS director, Sheriff, Fire, etc. Most, if not all, wear multiple hats. Why, dollars drive the train along with county commissioners because that is who they work for. In some cases, in rural Montana, the EM Coordinator might only get
paid $100 - 200 a month and are expected to do the work of a full-time Coordinator. Sad but true, that is rural America. What suffers, plans, EOCs (which in some cases don't exist) coordination between agencies, etc. Thank your lucky stars if you are full time and have folks working
for or with you."

--- End forwarded message ---

2862. Re: Heathkit HA-10 Amp?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-29 00:27:00 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 2852 Message: 2862

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> - Scott -
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Scott-a very BIG welcome to the hobby! I am sure you will find it gratifying. Another thing about the old warrior, is I don't believe it was set up with a T/R switch from the "factory". If it was used with the Hot-Water-101, it may have been so modified, though. One thing for sure.... if you get it, you'll not need another amp in YOUR lifetime!!! (Unless, of course, you want to get on 160M).

Best luck-
Greg, KC8HXO

2863. NEW ELECRAFT K-3 ANNOUNCED!!! (Yes, I AM hollering!)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-29 00:28:54 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 2863 Message: 2863

It's time to sell my current rig, I think!! Here is a link to a pic of the front panel. Order page to be up on Monday they say! Looks SWEET to me!!

http://www.elecraft.com/K3/K3_big_v2.jpg

73- Greg, KC8HXO

2864. remote control

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-29 17:49:47 UTC
From: Paul Seyferth
Topic: 2864 Message: 2864

I recently inherited a Futaba fp-t6va skysport-6a??Learning to play with R/C is on my todo list(for about 5 years from now).What can it do,and or whats it worth?Tradeable?

KD8CBJ

2865. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NEW ELECRAFT K-3 ANNOUNCED!!! (Yes, I AM hollering!)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-29 20:28:52 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2863 Message: 2865

The order page is there already:

http://www.elecraft.com/K3/K3%20Order%20form%20rev%204.pdf

It's interesting to see that even the assemble-it-yourself ones require
no soldering: the individual modules are all pre-built.

I still think I prefer the new FLEX-5000 -- except for its looks:

http://www.flex-radio.com/

73

Alan NV8A

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2867. ham testing

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-30 15:24:56 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2867 Message: 2867

02-May-2007
Sponsor: GLAAARC
Time: 7:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: DAVID L CARTER
(989)427-5844
Email: DCARTER@...
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: GREAT LAKES ADVENTIST ACADEMY
7477 ACADEMY ROAD
CHEMISTRY CLASS ROOM
ENTER GLASS DOORS @ SE OF BLDG
CEDAR LAKE, MI 48812

Ahhh...imagining that irresistible "new car" smell?
Check outnew cars at Yahoo! Autos.

2868. Re: remote control

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-30 20:34:18 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 2864 Message: 2868

Paul:

Come on down to the MAARC club meeting in August, we plan on having a radio control guru from the Muskegon area talk about radio controlled aircraft. In the meantime, Bob Duplissis, N9AUY, is also a radio control guru...if you know him, talk to him, he's often listening to the .94 repeater. He listens, on occasion, to our Wednesday night net. He'd give you an idea. Or, I will contact him for you, if you like, I don't think that he is a member of this list. Also, there's a place called, but don't quote me, Fishmas Charters/Anderson's Sport Shop in Whitehall, on White Lake. He's huge into radio controlled toys and his shop is worth visiting, it's very interesting. Half the shop is fishing gear, the other half is radio controlled toys. He'd definitely be able to tell you what the Futaba is worth. Hams get extra frequency space in the R/C spectrum!

Linda, AB8QH

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2869. 2007 Spring VHF/UHF Sprints

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-30 22:07:38 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2869 Message: 2869

http://www.sysadnet.com/vhfsprintrules.htm

2007 Spring VHF/UHF Sprints
Sponsored by
John Kalenowsky, K9JK, and Steve Gilmore, W4SHG
John Kalenowsky, K9JK, and Steve Gilmore, W4SHG, with support from Ham Radio Outlet of Virginia, are pleased to announce the 2007 Spring VHF/UHF Sprints. Everyone is encouraged to participate, even if only in a small way. The rules have intentionally remained simple, and the contest's focus continues to be for single operator, single transmitter entries, both "fixed" and "rover". A new item for 2007, is a "Rookie" classification, to recognize 'first-time' participants, from their own stations OR as "guest-op" at an "experienced" station to introduce newcomers to weak signal vhf/uhf operations and, hopefully, encourage their participation in the future. Guidance from an experienced operator for a "Rookie" IS permitted as long as entries in this class are clearly identified by comments in the SOAPBOX: lines for Cabrillo formatted logs or on the Summary Sheet for paper logs. The detail should identify who is the "Rookie" and list any "experienced" operator(s) who were present.

Please note that, for 2007, we are both shortening the log submission date window and STRONGLY encouraging electronic log submissions using the Cabrillo format, but we will continue to accept paper logs (though the shorter deadline will apply to paper log submissions as well). A summary sheet which includes your total contacts, multipliers and calculated score WILL BE required with Paper Logs (see sample at: http://www.sysadnet.com/vhfsprintsummary.pdf). Such summary info is not required for electronic logs but may be included in the SOAPBOX: area of the Cabrillo formatted log if participants so desire. Be sure to include the grid square you operated from in either your log or summary sheet.

Please take a look at the sponsors for this year's events at http://www.sysadnet.com/springsprintsponsors.htm. Several sponsorship opportunities are still available. If interested in becoming a prize sponsor or sponsoring a plaque for the events in 2007 (or in the future), please email us at springsprintquestions@...
** Log submissions may be viewed here. **

We wish you the very best of VHF! 73,
John Kalenowsky, K9JK, and Steve Gilmore, W4SHG

1. Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many 2 degree by 1 degree grid squares as possible, using authorized amateur frequencies on the 50, 144, 222, 432, 902 MHz and above bands.
2. Contest Period:
2.1. - 144 MHz
The 144 MHz Sprint will be from 7 PM until 11 PM local time on Monday, April 9, 2007.
2.2. - 222 MHz
The 222 MHz Sprint will be from 7 PM until 11 PM local time on Tuesday, April 17, 2007.
2.3. - 432 MHz

The 432 MHz Sprint will be from 7 PM until 11 PM local time on Wednesday, April 25, 2007.
2.4. - Microwave (902+)
The Microwave Sprint will be on Saturday, May 5, 2007, from 6 AM until 1 PM local time. This includes all Amateur frequencies above 902 MHz. Please include band data in summaries and logs. NOTE: use of Liaison Frequency is encouraged.
2.5. - 50 MHz
The 50 MHz Sprint will be from 2300Z Saturday, May 12, until 0300Z Sunday, May 13, 2007.
3. Exchange: Grid-square locator - PLEASE EXCHANGE and LOG SIX-Character Grid Locators where possible. Correct exchange of FOUR-Character Grid Locator is the minimum requirement for a valid contact but we'd REALLY like to see SIX-Character locators exchanged and recorded in the submitted logs.

What's that, you say you have no clue what your SIX-Character Grid Locator is? To assist you with that, please try the following...
Enter your FOUR-Character Grid Locator here:
When you click the "Show me my Grid Square!" Button, you will be presented with a Google Map showing the borders of the 2-degree by 1-degree FOUR-character Grid Square that you entered. You can then navigate as well as Zoom in and out using the controls at the upper left of the screen. When you click a point on the map, however, the Latitude and Longitude of that point ALONG WITH THE SIX-Character Grid Locator for that point will pop up in a text balloon and the border of the SIX-Character Grid Locator will be shown. This is provided as a service to the Amateur Radio Community by Laurent/Larry Haas, F6FVY, using the Google Maps API. Thanks to Larry and Google! Try it, we think you'll like it!
4. Scoring:
4.1. QSO Points: Count one point for each complete QSO.
4.2. Multipliers: The total number of different FOUR-Character Grid Squares worked. Each FOUR-Character Grid Locator represents a 2 degree by 1 degree area on the earth's surface, the SIX-character designators are just sub-divisions of that. So, to be clear, if you work a station in EN53bj and another in EN53we, that is only ONE Multiplier, EN53.
4.3. Final score: Multiply QSO points by multipliers. Each Sprint is scored separately.
4.4. Rovers use same QSO Point and Multiplier criteria but scoring for Rovers is cumulative, total # of multipliers worked from each grid activated multiplied by total # of complete QSOs from each grid activated. Segregation of rover logs by grid activated is no longer required as long as the log makes it clear from which FOUR-Character grid locator each contact was made.
Example: Scores from EM98 5 qso's , 3 grids / EM99 10 qso's, 4 grids / EM89 3 qso's, 2 grids.
Total score would be 18 qso's x 9 grids = 162 points
4.5. Microwave Sprint scoring is cumulative, total # of grids worked from each band activated multiplied by total # of stations worked in each band activated.
5. Reporting: Logs (Cabrillo format preferred) must be received via e-mail or paper logs WITH summary sheet postmarked no later than following deadlines (roughly two weeks after the close of each event):
5.1. - 144 MHz - April 24, 2007
5.2. - 222 MHz - May 2, 2007
5.3. - 432 MHz - May 10, 2007
5.4. - Microwave (902+) - May 21, 2007
5.5. - 50 MHz - May 29, 2007
6. Awards:
6.1. Certificates/Plaques (if sponsored) will be awarded as follows:

6.1.1. TOP FIVE individual scores for each of the five Sprint "band" events (Single-Op Fixed, Rover and Rookie will be considered for this ranking).
6.1.2. TOP FIVE cumulative Single-Op Fixed scores (adding scores together by callsign used from each of the events, up to 5, for which valid logs are received).
6.1.3. TOP FIVE cumulative Rover scores (adding scores together by callsign used from each of the events, up to 5, for which valid logs are received).
6.1.4. TOP FIVE cumulative Rookie scores (adding scores together by callsign used from each of the events, up to 5, for which valid logs are received).
6.1.5. If a plaque is not sponsored for a particular finish above, a certificate (similar to what other VHF Contest sponsors provide) will be sent. "Specialty" plaques will also be considered (such as for best finish in a region) if anyone wants to sponsor such (and can provide a clear criteria). Please contact John or Steve regarding that. To view what plaques have been sponsored (and criteria) for 2007, click here.
6.2. Prizes: As they are sponsored, prizes will be awarded based on criteria of the sponsor. As an example, the simplest criteria will be "random drawing from all logs received." To view what prizes have been sponsored (and criteria) for 2007, click here.
7. Submission of Logs:
7.1. By submitting a log, participants confirm that they have observed all contest rules, as well as all regulations established for amateur radio in their country and that their log submission is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge. Participants further agree to be bound by the decisions of the Spring Sprint sponsors.
7.2. Electronic Logs:
7.2.1. The "Cabrillo" log format is now the standard for the Spring Sprints.
7.2.1.1. Use the following names for the Cabrillo "CONTEST:" field:
For 144 MHz, use CONTEST: VHF-SPRINT-144MHZ-SPRING
For 222 MHz, use CONTEST: VHF-SPRINT-222MHZ-SPRING
For 432 MHz, use CONTEST: VHF-SPRINT-432MHZ-SPRING
For "Microwave" (902 MHz & Up), use CONTEST: VHF-SPRINT-MICROWAVE-SPRING
For 50 MHz, use CONTEST: VHF-SPRINT-50MHZ-SPRING
7.2.1.2. Until logging programs with 'official' support for these events become more available, the closest format is probably for the June or September ARRL VHF QSO Parties (as long as the logging program knows how to handle SIX-Character Grid Square input and can properly 'ignore' the 5th and 6th characters for Multiplier counting). It may be necessary to manually edit the "CONTEST:" line in the file and Claimed Score may be incorrect for bands 222 MHz and above but the QSO data should be correct.
7.2.1.3. E-mail logs to: springvhfsprints@... preferably using a "Plain Text" e-mail format, with ONLY "your call" and the "band" in the subject line (W4SHG 144 -or- K9JK MICROWAVE for example) and with the log file as an attachment named "<your call>.LOG" (e.g. W4SHG.LOG)
7.2.2. "Web-to-Cabrillo": Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, has graciously agreed to provide 'web forms' to facilitate generation and AUTOMATIC SUBMISSION of Cabrillo-formatted logs for the Spring VHF & Up Sprints at the http://b4h.net/cabforms web site that he maintains. You may have to scroll down the homepage a bit to the "Other Contests" area to find the ones for the Spring VHF Sprints and they may not be there until just before the actual contests. PLEASE consider using these to generate and submit electronically instead of submitting a paper log. Our thanks to Bruce!
7.3. Paper logs:
7.3.1. Paper logs must include a Summary sheet and the log sheets themselves should include the following information:
Band (in MHz, e.g. 50, 144, 222, 432, 902. For above 902, change to GHz, e.g. 1.2, 2.3,

3.4, etc.)
Mode (e.g. CW, PH, DIG)
Date/Time (PLEASE indicate whether the dates & times are "local" or UTC)
Callsign SENT (can be listed at the top of a page OR on each line)
Grid Locator SENT (PLEASE give your SIX-character locator when known)
Other Station's Callsign
Other Station's Grid Locator (PLEASE ask for and record SIX-character when the other station provides it)
7.3.2. "Snail Mail" paper logs to:
Steve Gilmore – W4SHG
11 Ryan Way
Stafford, VA 22554
Questions ? Email springsprintquestions@sysadnet.com
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2870. Re: remote control - correction

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-04-30 23:42:14 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 2864 Message: 2870

It's Armstrong's Sport Shop NOT Anderson's.

ab8qh

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Linda"
<linda_rosenthal@...> wrote:
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> Paul:
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there's
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Sport
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2872. Scarborough Reef

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-01 02:36:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2872 Message: 2872

BS7H IS NOW QRV
The first QSO was made at 13:47 UTC 29 April.
11:00 UTC 30 April

As the day sets on Scarborough Reef they finished operating position 2 and made good progress on the third operating position. As a result they are now able to man two stations during the darkness. AND, it is pitch black out there. After daybreak tomorrow they can finish a third station and increase operations further. Both stations have SteppIR verticals and no 80 or 160 mtr antennas have been erected yet. The reef is extremely hazardous making the setup slow and the heat is oppressive further tiring the team. At low tide the rocks are unreachable by the skiffs. We get a daily update and are not in constant contact with the team. If we don't answer your emails it is because we know nothing further than what we publish.

2873. Re: [WestMichiganHams] K8ROH, sk

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-01 13:19:31 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 2871 Message: 2873

To All,

Someone once told me that as we get older it becomes easier deal with the loss of loved ones. Well in the last two years I've endured the passing of four people whom I've thought a great deal of. Now I don't see it getting any easier, if anything it seems to be getting more difficult.

With Elmer we could go into a many ways on how he touched my life and that of my children. But right now it has become a big blur. Not to mention how difficult it has become to type.

Godspeed my dear freind Elmer K8ROH you are already truely missed as well as our other recently passed freinds.

73' W8AMZ

k8mhz@... wrote:

----- Original Message ----- From: Jim, K8COP
To: mcares@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2007 07:49
Subject: [MCECS] K8ROH, sk

Received the evening....
Jim, K8COP

All:

I just received word that Russ, W8BXS passed along news, on this
evening's Teenage Net, that Elmer, K8ROH passed away this morning,
April 30. It's too early to have any more details.

We grieve for our friend and we pray for his family, both in the
community of amateur radio and his wife, children, and extended family.

I'm sure details about the coming day's arrangements will be posted as
they are available.

With a heavy heart,

73

Bill, AB8SC

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.467 / Virus Database: 269.6.2/781 - Release Date: 4/30/2007 9:14 AM

2874. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: remote control

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-01 13:56:13 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 2864 Message: 2874

Thank You for the heads up on Aug.R/C.Being an information"junky"(electro.,mech.,chem.)I'm there.It is highlited on my-acquire information-calendar.
I loosely know N9AUY (Bob) that battery class was his his doing I know.
With your's and another e-mail I have 2 R/C shops to visit.
As far as the net--I am in my 2nd week of Laryngitis.Bad for me,good for everyone else.

KD8CBJ

P.S. I wonder if Armstrong's has any R/C lures,I'd think the Ni-Cads would make them want to sink.
Better yet A R/C submarine with live torpedoes HiHi.

********** See what's free at http://www.aol.com.

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Date: 2007-05-02 13:00:03 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2881 Message: 2881

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-02 17:30:22 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2882 Message: 2882

Hey:

Would you like to do a nice thing for a ham? Clarke, K8BP wrote a great article in QST titled "A Super Duper Five Band Portable Antenna."

If you're a member of ARRL you can vote for the "Cover Plaque Award" given to the author of an article in QST each month. Visit http://www.arrl.org/members-only/qstvote.html and vote for your favorite QST article.

Maybe he will garner enough votes? Or maybe you enjoyed another article a bit better? Go ahead and vote!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2883. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Digest Number 585

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-02 19:43:19 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 2883 Message: 2883

FYI- It works on many repeaters, but some repeaters don't transmit the tone. Grand Haven didn't until a few years ago. Just so you know if you try it somewhere and it doesn't work.

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----- Original Message -----
From: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2007 12:52 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Digest Number 585

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steve_vanderhill
Date: Tue May 1, 2007 11:32 am ((PDT))

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Posted by: "Don Meyer - KB8ODB" kb8odb@... ottawaaec911
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Date: Tue May 1, 2007 4:47 pm ((PDT))

We are now getting into the season of 2 meter tropo.

If you want to only hear your local repeater, try setting the tone squelch.

How it works, using our 94.8 PL as an example:

In addition to setting a 94.8 tone to open the repeater, you can set your radio not to open the squelch until it hears the 94.8 tone. I was hearing a repeater on the '94 frequency that had a 100.0 tone. It was so strong that it came through no matter where I set the squelch. Once I set the tone squelch the problem was gone and my radio only opens up when a 94.8 freq is heard.

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Ain't technology wonderful?

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Mark K8MHZ

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Posted by: "k8mhz@..." k8mhz@... k8mhz
Date: Tue May 1, 2007 4:51 pm ((PDT))

----- Original Message -----
From: jtlr.fischer@...
To: W8CSO@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2007 06:36
Subject: [W8CSO] services for K8ROH

Here is the information on services for our Elmer, K8ROH. I verified this information with Lee Funeral Home.
Visitation Wednesday May 2, 2007
Lee Funeral Home
5th Street at Broadway, Muskegon Heights
2-4 and 6-8 pm
Funeral Service Thursday May 3, 2007
Forest Park Covenant Church
Henry Street at Forest Park
11:00 am
Coming from Seaway Drive, turn west on either Norton Avenue or Seminole Road (either will work, depending on what folks are familiar with)
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The church is on the west side of Henry Street, about 1 or 2 blocks before

the float bridge.
About .5 (1/2) miles from Norton Ave. About .2 (2/10) miles from Seminole
Rd.
Jon AB8RD

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Version: 7.5.467 / Virus Database: 269.6.2/781 - Release Date: 4/30/2007
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2884. FW: KC8WSE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-03 13:05:01 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 2884 Message: 2884

Message from Tom Porritt forwarded from MAARC list:

All,
As you may know Jean, KC8WSE, was recently appointed to the position of net manager for the West Michigan Traffic Net (WMTN). I have been informed that there will be a net meeting at the IRA Hamfest in Hudsonville on June 2 and she needs transportation to be able to attend the meeting. Feel free to call her directly if you can provide a ride, even if just one way. Her number is 893-3341, or catch her on the link system.
Tom

PS: I believe the meeting time is 9 or 9:30AM and will be done by noon.

2885. Scarborough Reef BS7H Operation Shutting Down Soon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-03 18:34:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2885 Message: 2885

Scarborough Reef BS7H Operation Shutting Down Soon

NEWINGTON, CT, May 3, 2007 -- If you haven't already snagged BS7H on Scarborough Reef <http://www.scarboroughreef.com/>, there's not much time left to put the world's most-wanted DXCC entity into the log. Word from the BS7H DXpedition is that operation will cease at 0000 UTC on May 6. /The Daily DX <http://www.dailydx.com>/ reports the BS7H team plans to keep two stations on 20 meters around the clock. Earlier today Wolf Harranth, OE1WHC, of Documentary Archives Radio Communications in Vienna interviewed BS7H team member James Brooks, 9V1YC, via satellite telephone. Brooks explained that the team operates from wooden platforms on each of the reef's four rocks that are exposed during high tide.

"Basically, we're like little birds perched on a small rock in the middle of the ocean," Brooks told Harranth. "It's a very dangerous reef," he went on to say. "There's lots of hazards. There's rain, there's wind, there's lightning, there's piracy."

The coral is also very sharp, and most of the team members have suffered cuts and scrapes. Changing shifts three times a day has been difficult and time consuming, and Brooks says the individual stations can barely see each other during daylight.

Brooks said the DXpedition team has been visited by several fishermen from the Philippines who have asked for fuel and water. Visit the Dokufunk Web site <http://www.dokufunk.org/index.php?ID=2094> and click on the "BS7H Scarborough Reef 2007 - Interview" link. The entire .mp3 clip runs 8:45. The interview also is available from the BS7H DXpedition Web site <http://www.scarboroughreef.com/>.

The most difficult path from BS7H is to the US Northeast, although many stations have been successful in the past few days in working the DXpedition on 30, 20 and 17 meters, and signals have been reasonably strong. Pileups have been extremely large, on 20 meter SSB extending 50 kHz or more up the band from the BS7H transmitting frequency.

Stations attempting to work BS7H are advised to exercise courtesy and make sure they have a clear frequency before transmitting, to avoid interfering with ongoing communications unrelated to the DXpedition.

Judging from anecdotal information, stations in the Eastern US should start listening around 1100 UTC. One station in Florida reported hearing BS7H on 20 meter CW from 1130 until 1630 UTC, /The Daily DX/ reported. Brooks explained to Harranth that Europe, Japan and Oceania are easy to work most any time of the day, however.

The first QSO was made on April 29. As of 1400 on May 2, BS7H was operating four stations from four separate rocks, with two stations dedicated to 20 meters. All stations now are running 800 W, and activity has been on 10 through 40 meters. Substantial QRN on 40 and 30 has prevented the operators from hearing most stateside signals, however.

In part because of high winds, the team has yet to launch the helium-filled weather balloon that will support an antenna for 80 and 160 meters. On the other bands, BS7H is using vertical antennas and taking advantage of the salt water for a ground plane.

2886. GRARA Monthly Meeting, 5/4/2007, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-03 22:25:50 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2886 Message: 2886

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

GRARA Monthly Meeting
Friday May 4, 2007
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(This event repeats every month on the first Friday until Friday November 9, 2007.)
Location: Red Cross, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE, Grand Rapuids
Street: 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City State Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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2887. Tool Max closed this Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-03 22:41:36 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2887 Message: 2887

All
Tool Max will be closed this Saturday only to go to the Cadillac Hamfest. Join us next week for Coffee and lots of good Hamming at you only local Ham and Tool Store. Bring your new (used) item into sell this week to sell.
Thanks Tom

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2888. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FW: KC8WSE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-04 01:41:19 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 2884 Message: 2888

Tom, Linda, and all:

Since my XYL, Sue, and I live in the Big Rapids area, and probably won't make it to the IRA swap this year, we obviously aren't in a position to help Jean out with a ride to the meeting.

However, I did want to tell everyone interested in Jean's situation that I might have a lead on a possible used computer for Jean. She and my XYL talked on the phone for quite a while the other night, and I have been doing some checking at Ferris, where I teach. I may be able to get access to a used computer that is being replaced in one of the offices at the University, and I will make sure Jean gets it. I have a copy of Jaws, the speach screen reader for the blind that I use, and will make sure it gets installed on the machine for her. I also know that Handihams provides tutorials for people who are new to computers and Jaws, and I'll work to get access to that material as well. I'll even tutor Jean as much as I can from a distance.

I think we need to do everything we can to encourage Jean. ... She has come a very long way over the past 2 years, and I am extremely pleased at her new appointment as WMTN net manager.

I also applaud the Muskegon club for taking her under their wing and helping her as much as they have.

If someone wants to work with me directly on the computer access issue for Jean, please e-mail me privately at:

tbehler@...

Thanks, and 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

----- Original Message -----
From: "Linda" <linda_rosenthal@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2007 9:05 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] FW: KC8WSE

Message from Tom Porritt forwarded from MAARC list:

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system.
Tom

PS: I believe the meeting time is 9 or 9:30AM and will be done by noon.

2889. Re: Heathkit HA-10 Amp?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-04 02:48:05 UTC
From: heavyfistcharlie24
Topic: 2852 Message: 2889

Thanks for the welcome Bill. I'm sure I will have many questions about these green machines. I have always been intrigued by tube radios, whether they were the old AM/Shortwave Zenith floor model receivers, or Ham radios. The glow of the tubes, and the smell of the warm tubes is rather unique, along with the lights and knobs. They seemed to have "personalities" if you know what I mean. I guess you could compare it to the difference between wood boats and fiberglass boats, or fine wooden furniture and chrome and glass furniture. Don't get me wrong, I like the latest bells and whistles radios, and will be getting some of those also, but I do like those tube radios.

73's,
Scott
KD8FXF

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Bill" <bill_fries@...> wrote:
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> Scott:
>
> Welcome to ham radio. Well, in your case, a Big Congratulations on
> finally taking the exams and getting your call.
>
> There are tons of local hams who enjoy boat anchors. Your ham friend,
> Al, KV8X would be your first choice for information. And don't forget
> to speak with Tom, W8AMZ who has a number of "green" rigs. Would that
> be "green" as it is popular in the press today? Hi
>
> We encourage all our ham friends to get involved in the amateur radio
> related opportunities presented almost every week. A March of Dimes
> walk on Saturday (tomorrow) and the club meeting on Thursday. A
> clubhouse work bee, special opportunity to work the radio, and dinner
> on May 12. There are tons of things happening.
>
> Welcome to you and all the new hams and upgraded hams. A special
> encouragement to the "been there, done that" hams who are pressed into
> service as Elmer, too.
>
> 73
>
> Bill, AB8SC
> MAARC guy
>

2890. Re: Heathkit HA-10 Amp?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-04 03:43:10 UTC
From: heavyfistcharlie24
Topic: 2852 Message: 2890

Hi Tom,

I met the EBay Seller of my HW-101 at the Michigan/Indiana border, and transported the Heathkit HA-10 1KW amp, and the Heathkit SA-2060 antenna tuner to my house. The Seller is a Ham and a pilot, and lives in south central Illinois. His mom lives near South Bend, Illinois, and he makes the trip to visit her. Both units were from his friend's father's radio shack. The friend's father is a recent SK. He kept his radio equipment in excellent condition. I didn't find out about the amp and tuner until after the HW-101 was shipped. Otherwise, I would have transported it also. (I didn't buy the amp and tuner via EBay). The SK was a P-38 pilot during WWII, and shot down a couple of Japanese planes during the war.
A couple of days after I made the drive to the border for the amp and tuner, the HW-101 with HP-23 power supply, Shure 444 mic, and manuals arrived. These items were in extremely excellent condition. They WERE, until the USPS goons, probably in the Chicago terminal, got their hands on it. The items were packaged and cushioned very well, (but not double boxed). The left rear corner of the HW-101 cabinet was badly caved in. Two tubes came out of their sockets, and there were many pieces of broken tube glass rattling around inside. When I placed the radio on a rug and removed the top of the cabinet to see inside, a lot of very fine glass tube particles fell out the bottom. It looked like fine glitter on the rug. The Postal goons didn't just drop it, they must have slammed it to the ground, as their response to the writing on the outside of the box, "Fragile, Do Not Drop". The Seller packed it well, and was going to send it Priority. He gave it to his wife to mail at the Post Office. She screwed up and sent it Parcel Post with only $100 of insurance. Duhhhhhhhhh!!!! I would have paid extra to have it shipped Express. Parcel Post is NOT the way to ship something you like. If it absolutely has to be destroyed, send it USPS Parcel Post. I raged the whole day after discovering the damage to this once pristine HW-101. What a waste. The Seller was as upset or more upset than I. He appologized, and immediately offered to refund my purchase price and shipping. I want to keep the HW-101 and restore it back to as close to what it was before being damaged. I'm sure all the filaments in the tubes are compromised after an impact that hard. So, I will be buying new tubes. If that's all that's damaged, the radio will have to be re-aligned after the new tubes are installed. I will also attempt to work the bent aluminum cabinet back to a close proximity of what it should be. The Heath green paint split at the impact/bend point. I think the Heath green paint colors are available in spray cans. I talked to the Postmaster and picked up some damage claim forms to submit. If I can get some insurance money out of the Post Office ($100) to help defray the cost

of replacement tubes, that will help. I do not want to give up the radio. Luckily it got hit on the back corner and not the front. The front is flawless.
I tried to get a similar condition HW-101 that ended tonight on EBay, but a couple of bidders went crazy bidding against each other. For just the HW-101, the winning bidder got it for $305 !!! I guess he wanted it pretty badly. He definitely "got" it! So, I am still looking for another nice HW-101.

73's,
- Scott -
KD8FXF

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Tom Nickisch <w8amz@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Scott,
>
> I do indeed have an HA-10. I got real lucky, I had been looking for one for a long time in good condition. This one it turned out the original owner Had built it in the early sixties along with the matching RX-1 receiver and transmitter HX-10. When he finished building it and read about the high voltages inside he said he got scared of it and never plugged it in. Instead he boxed it up, and there it sat till last year. I will tell you it looks like it was just built yesterday. I would recommend a better match to the HW-101 (Hot Water -101) would be A Heathkit SB-200. Same power lighter weight and all parts are readily available and can also be used with all the newer modern rigs as well. the HA-10 does not have tunned inputs. So it has to be connected with older tube rigs with pie network on the outputs. Plus it's about 3-4 times the size of the hw-101. Good luck,
>
> 73' Tom W8AMZ
>
>
>
> heavyfistcharlie24 <heavyfistcharlie24@...> wrote:
> Hi,
>
> This is my first post on WestMichiganHams. Just got my first Ham
> license, a General, after taking the exam for the first time. Of
> course, I have only been studying off and on for the last 30 years,
> but never followed through and pulled the trigger! Yes, I tend to be
> a big time procrastinator. With Al, KV8X, after me for the last 20
> years to get my license, (along with other Hams), and then recently
> telling me I had run out of excuses to not get my license, I enrolled
> in Mark's, K8MHZ, excellent eight week Technician Class study group.
> Under his excellent teaching skills, I passed the Tech exam without a
> problem, and then immediately took the General exam. The General exam

> had beads of sweat breaking out on my forehead as I took it. After
> the examiner walked up to me and told me I had passed the General, I
> was grinning ear to ear. I am still smiling! This is something I
> started thinking about and wanting to do 45 years ago. Now, I have
> it, and the enjoyment begins. I have met some really fine people that
> are in this field. I feel like I have been given the key to a whole
> new world of action and knowledge. Heck, it's like Christmas!
> In the next couple of days, I will be taking delivery on a Heathkit
> HW-101 with the power supply, complete manuals, and Shure 444 mic. It
> is from the shack of a Silent Key in Illinois. The items are in
> excellent condition. I have also been offered to buy a Heathkit HA-10
> "Warrior" , 1KW amp, that was from the early 60's era. It is also
> from the SK's radio shack, and in excellent condition. Price is $275,
> but I will have to drive and pick it up as it weighs about 100 lbs.
> It's a tank. (A boat anchor large enough to hold the Queen Mary in a
> hurricane). I will also be buying the Heathkit SA-2060 antenna tuner
> that was connected to the HW-101, and it is also in excellent condition.
> I have Googled the HA-10 and SA-2060, and read about these two
> pieces of equipment. My question to the members of WestMichiganHams
> is about the HA-10 amp. I'm sure there are members that know this amp
> well. I would just like some thoughts and info. I would be using it
> mostly on sideband.
> For those wondering about my "HeavyFistCharlie24" ID, it was my
> first radio call sign when I was in Vietnam in the USMC.
>
> 73's,
> - Scott -
> KD8FXF
>

2891. Re: Heathkit HA-10 Amp?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-04 03:57:35 UTC
From: heavyfistcharlie24
Topic: 2852 Message: 2891

Hi Greg,

Thanks for the words of welcome. I have a lot to learn about the "Warrior" before I fire it up. I don't want to release the "magic smoke". That HA-10 is about the max weight limit that I want to pick up and carry. It is HEAVY! But it's pretty! If "Bigger is Better," than this is one of the BEST! :>)

73's
- Scott -
KD8FXF

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "kc8hxo" <kc8hxo@...> wrote:
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> . My question to the members of WestMichiganHams
> > is about the HA-10 amp. I'm sure there are members that know this amp
> > well. I would just like some thoughts and info. I would be using it
> > mostly on sideband.
> > For those wondering about my "HeavyFistCharlie24" ID, it was my
> > first radio call sign when I was in Vietnam in the USMC.
> >
> > 73's,
> > - Scott -
> > KD8FXF
> Scott-a very BIG welcome to the hobby! I am sure you will find it
> gratifying. Another thing about the old warrior, is I don't believe it
> was set up with a T/R switch from the "factory". If it was used with
> the Hot-Water-101, it may have been so modified, though. One thing for
> sure.... if you get it, you'll not need another amp in YOUR
> lifetime!!! (Unless, of course, you want to get on 160M).
>
> Best luck-
> Greg, KC8HXO
>

2892. Hamfest in Cadillac on Saturday May 5th?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-05 02:31:31 UTC
From: heavyfistcharlie24
Topic: 2892 Message: 2892

Is there a Hamfest tomorrow, (Saturday, May 5), in Cadillac?

- Scott -
KD8FXF

2893. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hamfest in Cadillac on Saturday May 5th?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-05 02:54:37 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2892 Message: 2893

Yes there is...

----- Original Message -----
From: heavyfistcharlie24
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2007 10:31 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Hamfest in Cadillac on Saturday May 5th?

Is there a Hamfest tomorrow, (Saturday, May 5), in Cadillac?

- Scott -
KD8FXF

2894. special event station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-05 22:59:59 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2894 Message: 2894

Does anyone have the information about the Special event station that Bill and Linda were going to be working from. I must have deleted the e-mail.

2895. Re: special event station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-05 23:54:25 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2894 Message: 2895

Jamestown, VA is celebrating four hundred years since the settlement. There will be a huge party on the site in SE Virginia. I seem to remember a crowd prediction of 30k folks. That might have been the total number for the weekend. At least I'm hopeful as the line in front of the portable facilities will be HUGE or is that too long? Hi

This is the same place the Queen of England visited yesterday. Those intrepid settlers bailed out of England to find life in rural Virginia such a challenge.

K4J will be the call sign for the event we have asked to guest operate. Details are in QST and below. The folks handling the radio portion of this event will be on the radio Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Propagation from Michigan might favor forty meters during the day. Also twenty meters. I don't think they will operate past ten or eleven o'clock pm local time. You can visit their web site: http://www.ddxg.net/

An unusual aspect of this Special Event is the organizers have somehow arranged for stations in the log to download the wallpaper and print the certificate at their home. This saves a bit of time swapping a card for wallpaper. Unusual.

Yorktown, Williamsburg, and Jamestown are located quite close to each other. There is tons of history in all three places. Another Special Event station (I don't know the call) will have shacks in each of these towns. You can earn a special certificate (a trifecta?) (did you watch the Kentucky Derby today?) by working each of these shacks. This event is not a part of the K4J station.

Linda, AB8QH and I, AB8SC will guest operate on Saturday morning basically before noon. The Dominion DX Group has some thirty or so folks committed to operating and supporting this event.

I encourage you to watch the DX spots. They'll surely be spotted. Should be possible for you to get into the station log. I have worked the Hairnet on seventy-five meters from Annapolis. Speaking of Annapolis, we drive to that town in Maryland on Thursday and ride the sailing vessel "Cracker Jack" to Yorktown. We return the same way on Monday and Tuesday. We'll certainly try to check into the Bathrobe Net one of those mornings during the trip.

From the ARRL's Special Events page:

May 11-May 13, 0100Z-2359Z, Jamestown Island, VA. Dominion DX Group, K4J. Jamestown 400th Anniversary Official State Partner Station. 21.325 14.325 7.225 3.855. Certificate. DDXG, PO Box 29334, Richmond,

VA 23242

Good Luck!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2896. Country Reports on Terrorism 2006

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-07 16:22:41 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2896 Message: 2896

U.S. law requires the Secretary of State to provide Congress, by April 30 of each year, a full and complete report on terrorism with regard to those countries and groups meeting criteria set forth in the legislation. This annual report is entitled Country Reports on Terrorism. Beginning with the report for 2004, it replaced the previously published Patterns of Global Terrorism.

http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/crt/2006/

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2897. Fwd: From Bob Gorby's sister

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-07 23:13:38 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2897 Message: 2897

Note: forwarded message attached.

Expecting? Get great news right away with email Auto-Check.
Try the Yahoo! Mail Beta.

2898. New Scanner

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-08 03:18:02 UTC
From: muskegonjimquay
Topic: 2898 Message: 2898

Hello All ,

My Police Scanner died . Looking to purchase a new one . There are
so many to choose from . The last one I had lasted for over 15 years .

Any suggestions ?

Thanx ,
Mark KD8BIG

2899. Re: New Scanner

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-08 03:35:50 UTC
From: vinnierock79
Topic: 2898 Message: 2899

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "muskegonjimquay"
<muskegonjimquay@...> wrote:
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> Hello All ,
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> My Police Scanner died . Looking to purchase a new one . There
are
> so many to choose from . The last one I had lasted for over 15
years .
>
> Any suggestions ?
>
> Thanx ,
> Mark KD8BIG
>
Hey mark, I have a Radio Shack pro - 94. and I love it. the neat
thing is that has dual trunking capablity, which from what I hear, is
what the police dept will be moving to. It also has weather scan and
weather alert which has come in handy while camping.

Jeff Stapel
KD8FXA

2900. REACT Responds to Greenburg Disaster

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-08 12:37:53 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2900 Message: 2900

Note: forwarded message attached.

Ahhh...imagining that irresistible "new car" smell?
Check outnew cars at Yahoo! Autos.

2902. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Scanner

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-08 14:13:49 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 2898 Message: 2902
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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2903. Tower Climb

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-08 14:26:23 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 2903 Message: 2903
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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2904. Contest this weekend, May 12,13

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-08 20:07:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2904 Message: 2904

This is a list of some of the contests this coming weekend:

Armed Forces Amateur/Military Crossband Communications Test -- the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual military/Amateur Radio communications tests in celebration of Armed Forces Day the following weekend (the test is held earlier to avoid the Dayton Hamvention). Various military stations will be listening for amateurs from 1200Z May 12-2400Z May 13. For complete information, including call signs, operating schedules and frequency/mode lists: www.netcom.army.mil/mars.

Mid-Atlantic QSO Party -- SSB/FM/CW, sponsored by the Independent Mid-Atlantic QSO Party Committee from 1600Z May 12-0400Z May 13. Mid-Atlantic States include DE, MD-DC, NJ, NY, PA, VA and WV. Frequencies: 160-10 meters, 50 kHz from bottom of band segment for operating mode; 50, 144, 222 and 432 MHz. Categories: Standard (SO < 200 W), QRP, MO, Mobile. Exchange: serial number and QTH (Mid-Atlantic stations send 3-letter county and 2-letter state, US/VE send S/P, DX send DX). QSO points: Phone -- 1 point, CW -- 2 points, Mobile -- 3 points. Score: QSO points × Mid-Atlantic counties (Mid-Atlantic stations count S/P + 1 DX) counted only once. For more information: www.maqp.info. Logs due 30 days after the contest to logs@... or Mid-Atlantic QSO Party, Attn: Walter O'Brien, W2WJO, PO Box 4922, Clinton, NJ 08809.

2 GHz and Up World Wide Club Contest -- sponsored by the San Bernardino Microwave Society from 6 AM local May 12- 8 PM May 13. Frequencies: 2.4 GHz and higher. Exchange: 6 character grid locator. QSO points: 1 point/km. Score: QSO points × band multiplier (2.4 GHz-10 GHz ×1, 24 GHz ×2, 47 GHz ×4, 76 GHz and up ×8), sum scores from all bands. 100 bonus points for each unique call on each band; 1000 bonus points for each band activated. For more information: www.ham-radio.com/sbms. Logs due 60 days after the contest to SBMS Contest Committee, Pat Coker, N6RMJ, 40916 179th St, Lancaster, CA 93535.

FISTS Spring Sprint -- CW, sponsored by the FISTS CW Club from 1700Z-2100Z May 12 (see Feb QST, p 100, or www.fists.org/sprints.html).

Nevada QSO Party -- CW/SSB/RTTY -- sponsored by the Area 51 Contest Club from 0001Z May 12 - 2359Z May 12. Frequencies: 160 - 6 meters, CW 15 kHz and SSB 25 kHz above General class band edge. Categories: SO-LP/HP, MO-LP/HP, and Portable-SO/MO. Exchange: RST and S/P/C or NV county. QSO Points: 1 pt/QSO. Score is QSO Points × NV counties or S/P/C counted only once. For more information: nv.arrl.org/NQP. Logs due Jun 15 to w7gk_1@... or Nevada Mustang Roundup 2007, Elko Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 5607, Elko NV 89802.

2905. Last Call

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-09 22:10:31 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 2905 Message: 2905

All,
This is to let you know about the "Last Call" ceremony for K8ROH to be held on the MAARC 2 Meter Net this evening at 7PM on the 146.94 Repeater (94.8)
Tom, N8YJT
Net Manager

2906. Dayton Room Available!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-10 03:45:20 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 2906 Message: 2906

Ever wish you could just go to the Dayton Hamvention and not worry about where to find a room to stay?? I have one! Two nights, arriving Thursday the 17th, leaving Saturday the 19th. Just minutes from the Arena, this is a fine non-smoking room among many local hams at the motel, and a great view of I-75!

I just want to get my cost out of this, and keep it available to someone that needs a room. This item will go fast, so let me know ASAP! My call at a r r l d o t n e t. If no takers, it gets cancelled :(

Laryn K8TVZ

2907. This week at Tool Max Ham Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-10 11:35:18 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2907 Message: 2907

All Hams

Join us for coffee this Saturday At the Tool Max Store from 9AM-12PM
I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

NEW THIS WEEK

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock
More Connectors in Stock
SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
The newest Advertiser next month in the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council Newsletter

We are now the only Dealer in Michigan for Jetstream Products Check out the items available
http://www.jetstream-usa.com/index.shtml
14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply in Stock with More to come soon

Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are now a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Now in Stock

The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
300 ohm twin lead 100Ft $10.00
RG-8 .60 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .35 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class $17.95 Get yours NOW and upgrade before the changes on July 1, 2007
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B23G Mirage 30 watt VHF Power Amp $40

MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
HF Tuner $40
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
1 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.
Come in and Join us for FREE Coffee Saturday from 9AM-12PM

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From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2908. Coffee Break, 5/12/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-11 12:57:09 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2908 Message: 2908

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday May 12, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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2909. Need Two Additional Amateur Operators

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-11 14:53:15 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2909 Message: 2909

Hello, a last minute request, we're looking for two additional amateur radio operators for this year's Tulip Time grand parade which is being held tomorrow in downtown Holland, MI.

One operator will be assigned a one block area of the parade route with a EMT, and the other operator will be assigned to ride on a SAG golf cart delivering water, ice, supplies, and picking up those that can't make it to the end of the parade, etc.

If anyone is interested, please email me your name, call sign, and contact number as soon as possible, thank you!

Best regards,

Steve - N8UJD

2910. Mid-Atlantic QSO Party (MAQP) Today

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-12 04:19:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2910 Message: 2910

The fourth annual Mid-Atlantic QSO Party (MAQP) will run from Saturday
May 12, 2007 at 1600 UTC until Sunday May 13, 2007 at 0400 UTC.

That's noon EST to Midnight EST.

Details @ http://www.maqp.info/

2911. WEAVER'S WORDS -- HAMVENTION(R) IS NEXT WEEK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-12 11:05:05 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2911 Message: 2911

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2007 9:45 PM
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- HAMVENTION(R) IS NEXT WEEK

> [As always, send replies to k8je@.... Do not click on REPLY. The
> ARRL reflector that gets this newsletter to you is one-way, only.]
>
> - Look Whose Coming to Dayton
> - Great Lakes Division Reception Area
> - Amateur of the Year and Special Achievement Winner at EXPO
> - Code Proficiency Field Testing Begins
> - Legislative Action Volunteers Attention
> - Repeater Directory Oops
> - Tentative Travel Schedule
> - Wireless vs. BPL
>
> ++ Look Whose Coming to Dayton
>
> With the Hamvention(r) just around the corner, you may want to know
> which ARRL HQ folks are scheduled to be there. This will be a golden
> opportunity to meet and speak with the managers who head the day-to-day
> operation at HQ. In addition to me and other ARRL officials from
> Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan, you can expect to see over 22 additional
> directors, vice directors, officers and key staff members at Dayton.
> Among these are President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ,
> COO Harold Kramer, WG1B, PR Director Allen Pitts, W1AGP, CDO Mary
> Hobart, K1MMH, Membership & Volunteer Program Manager David Patton,
> NN1N and Contest & DXCC Director Bill Moore, NC1L.
>
> There will plenty of people around who can answer any question you may
> have or discuss any issue you may wish to have clarified.
>
> The ARRL EXPO area is just past the 400 series of booths, immediately
> inside the Ballarena entrance to the hall.
>
> In case you've been occupied with other things lately, the Hamvention
> is May 18-20 -- in Dayton, Ohio.
>
> ++ Great Lakes Division Reception Area
>
> Don't forget to stop by the Great Lakes Division reception area. Plan
> to stand around or sit and eyeball with your old friends or new friends
> you've not yet met. You can expect to see any number of Section and
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> Division officials from the Great Lakes Division. Bring your questions
> and discussion topics to chew over with these reps.
>
> The GLD reception area will be in the ARRL EXPO area just inside the
> Ballarena entrance and just past the 400 series of vendor booths.
>
> ++ Amateur of the Year and Special Achievement Winner at EXPO
>
> How often is it that one can meet and talk with the Hamvention(r)
> Amateur of the Year and the winner of a Special Achievement Award at
> ARRL Expo? You can do it this year. ARRL Past President Jim Haynie,
> W5JBP is the Amateur of the Year designate. ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed
> Hare, W1RFI has been named winner of the Special Achievement Award.
>
> Stop by the ARRL EXPO and congratulate Jim and Ed on their
> well-deserved honors.
>
> ++ Code Proficiency Field Testing Begins
>
> The ARRL Code Proficiency Program field test that I've discussed in
> recent e-letters is set to begin in June. This field test is being run
> only in the Great Lakes Division and only in four pilot-test areas.
> Now that demonstrating proficiency in Morse code is no longer required
> by the FCC, a number of amateurs and aspiring amateurs have indicated
> they would like to get in on the fun of Morse code. Now is their
> chance.
>
> The field test will be run in the following areas. For information on
> dates and times of these Code Proficiency Runs, contact the persons
> indicated.
>
> Lexington, KY -- Contact Fernie Williams, KE4MAI, ke4mai@....
> Brighton, MI -- Contact Jim Kvochick, WB8AZP, wb8azp@....
> Akron-Canton-Massillon, OH -- Contact Gary Kline, WC8W, wc8w@....
> Toledo, OH -- Contact Steve Stalker, KC8TVW, kc8tvw@....
>
> A few final tidbits of information:
> - There is no charge for this testing.
> - Successful candidates will receive a receipt to demonstrate they
> passed and the code speed passed.
> - The receipt may be submitted to HQ to obtain a nice certificate or an
> upgrade sticker for any certificate you already have. There is a fee
> for processing certificates and stickers.
> - Code speeds will be from 5 through 40 wpm in 5 wpm increments.
> - Passing is based upon 1 minute of solid copy. The question and
> answer method will not be used.
> - The code proficiency runs will be managed by teams of ARRL VEs;
> however, these runs are in no way related to FCC examinations and do
> not provide FCC accreditation for code proficiency. The runs are
> simply for our personal pleasure to demonstrate accomplishment.

> - Non-hams (Scouts, friends) as well as hams are invited to join the
> fun.
>
> ++ Legislative Action Volunteers Attention
>
> Legislative Action Assistants and Coordinators are requested to stop by
> the Great Lakes Division booth in the ARRL EXPO. We hope to have your
> certificates and business cards available. In addition, a special
> folder, an Amateur Radio information leaflet and a copy of the Amateur
> Radio Today CD will be available for one member of each LAA team to
> pick up. Your help by obtaining these supplies at the Hamvention will
> be appreciated.
>
> ++ Repeater Directory Oops
>
> It has been discovered that the printer of the pocket edition of the
> new Repeater Directory let a few bad copies slip into the distribution
> chain. Some groups of pages were assembled out of order. The printer
> discovered the error and has destroyed most of the bad copies. If you
> happen to buy one of these mis-assembled copies, you may keep it and
> consider it a collectors' item, or you may have ARRL replace it.
>
> ++ Wireless vs. BPL
>
> News forwarded by CEO Dave Sumner, K1ZZ shows a very clear superiority
> of wireless broadband over BPL in public acceptance. New wireless
> broadband company, Clearwire, added a net of 52,000 subscribers in the
> first quarter 2007, giving it about 258,000 subscribers. This is up
> from 99,000 a year earlier.
>
> In three months this single company -- operating only in about 45
> cities -- added ten times as many new customers as the total customer
> base of all BPL providers, nationwide. In terms of customers served,
> Clearwire alone is now 50 times the size of the entire BPL industry.
>
> Clearwire uses licensed spectrum around 2.5 GHz.
>
> This information is from the Warren Telecom News Ticker for May 11.
>
> ++ Tentative Travel Schedule for KI4LA and K8JE.
>
> 2007
>
> May 18-20: Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH. - Gary & Jim
> Jun 17: Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI - Jim
> Jul 12: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown, OH - Gary
> Jul 19: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jul 20-21: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
> Jul 28: UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI - Jim
> Aug 18-19: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL - Jim

> Sep 8: GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI - Jim
> Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH - Jim
> Sep 16: Cincinnati Hamfest, Cincinnati, OH - Jim
> Sep 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH - Gary & Jim
> Sep 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH - Jim
> Oct 2: OH-KY-IN ARRL Night, Cincinnati, OH - Jim
> Oct 8: Portage County ARS, Kent, OH - Jim
> Nov 19: Southern Ohio ARA Christmas Dinner, Russell, KY - Jim
> Dec 1: Motor City RC 75th Ann., Wyandotte, MI - Jim
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> 2008
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> Jan 17: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jan 18-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
>
> Tnx, 73,
>
> Jim, K8JE
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
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> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
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> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
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> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

2912. on the Battle Ship New jersey 14.2798

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-12 18:45:00 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2912 Message: 2912

NJ2BB on the battle ship New Jersey is on 14.279.800

2913. ride needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-12 22:20:51 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 2913 Message: 2913

Hi all,

I will be needing a ride to the Hudsonville hamfest on the second of June. I only have one item that I need to pick up, but it's kind of an important piece of equipment. Any assistance will be appreciated, if anyone can help, feel free to e-mail me off list at

W8cjs2007@...

You can also catch me on the 146.940 w8zho repeater.

Thanks in advance for the help,

73,

Chris, w8cjs

2914. Girls on the Run ... Help needed this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-13 16:20:09 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 2914 Message: 2914

Hello Everyone .
Again this year we are looking for volunteers to help with
the May 18th 5k event for Girls on the Run.
We will be working with Grand Haven Public Safety If you can
assist with the event this Saturday please contact me by e-mail
kb8odb@... or phone 616-846-7307 .. Let me know your shirt
size and phone # Please remember this is Dayton week and we need all
the hams that are not going to Dayton to please help out if you can.
This a morning event and will be over by noon. We will meet in the GHPS
parking lot at 8:30 and go to positions from there Hope to see you
there 73 Don Meyer - KB8ODB

2916. Fwd: [RACES] 3rd SATERN report=May 12th Greensburg, KS tornado disaster {01}

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-14 01:24:36 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2916 Message: 2916

Note: forwarded message attached.

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2917. Fwd: SATERN Forum in Dayton

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-14 01:33:41 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2917 Message: 2917

Note: forwarded message attached.

Boardwalk for $500? In 2007? Ha!
Play Monopoly Here and Now (it's updated for today's economy) at Yahoo! Games.

2918. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Girls on the Run ... Help needed this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-14 12:54:14 UTC
From: Rick Elushik
Topic: 2914 Message: 2918

Hi Don and all,
I believe the date for the Saturday should be May
19th.
Rick, N8GGO.

--- Don Meyer - KB8ODB <kb8odb@...> wrote:

> Hello Everyone ?.
> Again this year we are looking for
> volunteers to help with
> the May 18th 5k event for Girls on the Run.
> We will be working with Grand Haven Public
> Safety If you can
> assist with the event this Saturday please contact
> me by e-mail
> kb8odb@... or phone 616-846-7307 .. Let me
> know your shirt
> size and phone # ? Please remember this is Dayton
> week and we need all
> the hams that are not going to Dayton to please help
> out if you can.
> This a morning event and will be over by noon. We
> will meet in the GHPS
> parking lot at 8:30 and go to positions from there ?
> Hope to see you
> there ? 73 Don Meyer - KB8ODB
>
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>

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2919. Re: Girls on the Run ... Help needed this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-14 16:44:34 UTC
From: ke8fo
Topic: 2914 Message: 2919

By the way, there is a meeting for Girls On The Run volunteers tonight (Monday, May 14) at Lakeshore Middle School's cafeteria, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

KE8FO
>

2920. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Girls on the Run ... Help needed this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-14 17:56:36 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2914 Message: 2920

Is this something we should make a point of attending? If so, I'll be there...

-Joe, N8FQ

On Mon, 14 May 2007 16:44:34 -0000
"ke8fo" <ke8fo@...> wrote:

> By the way, there is a meeting for Girls On The Run volunteers tonight
> (Monday, May 14) at Lakeshore Middle School's cafeteria, beginning at
> 5:30 p.m.
>
> KE8FO

2921. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Girls on the Run ... Help needed this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-14 19:46:43 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2914 Message: 2921

No need to go to this meeting joe that is for their people John KC8UNY
----- Original Message -----
From: Joe Veldhuis
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Cc: ke8fo@...
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2007 1:56 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Girls on the Run ... Help needed this Saturday

Is this something we should make a point of attending? If so, I'll be there...

-Joe, N8FQ

On Mon, 14 May 2007 16:44:34 -0000
"ke8fo" <ke8fo@...> wrote:

> By the way, there is a meeting for Girls On The Run volunteers tonight
> (Monday, May 14) at Lakeshore Middle School's cafeteria, beginning at
> 5:30 p.m.
>
> KE8FO

2922. Dayon 2008?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-15 13:25:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2922 Message: 2922

There was a discussion at a local club the other day about the fact that perhaps there would be people willing to spend money (about $60 to $70) for a bus ride to The Daytown Hamvention. With gas prices as they are, it probably would cost that much to drive.

We decided that it was much too close to the event to try to organize it for 2007, but figured it might be something to try for 2008.

The kicker is that we'd need 29 people to share the co$t, and we'd have to leave here around 2:30 on Saturday morning to arrive when the arena opens, and we'd not get back until 11 p.m, or midnight.

It would be a long day, but we wouldn't need to drive, so we could either sleep, or have a party, or both, on the way down and back.

Please think about this for 2008.

73 de n8xx Hg

2923. AMATEUR RADIO VENTURE CREW 9050

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-15 15:24:53 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 2923 Message: 2923

Good day everyone.
The Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council has started a Boy Scouts of America Venture Crew. The Crew number is 9050 and it specializes in amateur radio. Thus the "50" in the crew number. That represents ARL 50 or "Greetings by Amateur Radio."

To date the crew has conducted an open house, participated in the Michigan QSO party, helped provide communication for the Holland Tulip Festival's 2007 Muziekparade Parade of Bands, conducted several meetings and they just begun their Technician license class. The youth are very eager to learn and get involved with amateur radio and scouting. The crew is also running the GOTA station at MAARC's Field Day next month. The crew has several outings planned during the summer too.

The crew is coed and is open to all youth that have completed the 8th grade and are between 14 adn 20 years old. Currently we have five registered youth. This is a great way to get youth involved in amateur radio. If you have a niece, nephew, son, daughter, grandchild, etc. that you feel would be interested in joining or just seeing what it is about, please contact the Crew Advisor Karen Strait. Her email is sarjenka47 at aol.com.. If you are an adult and want to be involved as well, please contact me at kd8bgq at arrl.net

Best Regards
Doc, KD8BGQ

2924. Girls on the Run 5K race in Grand Haven, 5/19/2007, 8:30 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-16 12:26:48 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2924 Message: 2924

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Girls on the Run 5K race in Grand Haven
Saturday May 19, 2007
8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Meet at Grand Haven Public Safety Parking lot

Notes:
This is Dayton Week so it you are not going to Dayton please come out to help ...
kb8odb@...

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2925. tornado videos

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-16 15:46:29 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2925 Message: 2925

http://tornadovideos.decadehost.com/index.cfm/do/gallery.home

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Boardwalk for $500? In 2007? Ha!
Play Monopoly Here and Now (it's updated for today's economy) at Yahoo! Games.

2926. Re: special event station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-16 16:41:48 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2894 Message: 2926

All:

We hope you had the chance to work K4J. Or the other Special Event Station associated with the four hundredth anniversary of Jamestown.

Unfortunately you did not get a chance to work AB8SC operating portable and helping the K4J folks. I want to give you a bit of background.

The Sunday before we were scheduled to leave for Virgina I managed to severely cut my left thumb. The surgery to fix the nerve damage was successfully done on Wednesday morning. We left for Annapolis and the sailboat transit to Yorktown too early on Thursday.

We got into Annapolis in the early evening to find the boat's skipper headed off for emergency root canal surgery. Three folks on the boat and two of them seriously wounded. We left Annapolis Thursday evening only to suffer equipment problems with the boat's systems. This forced our retreat to Annapolis for repairs and a cancellation of the boat trip to Yorktown and the Special Event.

We made it back to Michigan in good shape. Disappointed about the circumstances.

The folks in Jamestown were set up and working three bands for a big part of the weekend birthday party. Their shack was right next to some really healthy poison ivy. I saw the pictures. And the Secret Service folks cut the locks on their equipment trailer at two o'clock in the morning searching for anything threatening the President's Sunday visit. The radio operators managed fifteen hundred or more QSOs. A success. I hope you were successful, too.

A fun trip. A bit of disappointment, too.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2927. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-16 22:24:05 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 37 Message: 2927

All
Please pass on to your local groups. Thanks Tom KB8VEE

Greeting Michigan hams

Governor Granholm declares the week of June 23 as Amateur Radio Awareness Week. The official proclamation marking the week of June 23 has been released by the Governor's Office and sent to all Michigan Section Public Information Officers. Additionally, a downloadable copy is posted on the Michigan Section Web Page http://www.arrl-mi.org/ Clubs and FD teams are encouraged to incorporate this document into their publicity arrangements for
Field Day next month. Our thanks go to PIC Bobby N8CY for making these arrangements well in advance so everyone has the material for PR purposes.

With severe weather season upon us and with a few storm events already in our recent past, we are reminded to evaluate our ability to operate under a prolonged power outage. Last fall's Simulated Emergency Test called for operating without the use of repeaters and to make use of alternate frequencies. We found that many operators were not prepared for simplex operating and had not become familiar with the range and capabilities of either their home stations or their mobile units in this mode. We all need to maintain our operating abilities to that highest levels and practice to insure that we can react on a timely basis in the event of prolonged outage.
Your local Emergency Coordinator can assist you with a set of guidelines for
preparedness and will welcome you to participate in tests and exercises to keep your operating skills honed. Visit http://www.mi-arpsc.org/ for more details.

Local VHF & UHF Net Managers should consider reporting their net activities
to WB8RCR. There appears to be a large number of nets that are not getting credit for all of their dedication and service to their communities. Take a
look at http://www.mi-nts.org/index.php for information on Michigan Nets and
their activities. Consider adding you net to the roster of active and reporting nets.

The presentation of the Marinette & Menominee ARC 2006 Ham of the Year Award highlighted the Charter Night Banquet held at the Best Western Riverfront Inn in Marinette on Sunday April 15th. Ed Engleman, KG8CX became the first two-time winner of the award for his work on the DAR Boys and Girls

Club Radio Project, as well as his many other contributions to club activities throughout the year. Ed also serves as Net Control for the Sunday
night M&M ARC net, and as SKYWARN coordinator for Marinette, Menominee, and Oconto Counties.

Newly elected club officers for the River Raisin Repeater Assn. are Pres KC8SKP, VP WB8FBG, Sec-Treas N8KUF, Dirs W8PI & WA8EFK.

Station Activity Reports (SAR) for April, 2007 WB9JSR 546, KC8WSE 520, AB8SY 227, W8RIT 166, KD8AAD 113, K8AE 102, N8FPN 101, KC8MLD 83, K8RDN 73, K8AMR 67, W8RNQ 52, WB8RCR 38, AB8WF 23, K8ZJU 12, KC8BMV 12, WD8USA 10, WA8OOH 3, KC8ZGB 2.

Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHRs) for April, 2007: KD8BGQ 874, K8MFK 193, WB9JSR 185, WB8RCR 183, K8RDN 145, KB8UIH 124, WU8Y 119, K8AMR 102, N8FPN 100, KC8WSE 90, K8ZJU 84, W8RIT 80, AB8SY 80, K8AE 78, K8VFZ 61.

SARs are reports of all the radiogram traffic you have handled in the past
month. PSHRs include your net and public service activities for the month. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR. You can access a simple
reporting form at: http://www.mi-nts.org/PSHR_entry.shtml to provide your reports to WB8RCR.

April Official Emergency Station reports came in from K8COP, KC8ULE, WU8Y,
and W8WRB. Your OES reports should be filed with WA8EFK. In all cases, reporting by radiograms encouraged. Packet messages can be routed to wb8rcr@... and wa8efk@...

73,
Dale WA8EFK

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
wa8efk@...

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- webmaster@...

2928. Still need help for Girls on the Run this Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-17 02:51:01 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 2928 Message: 2928

Hello Everyone .I am still looking for help this weekend and yes it is the 19th (so much for proof reading..) I have 7 that have contacted me and there are 20 places we should have radio help at so please come out and help if you can .... 73 Don KB8ODB

Again this year we are looking for volunteers to help with the May 19th 5k event for Girls on the Run.

We will be working with Grand Haven Public Safety If you can assist with the event this Saturday please contact me by e-mail kb8odb@sbcglobal. net or phone 616-846-7307 .. Let me know your shirt size and phone # Please remember this is Dayton week and we need all the hams that are not going to Dayton to please help out if you can.

This a morning event and will be over by noon. We will meet in the GHPS parking lot at 8:30 and go to positions from there Hope to see you there 73 Don Meyer

2930. Re: [WestMichiganHams] A shack to die for..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-17 10:27:48 UTC
From: mapscenes@aol.com
Topic: 2929 Message: 2930

Boy oh boy, is that sweet or what!

73

K8MIC

********** See what's free at http://www.aol.com.

2931. Re: [WestMichiganHams] A shack to die for..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-17 11:35:21 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2929 Message: 2931

On 05/16/07 11:35 pm k8mhz@... wrote:

> Check this shack out!
>
> http://www.radioworks.com/Hamshack/shack1.html

Nah! That's kinda wimpy. A while back I saw pictures from some guy in South Africa. Two Icom IC-7800s and a few other rigs. Also pictures of his private plane, his helicopter, his Rolls-Royce, and his huge mansion with acres (Ooops! I mean "hectares" -- they've already transitioned to sensible units there) of land.

73

Alan NV8A

2933. Fremont radio shack

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-17 15:22:51 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 2933 Message: 2933
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2934. Tool Max Closed the next 2 Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-18 01:08:32 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel
Topic: 2934 Message: 2934

All Hams

We are going to take the next 2 Saturday's off for Dayton Hamvention, The Girls on the Run race in Grand Haven, and Memorial Day weekend next week.

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

New this week
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10

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We are now the only Dealer in Michigan for Jetstream Products Check out the items available http://www.jetstream-usa.com/index.shtml
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Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Now in Stock

The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
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RG-8X Coax Cable .35 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
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The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
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Other Used Equipment on Consignment
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B23G Mirage 30 watt VHF Power Amp $40
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
HF Tuner $40
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
1 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the new retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 behind the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.For more information call me at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 9:00AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2935. ARPS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-18 12:07:01 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 2935 Message: 2935

Is there a better "free" alternative to UI-VIEW32?The map thing is what dead locks me.

KD8CBJ

2936. Emergency Radio Kits

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-18 12:41:38 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2936 Message: 2936

Note: forwarded message attached.

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2937. Coffee Break, 5/19/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-18 12:57:23 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2937 Message: 2937

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday May 19, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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2938. Tulip Time 07

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-18 14:31:51 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 2938 Message: 2938

-----Original Message-----
From: Ed Wirth [mailto:ewirth@...]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2007 5:19 PM
To: svanderhill@...
Subject: Tulip Time 07

Steve -would you please pass this on to all who were involved in TT 07.

THANK YOU FOR THE AWESOME JOB EVERYONE DID AT TULIP TIME!!!!

Ed Wirth

Director of Health & Safety Services and Products

American Red Cross of Ottawa County

270 James Street

Holland, MI 49424

616-396-6545

Fax: 616-396-3921

ewirth@...

www.ottawaredcross.org

2939. emergency radio go kits

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-18 16:24:02 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2939 Message: 2939

http://home.comcast.net/~buck0/combox.htm

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2940. Re: [WestMichiganHams] emergency radio go kits

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-18 19:11:22 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2939 Message: 2940

Paul, another good site is:

http://www.mercuryproject.org/

My kit is on there also :)

----- Original Message -----
From: paul odem
To: montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com ; w8cso ; westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2007 12:24 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] emergency radio go kits

http://home.comcast.net/~buck0/combox.htm

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2941. Girls on the Run ... US 31 lanes in GH will be open Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-19 01:15:55 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 2941 Message: 2941

Hello Everyone ...Just letting you know the paper said tonight that the lanes over the Bridge will all be open this weekend so there will not be the traffic problems like there was last weekend ... and yes we still can use some more help if you can come out ...73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

2942. Who will be # 100 ...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-19 02:03:58 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 2942 Message: 2942

Who will be the 100th Ham to join West Michigan Hams ?

West Michigan Hams Reflector was started in January 10, 2006

First Member to Join was Tom VanderMel KB8VEE

Moderator changes 139

Memberships changes 263

Message Posts . 3011

And now we are looking for our 100th member .

Thank you all for participating on West Michigan Hams

73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

2944. dayton

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-20 02:00:44 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2944 Message: 2944

check out this link a taste of dayton for all who could not attend.http://www.arrl.org/blog/Dayton%20and%20ARRL%20Expo

2945. Re: [WestMichiganHams] dayton

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-20 14:19:41 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2944 Message: 2945

Try this link i think it will work better.http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pg1huE6HwzI
----- Original Message -----
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, May 19, 2007 10:00 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] dayton

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attend.http://www.arrl.org/blog/Dayton%20and%20ARRL%20Expo

2946. Re: [WestMichiganHams] dayton

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-20 15:00:32 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2944 Message: 2946

I got back last night.

Items:

To me the IC-7700 is a yawner. Too much of the same style ans substance of the IC-7800. Not that I wouldn't use it if given to me! The Star Wars Robo-girls were cute though.

The Europeans are coming on strong. Some really nice stuff coming out, and they used a high and open tent to isolate themselves. Very nice stuff

I was in the door and at the Elecraft booth at 9:00am Friday. They were jammed all day. I came to see what the radio K8AJ bought for me looks like. It is very sharp looking, but, the one display model had a whip antenna on it, and the receive audio was just gorgeous. They ran out of brochures Friday, and had to have more printed up Saturday morning.

The weather was the best I've seen in some 35 years.

The GRARA group took advantage of a special deal of a 4 flea market slots for $ 100. I am thinking of getting another four for the Holland group, and see if we can get them the two clubs to be side by side

There was a huge line up for the VE exams.

The ARRL area was different, and much better.

Amsat had a most impressive setup, and very helpful people..

Best eyeball? I talked to a chap from Britain for some 30 minutes about ham radio in the "mother land".

Next year? Of course..

Tom K8TB

2947. Vidoes from dayton

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-20 15:30:01 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 2944 Message: 2947

Elecraft K3

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUxhVKfXf4k&mode=related&search=

Icom 7700

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_EYXR5UyCrY&mode=related&search=

New Kenwood

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joHh7N1Qcj0&mode=related&search=

Timewave Bluetooth Remote

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTX9qXeWZr4&NR=1

I will be showing the Elecraft K3 at the Holland October 20, 2007.

tom K8TB

2949. Fwd: [illinoisdigitalham] Fw: [MIDSTAR] Dayton Grand Prize

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-21 13:27:44 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2949 Message: 2949

Note: forwarded message attached.

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2950. Good Help ... Good Weather .. Good Girls on the Run 5K

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-22 00:44:18 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 2950 Message: 2950

We had a very good day at the Girls on the Run 5K Race and I along with GHPS and NOARC want to thank the 13 Hams that came out to help us out .. They Did a great Job .... 73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

2951. Helped needed for Sat 26th and Monday the 28th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-22 01:00:41 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 2951 Message: 2951

Hello Everyone . Summer events seem to line up one after another and there are 2 coming up this long weekend one in Grand Haven and one in Spring Lake.

The first is the YMCA Snug Harbor kick off to summer Race in Grand Haven this Saturday May 26th in the morning . We have helped with this race for the last 10 years. We will meet at the Grand Haven Public Safety lot at 7:30 so we can be on the race course by 8:05. This is only a 5K race so it will be over by 10:30. If you can help out with this Race please send me a e-mail at kb8odb@... or call me at 616-846-7307

The second event is on Memorial Day Monday May28th in the morning for the Spring Lake parade and we will be meeting at the Spring Lake EOC. I will post the meeting time as soon as I have it. If you can help out with this Race please send me a e-mail at kb8odb@... or call me at 616-846-7307

Thanks for all your help 73 Don Meyer - KB8ODB

2952. 12 meter beacon on the air

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-22 01:56:28 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2952 Message: 2952

N8FQ/B is now running on 24.927 MHz, putting 5 watts into my 240 foot inverted vee. For now, it's just running on my Yaesu 857 with its built-in beacon mode, so if I am using the rig for something else, it'll be QRT, but it should be running most of the time. Plans are in the works to put together a dedicated rig.

-Joe, N8FQ

2953. michigan department has first female fire chief

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-22 13:57:21 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2953 Message: 2953

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Michigan Department has First Female Fire Chief
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SOLON TOWNSHIP -- Joyce VanderMey is blazing a trail for women who make a living putting out fires.
Township Board members on Monday made the 35-year-old Rockford native their new fire chief -- the first woman in Kent County to hold the title.
"We can now refer to you as madam chief," joked Township Supervisor Bob Ellick following the board's unanimous vote.
For more than two years, VanderMey has served as the Solon Township Fire Department's rescue captain while juggling a full-time, third shift lab job with Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids.
With the added responsibility of chief, she will oversee 26 paid on-call volunteers who serve an area of 5,400 residents spanning 36 square miles.
"I'm not in it for the glory, I'm in it for the gratitude that comes from helping people," VanderMey said.
She's not in it for the money either, with a salary set at $8,800 annually.
Even in the 21st century, firefighting is a male-dominated vocation.
According to Women in the Fire Service -- a nonprofit networking organization based in Madison, Wis. -- the U.S. boasts 24 female fire chiefs and around 6,500 female firefighters. Another 40,000 are active in volunteer departments.
Considering there are roughly 1.5 million firefighters nationwide, women comprise just 3 percent of the work force.
Several hundred women hold the rank of lieutenant or captain, and about 150 are district chiefs, battalion chiefs, division chiefs, or assistant chiefs.
Few, however, make it to the top because of the physical and emotional demands of the job, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs Executive Director Suzy Carter said.
Until now, Michigan has had only two female fire chiefs.
Merilyn McGee was the first, serving the community of Groveland Township in Oakland County from 1984 until her retirement in 2001.
The second, Janet Sikes, has been head of the Woodhaven Fire Department in Wayne County since 1998.
"When I started as a firefighter in 1974 they didn't even have gear to fit women. Thankfully, the world has changed to the point where they're being given the chance to prove themselves," McGee said. "We may be the weaker sex, but as far as organizational and leadership skills, we tend to be better at pulling people together as a team."
Don Hamblin, chairman of the township's fire committee, said VanderMey is "a lady wise beyond her years" who has "warmed the hearts of everyone."
She assumes the spot that had been held for 12 years by Mitch Havens, who resigned March 15 amid allegations he tried to cover up his brother's criminal record.
The brother and former township fire captain, Michael Owen Havens, resigned March 13 after it was learned he was accused of providing a minor with pornographic materials.
On April 10, fire Lt. Rich Hayes was promoted to captain, replacing him.

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2954. Accountling Program for Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-22 23:57:22 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 2954 Message: 2954

I have a Peachtree (by Sage) 2007 Complete Accounting Software program for Sale. It was $179 new 3 months ago and is complete. We are going to use QuickBooks not the Peachtree Software. If anybody wants it we will sell it for $125 or best offer. Call me at 231 206-0422 or 231 798-7898 from 9-5. Thanks Tom KB8VEE

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2956. D-Star repeater system for Ottawa County?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-23 13:27:41 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 2956 Message: 2956

John Fischer KC8UNY of Grand Haven was the winner of the top prize at Dayton this year, a complete Icom D-Star repeater system consisting of

ID-RP2C 06
ID-RP2000V
ID-RP4000V
ID-RP2D
ID-RP2V

See http://hamvention.org/prizes2007.htm

Hope John has a good location for it and a suitable antenna system.

Now we'll all have to go out and buy Icom D-Star rigs. Icom couldn't possibly have had this in mind, could they?

Alan NV8A

2957. Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star repeater system for Ottawa County?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-23 16:53:15 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 2956 Message: 2957

Sweet.. Congrats to John..

We use Dstar in Kent for the Hoscom program and have several units we can deploy. We have only been using it on simplex and we love it!

Jeff - N8JSN

----- Original Message -----
From: Alan NV8A
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2007 9:27 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star repeater system for Ottawa County?

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2958. WQ8RP during CQ WPX Contest

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-23 20:54:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2958 Message: 2958

Anyone working CQ WPX CW contest this weekend?

If so, please listen for WQ8RP, the Michigan QRP Club call, during the upcoming CQ WPX CW contest this coming weekend. May 26-27, 2007. 0000 GMT Saturday to 2359 GMT Sunday (8 p.m. Friday EDST to 8 p.m. Sunday EDST).

I'll be the operator, and trying to work the world with 4.9 watts. (wish me luck) The objective is to work as many prefixes as possible, and WQ is a rare prefix according to some of my contest friends. (But, there were 800+ separate prefixes amongst the 2200+ entries in 2006, so a "rare" prefix doesn't add that much!) It's permissible to work stations in the U.S. so give me a call if you hear WQ8RP calling CQ.

I'm not much of a DXer, and only a mediocre contester, but it should be fun, if WQ8 is a truly rare prefix.

The last time I experienced being rare was during the CQ WPX SSB contest in 1978, when "N" prefixes had just been issued, and suffixes beginning with "X" were first issued. Members of a club to which I belonged borrowed N8XX and worked DXCC, I was told. I only responded to QSLs - so I didn't get the wall paper.

Details of the contest may be found at http://www.cqwpx.com/rules.htm

73 de n8xx (WQ8RP during CQ WPX Contest this weekend)

2960. WEAVER'S WORDS -- June is Bustin' Out

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-24 11:27:53 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 2960 Message: 2960

All Hams

> [As always, send replies to k8je@.... Do not click on REPLY. The
> ARRL reflector that gets this newsletter to you is one-way, only.]
>
> - Your Help, Please
> - Updated Graphics
> - Legislative Action Update
> - MetLife Promotion
> - GLD Scholarship Winners
> - Code Proficiency Pilot Field Test
> - ARRL Membership Growing
> - It was Nice to See You
> - No Results from Poll, Yet
> - Tentative Travel Schedule
>
> ++ Your Help, Please
>
> Within just a few days, all members will receive a request to write to
> your US Representative in support of a bill designed to protect Amateur
> Radio frequencies from interference. This request will include LACs
> and LAAs as well as all other members.
>
> I will send a draft letter for you to modify or to use as it is. To
> learn who this should be sent to, go to the Members Only site of
> www.arrl.org. When this site opens, the name and address of your US
> Representative will appear on the left side of the screen. The names
> and addresses of your US Senators will also appear; however, please do
> not write to them at this time. It is too soon to contact them.
>
> Please limber your writing hand and be ready to write. I'll include
> further information along with the draft letter.
>
> ++ Updated Graphics
>
> By now, everyone who reads QST with at least one eye open has seen the
> tremendous upgrading in graphic appearance this journal has undergone.
> The changes began a few months ago with a rather major change. They
> have continued on a lesser scale.
>
> In addition to the positive changes in QST, the WAS and 5-Band WAS
> certificates have also been modernized. The new look should definitely
> have greater appeal to all of us -- young or old -- who like to collect
> and show our wallpaper.
>

> Already have a WAS or 5-Bamd WAS, but would like to have the new look?
> You may order a new one based upon your existing record, or why not
> earn a new award?
>
> ++ Legislative Action Update
>
> I thought it would be interesting to many of you to have a full update
> on the Legislative Action Program (LAP) in our Division. The LAP is
> the program the Board enacted to help influence Federal legislation
> that affects Amateur Radio. We still have plenty of room for
> interested appointees in several districts.
>
> Where do we stand with appointing at least two Legislative Action
> Assistants (LAAs) in each Congressional District and for each US
> senator? Here is the run down:
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> Kentucky --
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> Districts 1, 2 & 5 = Two LAAs, each.
> District 6 = One LAA. We need a volunteer, please contact me for
> information (k8je@...).
> District 3 = None. We need volunteers, please contact me.
>
> We also need a volunteer to coordinate the activities in Kentucky.
> This volunteer will be the Kentucky Legislative Action Coordinator
> (LAC) and will report to Division. Please contact me.
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> Michigan --
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> State LAC = Bob "Scotty" Wright, KB8APS, kb8aps@....
> District 3 = Three LAAs -- fully staffed.
> Districts 1 & 7 = Two LAAs, each.
> Districts 2, 5 & 9 = One LAA each. We need additional volunteers.
> Please contact Scotty for information.
> The 9 remaining Districts = There are no volunteers. Please volunteer
> to help with this critical task in these Districts. Contact Scotty,
> please.
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> Ohio --
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> State LAC = Brent Stover, WD8PNZ, wd8pnz@....
> District 1 & 3 = Three LAAs -- fully staffed.
> Districts 6, 8 & 17 -- Two LAAs, each.
> Districts 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 & 16 -- One LAA each. We need additional
> volunteers. Please contact Brent for information.
> The seven remaining Districts = There are no volunteers. Please
> volunteer to help with this critical task in thee Districts. Please
> contact Brent.
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> To put all of this in perspective, we have made considerable progress

> during the short time the LAP has been active. Obviously we need to do
> more if we are to come close to accomplishing the great amount of good
> that is our potential.
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> This brings me to a perplexing situation. Wherever I go, members
> unanimously tell me they want Federal legislation that permits erecting
> antennas where they are now prohibited, they want our frequencies to be
> protected from an FCC giveaway to commercial interests, they want the
> FCC rule that give unlicensed Part 15 transmission the right to QRM
> licensed services reversed and they want more recognition for the
> tremendous public service we perform.
>
> My question is, "With seemingly everyone eager to get these bills
> passed, why has it been so difficult to recruit the volunteers we need
> to help us get these jobs done.
>
> As the old saying goes, we either are part of the solution or part of
> the problem. I realize that many hams already devote most of their
> time to voluntary, appointment positions in ARRL. Most members are not
> doing this, though. If you are among the "most," please become part of
> the solution and join the Legislative Action Program.
>
> Nearly any amateur who can talk in front of the local ham group, who
> can read and who is willing to work as a member of a team has the
> ability and skills to serve as an LAA.
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> Some of you may have noticed I did not mention the Division Legislative
> Action Chair (DLAC). Val Rose, N8EXV has had a change in his
> employment and is on a leave of absence. Until he sorts his situation
> out, please contact your State LAC or me with any questions or
> comments.
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> ++ MetLife Promotion
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> Most of us will receive literature from MetLife promoting insurance. I
> thought I'd let you know how this works. First, let me assure you ARRL
> is not selling your personal information to outside organizations.
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> What happens is that MetLife has signed a very secure privacy agreement
> with ARRL that permits them, and them only, to use the mailing
> information we provide. MetLife is prohibited from providing it to
> anyone else. If they violate this contractual agreement, MetLife will
> suffer serious legal penalties.
>
> Why does ARRL allow these mailings to occur? The money we get from
> this mailing and from any policy action resulting from it goes to
> support your organization. This is money we don't need to get from you
> members.
>
> It is totally up to you whether you buy insurance from MetLife. It

> also is totally up to you whether you receive any possible future
> promotions such as this from additional companies. If you choose, you
> may opt out by advising ARRL HQ that you do not wish to have your
> information released for secure promotional purposes of this type.
>
> If you choose to purchase insurance from MetLife, you will be dealing
> with a solid, long-established company and you will help ARRL a little,
> in addition. The decision is entirely yours.
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> ++ GLD Scholarship Winners
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> Winners of ARRL Foundation scholarships were announced on Friday at the
> Dayton Hamvention(r). Fifty nine scholarships were awarded in values
> ranging from $2,500 to $500. The winners were from all 15 ARRL
> Divisions. Winners from the Great Lakes Division area
>
> Michael Volz, W8KAR, East Lansing, MI -- The Earl I. Anderson
> Scholarship, $1,250. As directed by the donor, applicants for this
> scholarship must be a licensed radio amateur, live in Florida,
> Illinois, Indiana or Michigan, be enrolled in an Electrical Engineering
> or related program and be an ARRL member.
>
> Timothy Little, W8LBO, St. Louis, MI -- The Zachary Taylor Stevens
> Scholarship, $750. As directed by the donor, applicants for this
> scholarship must hold a Technician class or higher license, live in the
> 8th Call Area and be enrolled in an accredited 2-year or 4-year
> college, university or technical school.
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> Congratulations to Michael and Timothy!
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> The ARRL Foundation awards scholarships annually. Applications are
> solicited via QST, the ARRL Letter, the ARRL web site and, usually,
> Weaver's Words.
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> ++ Code Proficiency Pilot Field Test
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> The field study of the Code Proficiency Program begins in June as I
> reported in the last issue of Words. The encoded text has been
> received as has the decoded written text. These have been distributed
> to the VE teams that will conduct the pilot testing.
> There is no charge for this testing. Eight code speeds of 5 through 40
> wpm, in steps of 5 wpm, are offered. Keep your eyes on your local club
> newsletters and special e-mail announcements for further details.
>
> Now that developing Morse code proficiency is totally a matter of
> personal choice, why not challenge yourself to learn this "old" modern
> method of communicating.
>
> The Code Proficiency program is totally unrelated to FCC licensing. It
> also is available only at the four test locations in the Great Lakes

> Division.
>
> ++ Data Communication
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> If you don't use data communication, you might want to give it a try.
> One of the easiest and most readily gratifying ways to go is PSK-31.
> Check it out. Go to www.arrl.org and search for PSK31. You will find
> excellent introductory articles as well as information on ARRL's
> Digital Handbook.
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> ++ ARRL Membership Growing
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> Membership in ARRL has hit its highest level in recent years. At the
> end of April, 150,895 hams belonged to the League. This exceeds the
> membership of 148,329 at the conclusion of April 2006. This represents
> a 1.7% increase in membership over the year.
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> There are about 655,000 FCC licensees. Current amateur licenses have
> durations of 10 years. A review of statistics suggests only about
> one-half {less than 330,000) of all licensees are active or even alive.
> Based upon this statistical assumption, approximately 45% of active
> amateurs belong to ARRL.
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> ++ It Was Nice to See You
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> Thanks to the many of you who stopped by the Great Lakes Division booth
> at the Hamvention(r). I enjoyed taking with everyone. I apologize to
> you who came by the booth when I was gone.
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> ++ No Results from Poll, Yet
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> I've not yet been able to review the answers many of you sent me in
> response to the poll I distributed. I'll share the results when I have
> these.
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> ++ Tentative Travel Schedule
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> Jun 17: Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI - Jim
> Jul 12: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown, OH - Gary
> Jul 19: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jul 20-21: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
> Jul 28: UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI - Jim
> Aug 18-19: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL - Jim
> Sep 8: GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI - Jim
> Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH - Jim
> Sep 16: Cincinnati Hamfest, Cincinnati, OH - Jim
> Sep 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH - Gary & Jim
> Sep 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH - Jim
> Oct 2: OH-KY-IN ARRL Night, Cincinnati, OH - Jim
> Oct 8: Portage County ARS, Kent, OH - Jim

> Nov 19: Southern Ohio ARA Christmas Dinner, Russell, KY - Jim
> Dec 1: Motor City RC 75th Ann., Wyandotte, MI - Jim
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> 2008
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> Jan 17: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jan 18-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
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> Tnx, 73,
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> Jim, K8JE
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
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> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
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2961. What's New at Dayton 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-24 16:35:09 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2961 Message: 2961

What's New at Dayton 2007?

Elecraft’s new K3 HF and 6 meter transceiver and its many options created quite a stir at Dayton.

Gerald Youngblood, K5SDR, lead developer of the FlexRadio series looks justifiably proud of his newest model.

Inside view of one side of the Flex-5000.

The new Hilberling PT-8000 HF and VHF transceiver. This is available in your choice of colors.

Inside view of the Hilberling PT-8000.

The new ICOM IC-7700, think IC-7800 with a single receiver.

Yaesu FT-450 HF and 6 meter transceiver, shown with optional internal antenna tuner.

Kenwood’s new TM-710 V/UHF dual band transceiver.

Yaesu’s new FTM-10 V/UHF dual band transceiver – designed for the open road.

New legal limit autio tuner from MFJ, the MFJ-998.

DSP noise reduction speaker from West Mountain Radio.

West Mountain Radio also offers their audio DSP in a stand alone board version.

Paul Hrivnak, N8PH, President, CEO and Chief Engineer of Palstar is justifiably proud of his new antenna tuner.

Joel R. Hallas, W1ZR
It always a treat when we get to see a new HF transceiver at Dayton -- it is usually the star of the show! Last year's show stealer was the Yaesu FT-2000; the year before it was the ICOM IC-7000. This year we had the good fortune of having no fewer than six to look over. In alphabetical order:

HF Transceivers
Elecraft announced their new K3 HF and 6 meter transceiver. Perhaps transceivers would be a better word. There are so many options (all upgradeable later if you choose) that you can configure anything from a kit-built 10 W portable QRP radio to a fully-featured, contest-ready 100 W rig with two high performance receivers. It is scheduled to ship starting in July.

FlexRadio Systems, well known for their line of high-performance software defined radios, introduced the Flex-5000 HF and 6 meter transceiver series promising higher performance and more features. Included are the Flex-5000C, a fully integrated system in a single box, and the Flex-5000D with a second receiver.

Hilberling, the first Amateur Radio manufacturer from across the Atlantic for some years, announced their PT-8000 transceiver. This is offered as a full-featured HF and VHF transceiver available in 10, 100 or 600 W versions and promises top performance. It is distributed in North America by Array Solutions.

ICOM unveiled their new IC-7700 HF and 6 meter transceiver. This appears to be a single receiver version of their top of the line IC-7800, sharing the 200 W transmitter, high performance receiver and 7 inch display of its sibling. It is being marketed for the "contester," but should be of interest to anyone who coveted the features of the deluxe IC-7800, but didn't need two receivers, or its price tag.

Ten-Tec displayed their new Omni-VII HF and 6 meter transceiver. Their new "distributed roofing filter architecture" promises ham-band only receive performance with a general coverage receiver. See our Product Review in this issue.

Finally, Yaesu showed their new FT-450 HF and 6 meter transceiver. Just as last year's FT-2000 arguably had its roots in their top of the line FT-9000, inheriting a substantial number of its features, the FT-450 has a similar relationship to the FT-2000, at a correspondingly lower price.

The SPE Expert 1K-FA HF and 6 meter 1000 W linear distributed in North America by ARRAY Solutions.

Dishtronix legal limit 100% duty cycle solid-state amplifier.

Linear power supply for Dishtronix legal limit 100% duty cycle solid-state amplifier.

Tokyo High Power showed its new 750 W output HF and 6 meter linear.

Tokyo High Power also showed its new 1000 W output HF and 6 meter linear.

Tokyo High Power moved up the spectrum with its new 2 meter linear.
What else did Dayton-goers find this year? Quite a bit!

HF Power Amplifiers
Also distributed in North America by Array Solutions is the SPE Expert 1K-FA solid state linear amplifier. It is a compact light weight (44 pounds) fully automated, full break-in capable amplifier that puts out 1000 W PEP on 160 through 6 meters. An internal 120 or 240 V ac power supply and antenna tuner add to the handiness if this convenient amplifier.

Dishtronix showed off their 100% duty cycle, 1500 W PEP as well as 1500 W CW, RTTY, FM output solid-state linear. This is a serious amplifier at 65 pounds with a separate 120 pound linear power supply, or choose their 54 pound switching supply. It was just sitting there, quietly heating up a dummy load at the legal limit, key down.

Tokyo Hy-Power had a great debut at Dayton this year, bringing their collection of three HF amplifiers newly introduced to the US market. They showed their HL-1.2KFX 750 W output, their HL-1.5KFX 1 kW output and HL-2.5KFX legal limit amplifier as well as the HL-500V 2 meter linear. All are completely solid state and the HF units offer automatic band decoding when used with many popular transceiver lines. They also offer a new legal limit automatic antenna tuner.

Moving Up the Bands
Kenwood announced a new V/UHF mobile transceiver, the TM-710. It offers many new features. Of particular note is free software that allows downloading repeater data from Travel Plus directly into radio memories -- a real boon for those who travel and have grown tired of manually storing all that repeater data for your trip. Other features include crossband repeater functionality and an innovative reversible control head that allows the radio's speaker to end up either on the top or bottom of the unit.

Yaesu introduced a new V/UHF transceiver especially for hams on the go! The FTM-10 is designed to mount on the handlebars of your bike or motorcycle so that you don't even need a mic -- just talk into the front panel and you're on the air! For those times when you don't have handlebars in front of you, it can also be configured as a traditional transceiver.

Accessories
Radio accessories are always popular at Dayton and MFJ can always be counted on to have new products anywhere you see them. Topping their list this year is the MFJ-998 1500 W Intellituner. This legal limit auto tuner is designed to handle loads from 12 to 1600 ohms from 160 to 10 meters and includes two outputs and sophisticated memory, protection and control features.

MFJ also introduced a stereo version of its speech intelligibility enhancer for receive audio, the MFJ-618. This provides sound field expansion and allows independent compensation for each ear. There is also a new battery booster, the MFJ-4416. It is a dc to dc converter that allows your partially discharged battery, as low as 9 V, system to provide up to 25 A at 13.8 V -- a great asset form EmComm users, particularly since PowerPole connectors are provided as well as screw terminals. They also offer a new Super-strong Telescopic Mast, the MFJ-1906/8 in either 33 or 43 foot lengths. This fiberglass mast has a wall thickness of 0.125 inches for rigidity and is offered with either snap clamps or stainless hose clamps.

West Mountain Radio, the RigBlaster and RigRunner folk, have branched out into the audio side of your radios. They introduced a DSP-equipped speaker designed for the HF operator who would like more signal and less noise. They also have a new DSP module to use with your speaker and a speaker that will sound good and can sit next to your computer monitor without causing distortion in either direction.

Antenna Tuners
In addition to the MFJ-998 above, I noticed a few other antenna tuners in my travels. Palstar has a new version of their AT1 series. The AT1KP covers 160 through 6 meters. By switching in the 160 meter inductance only when needed, the AT1KP reduces the minimum capacitance of the tuner so it can cover 6 meters. One touch of the front panel button and "top band," 160 meters, is back on without sacrificing performance on the higher bands.

The Swiss Antenna Matching System from Heinz-Bolli is a legal-limit remote-controlled tuner designed for outdoor mounting. It can be manually tuned by remote control or auto tuning can be used to select the best tuner configuration or adjust the parameters. It is distributed in North America by Array Solutions.

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http://answers.yahoo.com/dir/?link=list&sid=396545469

2962. 2007 ARRL June VHF QSO Party, June 9 - 11

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-24 16:44:05 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2962 Message: 2962

2007 ARRL June VHF QSO Party Rules
General Rules
1. Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees by 1 degree grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Foreign stations work W/VE amateurs only.
2. Date and Contest Period: The second full weekend in June. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 0300 UTC Monday (June 9-11, 2007).
3. Entry Categories:
3.1 Single Operator.
3.1.1. Low Power
3.1.2. High Power
3.2 Single Operator Portable.
3.3. Rover.
3.4. Multioperator.
3.5. Limited Multioperator.
4. Exchange: Grid-square locator (see April 1994 QST, p 86).
4.1. Exchange of signal report is optional.
5. Scoring:
5.1. QSO points:
5.1.1. Count one point for each complete 50- or 144-MHz QSO.
5.1.2. Count two points for each 222- or 432-MHz QSO.
5.1.3. Count three points for each 902- or 1296-MHz QSO.
5.1.4. Count four points for each 2.3 GHz (or higher) QSO.
5.2. Multiplier: The total number of different grid squares worked per band. Each 2 degrees by 1 degree grid square counts as one multiplier on each band it is worked.
5.3. Final score: Multiply the total number of QSO points from all bands operated by the total number of multipliers for final score.
5.4. Rovers only: The final score consists of the total number of QSO points from all bands times the sum of unique multipliers (grid squares) worked per band (regardless of which grid square they were made in) plus one additional multiplier for every grid square from which they successfully completed a contact.
5.4.1. Rovers are listed in the contest score listings under the Division from which the most QSOs were made.
6. Reporting:
6.1. Entries may be submitted as follows:
6.1.1. Electronic submissions in the Cabrillo format may be emailed to JuneVHF@...
6.1.2. Hand written paper logs or diskettes mailed to June VHF, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.
6.1.3. Web entries submitted via the web-based applet at: http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/
6.2. Entries that have been electronically generated must submit their log file in the Cabrillo file format. Paper print outs of electronic files are not acceptable substitutes.
6.3. Entries must be emailed or postmarked no later than July 11, 2007. Late logs may be designated as checklogs only.
7. Miscellaneous:
7.1. Stations may be worked for credit only once per band from any given grid square,

regardless of mode. This does not prohibit working a station from more than one grid square with the same call sign (such as a Rover).
7.2. Only permitted one signal per band (6, 2, 11/4, etc) at any given time is permitted, regardless of mode.
7.3. Multi-operator stations may not include QSOs with their own operators except on frequencies higher than 2.3 GHz. Even then, a complete, different station (transmitter, receiver and antenna) must exist for each QSO made under these conditions.
7.4. Forms may be obtained by:
7.4.1. Downloading from the Internet at the Contest Branch Website: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms.
7.4.2. Sending an SASE with 2 units of postage to June VHF Form Request, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.
8. Awards: Certificates will be awarded in the following categories:
8.1. Single operator.
8.1.1. Top Single Operator Low and High power entry in each ARRL/RAC Section.
8.1.2. Top Single Operator Low and High power on each band (50, 144, 222, 432, 902, 1296 and 2304-and-up categories) in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Note: Since the highest score per band will be the award winner for that band, an entrant may win a certificate with additional single-band endorsements.) For example, if W1INF has the highest Single-Operator all-band score in the CT Section and his 50- and 222-MHz scores are higher than any other CT single operator's, he will earn a certificate for being the single-operator Section leader and endorsements for 50 and 222 MHz.
8.2. Top Single-Operator Portable in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Single-operator Portable entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
8.3. Top Rover in each ARRL Division and Canada where significant effort or competition is evident. (Rover entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
8.4. Top Multioperator score in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
8.5. Top Limited Multioperator in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Limited multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
8.6. Plaques, if sponsored, will be awarded in the following categories:
8.6.1. Top 10 Single Operator (both High and Low Power) scorers.
8.6.2. Top 5 Single Operator Portable scorers.
8.6.3. Top 5 Rover scorers.
8.6.4. Top 10 Multi-Operator scorers.
8.6.5. Top 5 Limited Multi-Operator scorers.
9. Other:
9.1. See "General Rules for All ARRL Contests" and "General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands above 50 MHz (VHF)" at www.arrl.org/contests/forms
9.2. For more information, queries or questions contact contests@... or (860) 594-0232.

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2963. Still looking for help this weekend ...please come out if you can

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-24 20:59:31 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 2963 Message: 2963

Hello Everyone . Summer events seem to line up one after another and there are 2 coming up this long weekend one in Grand Haven and one in Spring Lake.

The first is the YMCA Snug Harbor kick off to summer Race in Grand Haven this Saturday May 26th in the morning . We have helped with this
race for the last 10 years. We will meet at the Grand Haven Public Safety lot at 7:30 so we can be on the race course by 8:05. This is only a 5K race so it will be over by 10:30. If you can help out with this Race please send me a e-mail at kb8odb@sbcglobal. net or call me at
616-846-7307

The second event is on Memorial Day Monday May28th in the morning for the Spring Lake parade and we will be meeting at the Spring Lake EOC. I
will post the meeting time as soon as I have it. If you can help out with this Race please send me a e-mail at kb8odb@sbcglobal. net or call
me at 616-846-7307

Thanks for all your help 73 Don Meyer - KB8ODB

2964. Needed 10 or 12 uH choke/coil

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-25 02:12:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2964 Message: 2964

I'm in need of a 10 or 12 uH choke/coil for a project. I've been told that this is a "common molded unit." I suppose I could wind a coil with this value, but perhaps someone has one of these in their junk box?

Let me know.

I'll be glad to pick it up and give a donation to your bank account or to your charity of choice.

73 de n8xx Hg

2966. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Why we should always monitor the airwaves

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-26 22:01:32 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 2965 Message: 2966

Reminds me of the "Wilderness protocol" on the call frequencies in the ham bands. Take 146.52 on 2 mtrs. Here in Grand Rapids there is unfortunately much local chit chat primarily base to base which in it's self is not illegal but in my opinion not good amateur practice because it discourages monitoring by many that don't want to listen to general trivia but would monitor for emergencies if the freq was quiet. There is nothing wrong with calling another station and moving off of 652 to another simplex freq. As it is I have to lock out 146.52 from the scan list due to heavy local use and as such probably will not be listening for that emergency call. DE WD8USA ...-.-

********** See what's free at http://www.aol.com.

2967. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Why we should always monitor the airwaves

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-26 23:52:55 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 2965 Message: 2967

Indeed. This is a nuisance even out here in Grand Haven; the GR-area ops on .52 are S2-S6 here, so it's not just a problem in Kent county: those hour-plus ragchews are hogging the call frequency for a sizable chunk of the whole west MI region...

Didn't 146.445 used to be chit-chat channel in that area?

-Joe, N8FQ

On Sat, 26 May 2007 18:01:32 EDT
wd8usa@... wrote:

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> bands. Take 146.52 on 2 mtrs. Here in Grand Rapids there is unfortunately much
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> ********** See what's free at http://www.aol.com.
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2969. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Why we should always monitor the airwaves

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-27 03:32:26 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 2965 Message: 2969

My vote is to let them stay. If they are there they will here a call. If they move to another freq than that is that many ears not listening to the calling freq. Chances are that when they are not talking they are still listening. If it came to CB, 19 would be my first try.

FYI calling freq list from my 2004 HANDBOOK (I thing its time for a new book, oh how time flies)

Band Calling Frequency
50 50.125 SSB
50.620 (packet)
52.525 National FM simplex

144 144.010 EME
144.100, 144.110 CW
146.520 National FM simplex

432 432.010 EME
432.100 CW/SSB
446.000 National FM simplex

73s Jim

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, May 26, 2007 8:21 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Why we should always monitor the airwaves

Interesting that you have brought that up. I have mixed emotions about it. I agree that chit chat on the calling frequency is not good amateur practice, but on the other hand having a handful of hams frequent the frequency may keep it monitored more than if they hung out on a different frequency. Case in point, if you had an emergency and only had CB, would you bet your life on Ch 9, or on Ch 19?

I can hear some of the ops here in Muskegon and have met a few of them. They are not renegades by any means. If they agreed to move off '52 do you really think more people would monitor it? I don't know the answer to that. I would bet that if the guys were asked to move, they would, but would it help keep the frequency monitored if they did? Food for thought, to be assured.

Has anyone ever asked any of the ops why they are chit chatting on the calling frequency? Maybe they don't know that there is a gentleman's agreement for the '52. Maybe they feel as long as they always give way to any breaking station they are not in violation of the agreement. It would indeed be interesting to hear their side of the story before we pass judgment on them.

73

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Joe Veldhuis
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, May 26, 2007 07:52
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Why we should always monitor the airwaves

Indeed. This is a nuisance even out here in Grand Haven; the GR-area ops on .52 are S2-S6 here, so it's not just a problem in Kent county: those hour-plus ragchews are hogging the call frequency for a sizable chunk of the whole west MI region...

Didn't 146.445 used to be chit-chat channel in that area?

-Joe, N8FQ

On Sat, 26 May 2007 18:01:32 EDT
wd8usa@... wrote:

> Reminds me of the "Wilderness protocol" on the call frequencies in the ham
> bands. Take 146.52 on 2 mtrs. Here in Grand Rapids there is unfortunately much
> local chit chat primarily base to base which in it's self is not illegal but in
> my opinion not good amateur practice because it discourages monitoring by
> many that don't want to listen to general trivia but would monitor for
> emergencies if the freq was quiet. There is nothing wrong with calling another station
> and moving off of 652 to another simplex freq. As it is I have to lock out
> 146.52 from the scan list due to heavy local use and as such probably will not be
> listening for that emergency call. DE WD8USA ...-.-
>
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>
> ********** See what's free at http://www.aol.com.
>

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.472 / Virus Database: 269.8.0/819 - Release Date: 5/26/2007 10:47 AM

2971. More on cellphones and major disasters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-28 10:38:14 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2971 Message: 2971

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070527/ap_on_hi_te/tornado_cell_phones;_ylt=AgUymRuSmGBvhbILVbwMRPXMWM0F

Get the Yahoo! toolbar and be alerted to new email wherever you're surfing.

2972. kent county police scanner

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-28 21:16:23 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2972 Message: 2972

here is a kent county police scanner that you can use on your computor with out the hassles of programming your old scanner. http://www.scanmichigan.com/

Moody friends. Drama queens. Your life? Nope! - their life, your story.
Play Sims Stories at Yahoo! Games.

2974. shortwave radio computor controlled

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-28 21:36:48 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2974 Message: 2974

here is a short wave radio that you can use in the internet

TV dinner still cooling?
Check out "Tonight's Picks" on Yahoo! TV.

2975. shortwave part 2

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-28 21:37:24 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2975 Message: 2975

http://www.chilton.com/scripts/radio/R8-receiver

Take the Internet to Go: Yahoo!Go puts the Internet in your pocket: mail, news, photos & more.

2978. Tower move, upcoming hamfests

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-29 02:31:45 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 2978 Message: 2978

So many thanks go to those who helped move a donated 100 ft tower on Saturday, May 19. A 100
foot self supporting tower was donated to the Lowell Amateur Radio Club to hopefully be erected at the new club shack location in Lowell. We still need to do the site plan, get township approval, and fundraising for the cost of cement, etc.

In order to paint and renovate the tower, it needed to be moved from where it was stored near Moline to where it can be worked on. This tower is huge and would need a flat bed truck
to move. This is where special kudos go to Ken KC8YTC and his co-worker Gary that arranged to bring out a flat bed tractor-trailer and a boom truck. With about 200 total hams on the various area e-mail lists, when the call goes out for looking for someone with skills or access to specialty equipment, all too often there is no response when you know someone out there could but won't have any involvement. That's why I want to highlight Ken and Gary and the High Grade Material Company for donating time and vehicles to get the job done. Others, besides Ken KC8YTC and Gary who gave a good chunk of their Saturday: Frank N8UVI, Stu KA8WGF, Doug KC8EGM, Chuck KC8REH and daughter Ashley, Ann KB8ZSX, and myself Jack NY8D. The
tower was donated to LARC by Dave Tubergen, T&W Electronics.

The annual IRA Hamfestival is this Saturday, June 2, at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds. http://www.w8hvg.org/IRAfest2k.htm Friday evening (1st) will be the annual "Road Kill Chili" potluck. TI 147.16+(94.8Hz). The June Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA)
meeting will follow at the fairgrounds. As in the past I will be setting up outside tables along side my motorhome for GRARA and LARC displays and members with items to peddle. Who ever has the respective club banners, be sure they are at the Hamfestival.

On the subject of hamfests, here are other Grand Rapids swaps (all Saturdays):
July 14, Mini-Swap, circle drive in front of LARC ham shack, HWY M-21 East end of Lowell. TI: 145.27-(94.8Hz) http://www.w8lrc.org
August 11, another LARC Mini-Swap
September 8, GRAHamfest (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest), Kent County Fairgrounds, Lowell. TI: 147.26+(94.8Hz) sponsor: GRARA http://www.grahamfest.org
December 15, Year End Hamfest, Lowell High School. Sponsor: Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (ARGYL) http://www.argyl.org

Hamfests for the rest of the state and continent: http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html

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Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.446 / Virus Database: 269.6.8/797 - Release Date: 5/10/07 5:10 PM

2979. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Ham Prefix List

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-29 11:47:06 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 2977 Message: 2979

Thanks very much, Mark, for this neat prefix list. I'll forward it onto
the local hams in our area for their reference as well.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, May 28, 2007 10:01 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Ham Prefix List

Hear a prefix you can't identify?

Check out this list. The best I've seen so far.

http://www.ac6v.com/prefixes.htm#PRI

73

Mark K8MHZ

2980. Re: Ham Prefix List

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-29 20:00:15 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 2977 Message: 2980

Wow, a ham could get Lost on the AC6V site. It is HUGE. I'm not surprised you found such a handy link in there. Doesn't everybody have this site Bookmarked?

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

2981. Help needed.. National Asparagus Festival In Oceana

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-29 22:31:35 UTC
From: kc8zsu
Topic: 2981 Message: 2981

Hello everyone. The national asparagus festival 5k run got here a little faster than I wanted it to. It is on 6-9-07. I know that this doesn't give anyone much time to plan on doing this one. That is my fault, I forgot about it. If I can get a couple of people to volunteer on the morning of 9th, Ill give the guy that runs it a call and see if they need the help this year. If you can help out that morning please E-mail me (kc8zsu@yahoo.com). This is for the 5k run in Silver Lake. Here is website for the national asparagus festival.
http://www.nationalasparagusfestival.org/calendar.html
Thanks for taking the time to read this. Rob H (kc8zsu)

2982. Spring Lake run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-29 23:20:05 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2982 Message: 2982

Hello all sat June 9 is the spring lake heritage festival 5K run your help is needed . If you can help connect kc8uny John or don kb8odb we will have the time and where we will meet later. 73 kc8uny

2986. MS-150 Bike Tour help requested

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-30 03:30:20 UTC
From: Rick, N8GGO
Topic: 2986 Message: 2986

We are in urgent need of hams to help out with this years Multiple Sclerosis 150 mile bike tour.
This event takes place on June 9 and 10, starting at 7:00am at the Byron Center school on Saturday and ending at the Hope College campus around 5:00pm.
On Sunday, the event starts at Hope College at 7:00am and finishes around 5:00pm at Byron Center School.

Our needs are (each day):
(7) operators for SAG vehicles (vehicle picks up and assist bike riders and operator radios in concerns regarding riders, the route, medical, etc.).
(5) Med vehicle riders (operators receive and report any medical related information regarding injuries or accidents on the bike route).
(1) Staff vehicle rider (operator receives and reports any information of importance to Staff member to facilitate the operations of the days events).
(1) Backup Net Control Operator to assist the primary NCS operator as needed.

Equipment requirements: a mobile or 5 watt handheld (mobile prefered) with cigarette lighter plug (a "Y" adapter is helpfull), a mag mount antenna, and paper and writing utensils (a clipboard is helpful).
Maps will be provided.
If you are only able to participate for a half day, we can use your participation as well.
Free food and drink is provided each day on the course. Supper is provided to the volunteers at the end of the days events on Saturday and Breakfast is provided at 6:00am on Sunday morning at Hope College.

If you are able to assist, please e-mail me at richarde_97@yahoo.com and give me your full name, call sign, days and times of operation, any special needs, and a phone number, including area code, that you can be reached during the evening.

Our sincerest appreciation for any assistance you may offer,
Rick Elushik, N8GGO.
EC Ottawa County
H 616-748-5693
C 616-212-1859
P 800-218-4083
richarde_97@...

2987. : WEAVER'S WORDS - OPTING OUT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-30 21:13:10 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 2987 Message: 2987

> [As always, reply to k8je@.... The ARRL reflector that gets this
> newsletter to you is one-way, only.]
>
> - Opt Out Information
>
> Several of you are disturbed over the very controlled release of your
> names and addresses to MetLife so it can promote its insurance products
> to you at a special price. I can understand this.
>
> It may be interesting for you to know that you could always have opted
> out of allowing ARRL to disclose your names and addresses even under the
> strict conditions the League demands of MetLife and US Bank. The
> information was -- and is -- on the ARRL web site.
>
> Having said this, I believe the opt-out information should have been
> made more highly visible than it has been made. I'm sorry I had
> not thought of this, previously. The best I can do, at this time, is
> to let everyone know about it, now.
>
> To opt out of receiving all future hard copy mail from companies
> outside of ARRL (e.g. MetLife, US Bank or the like), you should send an
> e-mail to:
>
> circulation@...
>
> If you wish to "opt out of all non-ARRL commercial mailings," you can
> simply say this. Your file will be marked appropriately to keep your
> name and address off of hard copy mailing lists.
>
> You who don't mind receiving infrequent, carefully-screened mailings
> from companies that are contractually-prevented from distributing your
> information further don't need do anything. For what it is worth, I
> have not opted out. I do not plan to opt out.
>
> Once again, the decision (to opt out or not to opt out) is totally
> yours. I merely want to put the information that allows you to follow
> through with your decision in your hands.
>
> 73,
>
> Jim
>
> PS: Watch for request to write a letter to your US Representative
> later this week.
>

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> ++ Tentative Travel Schedule
>
> Jun 17: Monroe Hamfest, Monroe, MI - Jim
> Jul 12: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown, OH - Gary
> Jul 19: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jul 20-21: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
> Jul 28: UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI - Jim
> Aug 18-19: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL - Jim
> Sep 8: GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI - Jim
> Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH - Jim
> Sep 16: Cincinnati Hamfest, Cincinnati, OH - Jim
> Sep 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH - Gary & Jim
> Sep 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH - Jim
> Oct 2: OH-KY-IN ARRL Night, Cincinnati, OH - Jim
> Oct 8: Portage County ARS, Kent, OH - Jim
> Oct 16: Branch Co. ARC, Coldwater, MI - Jim
> Nov 19: Southern Ohio ARA Christmas Dinner, Russell, KY - Jim
> Dec 1: Motor City RC 75th Ann., Wyandotte, MI - Jim
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> 2008
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> Jan 17: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jan 18-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
>
> Tnx, 73,
>
> Jim, K8JE
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
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> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

2988. MS-150 Bike Tour

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-31 02:25:21 UTC
From: John Bok
Topic: 2986 Message: 2988

Greetings West Michigan Hams

It is again time for the West Michigan MS 150 Bike Tour. As in past years the
Amateur Radio community will assist the Bike Tour with communications during the 2 day event. Primary radio comms will be net control, medical vehicles, and
support (SAG) vehicles. If personal is available we also have some radio operators
at some of the rest stops on the route. Why? Because Amateur Radio works, and cell
phones are marginal at best! When all else fails......Amateur Radio works!

This is a 2 day event, but if you can't work both days that is fine. We appreciate
what you can offer in time. 1 day is good or part of a day to monitor a rest stop.
These are long days, but the satisfaction of working a large event with a long
history of success is also fun. You get to work with many hams from West Michigan,
and enjoy a "warm fuzzy" feeling of working in a close knit group with a common goal
of a safe ride for all the participants.

For those not familiar with the Bike Tour, it starts at Byron Center High School on
Saturday June 9, 2007, and ends at Hope College in Holland. Sunday June 10, 2007
starts at Hope College, and ends back at Byron Center High School. Meals are provided at the end of each day, and food is available during the day at various
rest stops.

The following is taken from the MS-150 web page, and it applys somewhat to the hams
that participate in a long 2-day event.

"While many of us will never kinow what it's like to live with MS, we can do something
for those who do. Willpower vs. fatigue. Training vs. excuses. You vs. yourself. It
really doesn't matter where you start, because we all share a common finish. So let's
ride...and together, we can "START TO FINISH MS".

If you are interested send an email to n8wvn@... or call me at
616-748-1348.
If you have a preference of where to work it is first come first choice.
Thanks in
advance for your participation in this very worthwhile event.

What do I need to help? A mag mount antenna (rubber duck will not work), a
radio
capable of 5 wattss or more, a 12 volt setup to connect to the vehicle
power, and
patience!

John Bok N8WVN
n8wvn@...
616-748-1348

Below is a list of needs, and volunteers.

Net Control #1...N8KAL Kim Lobert
Net Control #2

Staff Vehicle

Med vehicle #1...KC8KML "Fitz"
Med vehicle #2
Med vehicle #3
Med vehicle #4
Med vehicle #5

SAG vehicle #1
SAG vehicle #2
SAG vehicle #3
SAG vehicle #4
SAG vehicle #5
SAG vehicle #6
SAG vehicle #7

2989. WEAVER;S WORDS -- WRITE TO SUPPORT HR 462

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-31 10:38:10 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 2989 Message: 2989

> Dear ARRL member,
>
> Now Is The Time For All Good Hams To Come To The Aid Of Their Radio
> Service!
>
> All amateurs are urgently requested to write letters to their US
> Representative. These letters are to ask them to cosponsor HR 462, the
> current bill in the US House of Representatives that would protect
> Amateur Radio from interference from unlicensed devices -- e.g. various
> Part 15 devices and BPL. The bill is in Committee and your letter will
> help move it to the floor of the House.
>
> Your letter and the letters of thousands of other amateurs will be the
> first step in a series of actions to get this bill passed. Subsequent
> actions will involve liaison members of the ARRL Legislative Action
> Program, but we first need to get as many sponsors while it is in
> Committee as possible. The more letters each Representative receives,
> the better.
>
> To learn the name and address of your US Representative, go to
> www.arrl.org and click on "Members Only" at the top of the screen. If
> you have already registered (free) to access Members Only, you will see
> the names and addresses of your US Representative and US Senators on
> the left of the Members Only screen. If Members Only does not fully
> open for you, simply register on the opening screen to use. This will
> give you access to it.
>
> Mail your letter only to your US Representative. Do not mail it to
> either of your US Senators. The bill is only in the US House of
> Representatives and not in the US Senate. We are working to have a
> bill introduced in the Senate, later.
>
> I have pasted a draft letter for you to use, below. Please copy the
> letter and add the name and address of the Representative. Also add
> your name and address.
>
> Modify the letter to personalize it if you have time, sign it and
> send.
>
> Each time we discuss sending letters to Congressmen, several people
> offer suggestions on how this should best be done -- by US Mail, FAX,
> e-mail, to the Washington, DC office, to a local office, etc. The
> answer to the best way to get mail to them depends on the individual.
> I will leave it to you to determine how you wish to send the letter.
>

> The main thing is to send it . . . and to do this fairly soon.\\
>
> Also, if possible, please send a copy of your letter to Dave Sumner,
> K1ZZ, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111 or to k1zz@.... Why?
> These copies are forward to our representative in Washington who uses
> them as proof that the "voters back home" are interested In the bill.
> Thanks.
>
> The draft letter is:
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> ------------------
>
> The Honorable __________
> United States House of Representatives
> ____________ House Office Building
> Washington, DC 20515
>
> Dear Congressman/woman __________:
>
> On behalf of nearly 700,000 federally licensed Amateur Radio operators
> across the nation, I wish to bring to your attention an issue that
> affects emergency communication operations. As a voter in your
> district, I request that you become a cosponsor of H.R. 462, and
> support its passage within the House Energy and Commerce Committee,
> Telecommunications and the Internet Subcommittee. This is the
> "Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act." This
> bill urges the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to conduct a
> very targeted but comprehensive evaluation of "broadband over
> power line" (BPL) systems that may interfere with public safety
> and other licensed radio services.
>
> BPL utilizes electric power lines as conductors of broadband signals.
> Unfortunately, because power lines are not shielded, they also act as
> antennas and radiate signals into the air. These radiated signals
> interfere with radio receivers tuned to the same frequency range. BPL
> is deployed only to a very limited extent, but amateur radio operators
> and several state public safety commissions report they are already
> experiencing severe interference that the FCC has been unable or
> unwilling to correct.
>
> Because the amateur radio service needs no infrastructure for it to
> communicate, it is the only 100 percent fail-safe emergency
> communication system in the world. Interference from BPL emissions is
> significantly disrupting this capability.
>
> The impact on emergency communications extends beyond amateur radio.
> Fourteen states utilize a similar frequency range for state police
> operations. Nine of these states use it as their primary radio band.
> The interference concern has also been echoed by the National
> Association of Broadcasters (NAB), the Association of Public-Safety

> Communications Officials-International (APCO), and the National Public
> Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC).
>
> In deploying broadband, it is vital that further understanding and
> causation of interference be studied by the FCC. H.R. 462 will
> accomplish this goal, by allowing the FCC to ascertain what additional
> rules governing BPL systems, if any, should be adopted by the FCC in
> order to reduce the interference potential to a reasonably low level.
> The FCC has authority to study this issue, as it is the primary agency
> responsible for adopting rules in BPL systems. Unfortunately, the 2004
> rules governing BPL are not sufficient to reduce the probability of
> harmful interference to reasonable levels. This non-controversial
> study language was included as part of H.R. 5252, the Communications
> Opportunity, Promotion and Enhancement Act (COPE) of 2006.
>
> Amateur radio operators, like me, are not opposed to broadband
> services. On the contrary, we usually tend to be early adopters of new
> technology. However, BPL represents a significant potential
> interference source for radio services using certain frequency ranges.
> Unlike BPL, other methods of providing broadband Internet services to
> consumers, such as cable, DSL, wireless and Fiber to the Home, do not
> pollute the radio spectrum.
>
> It is imperative that there is a comprehensive evaluation of the
> interference potential of BPL to public safety services and other
> licensed radio services. The potential impact on public safety
> communications must be taken into consideration. Please cosponsor and
> support passage of H.R. 462, or support its inclusion in a
> comprehensive broadband bill. Thank you for your attention to this
> matter.
>
> Sincerely,
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>
> Name, Title, Contact Information
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> --------------------
>
> A question: Can non-ARRL members and non-hams write to their US
> Representatives? Certainly. Just be certain the letter reads
> appropriately.
>
> Thanks for your help. Please feel free to ask any questions.
>
> LACs and LAAs please stand by. You will be called into action fairly
> soon.
>
> 73,
>

> Jim
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
> ARRL - The Reason Amateur Radio Is!
> Members - The Reason ARRL Is!
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> k8je@...
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> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
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> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

2990. New at Tool Max this week Closed on Saturday for Hudsonville

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-31 12:10:34 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 2990 Message: 2990

All Hams

We are going to take this Saturday's off for the Hudsonville Hamfest. Greg will be in the Store but I will be in Hudsonville Friday night and Saturday.

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

New this week
Used like New FT-100 Yaesu Radio HF/VHF/UHF Radio $474

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock
More Connectors in Stock
SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30

We are now the only Dealer in Michigan for Jetstream Products Check out the items available http://www.jetstream-usa.com/index.shtml
14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply (28Amp and 45Amp),Antennas, Switches, and lighting arresters are in today

Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock

The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
300 ohm twin lead 100Ft $10.00
RG-8 .60 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .35 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class $17.95 Get yours NOW and upgrade before the changes on July 1, 2007
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B23G Mirage 30 watt VHF Power Amp $40
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
HF Tuner $40
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
1 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the new retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 behind the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.For more information call me at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 9:00AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@comcast.net Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

2992. Fwd: New Website

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-31 14:04:54 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 2992 Message: 2992

montcalm county amateurs radio club have a new website. thanks paul

Note: forwarded message attached.

Looking for earth-friendly autos?
Browse Top Cars by "Green Rating" at Yahoo! Autos' Green Center.

2993. Fw: [MIDSTAR] Glen Arbor - Empire 145.36 DStar on the air

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-31 15:48:29 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 2993 Message: 2993

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: John Martin <odd1@...>
To: MIDSTAR@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2007 10:26:11 PM
Subject: [MIDSTAR] Glen Arbor - Empire 145.36 DStar on the air

Greetings!

I'm pleased to report that this evening the WI0OK__C 145.36 DStar repeater was placed in service. (the call is 'doubleyew eye zero oh kaye'--- see http://iook. org)

The repeater hails with 25w from an antenna 330' up a commercial radio tower (Shared with WGFN-FM) that is atop a hill just south of Glen Arbor and east of Empire (about 20 miles west of Traverse City, looming over the Sleeping Bear Dunes).

At the moment it's a standalone 2m DStar system, which will be crosslinked (via a 'remote base' type setup) to the co-located 444.725 and 52.92 repeaters in about three weeks. When linked to the analog sytem, it will also be accessible via links from the W8TVC-R Echolink node (node #56464)(145. 27 local RF).

Sadly, a DStar internet gateway is a long ways off, as would be adding other bands to the mix. DPRS to APRS interoperability, on the other hand will likely be implemented in the fall or next spring (there is considerable packet activity at the site).

I expect to post online some photos and commentary on the project in the next week or so (first week of June). I have taken numerous photographs of the gear including it's internals. I also will post a rudimentary cheat-sheet for getting on the air with the ID-800, IC2200h, and the IC-2820 (also with photos). These will be posted on http://kf8kk. com on or before June 10th and hopefully will be helpful (be patient-- no dstar info has been posted yet, I wanted to get the machine on the air first-- and then post online).

73,
John KF8KK
http://kf8kk. com
http://www.legitima te.org/iook/ wi0ok-glenarbor. html

Choose the right car based on your needs. Check out Yahoo! Autos new Car Finder tool.
http://autos.yahoo.com/carfinder/

2994. Congressman Ehlers' Address

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-31 18:20:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2994 Message: 2994

The first attempt to send this didn't work. Sorry if some delay results in this being a duplicate.....

Many readers of the West Michigan Hams yahoo group live within Congressman Vernon J Ehlers' District.

Full info on him is:

The Honorable Vernon J Ehlers

Grand Rapids Office
Gerald R. Ford Federal Building
110 Michigan Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2313
voice: (616) 451-8383
fax: (616) 454-5630

Washington Office
2182 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
voice: (202) 225-3831
fax: (202) 225-5144

A written letter is always better than an e-Mail. It doesn't seem to matter whether it's a FAX or by US Postal Service.

An e-Mail is fine as an alternative.

But, ANY form of communications is MUCH BETTER than none. I urge everyone to send a letter of support as requested by Jim, K8JE.

Readers in other Congressional districts are encouraged to post information for their Representatives.

73 de n8xx Hg
Legislative Action Assistant, ARRL:

2995. Weaver's Words

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-31 18:35:22 UTC
From: Charlie Chapman
Topic: 2995 Message: 2995

I wrote him a pretty nasty note saying that we shouldn't HAVE to opt out from OUR OWN CLUB selling our information. What an absolute crock! I also mentioned that I was not going to opt out just to see where all they prostitute their ethics ..

Charlie Chapman, KB8SFR

2996. Re: Happy Spargelzeit

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-31 18:48:30 UTC
From: Mark
Topic: 2984 Message: 2996

Asparagus or Spargel is very popular in Germany. I've been to Germany serveral times at this time of year and you'll see Spargel signs along the road where you can buy it.

Some restaurants even offer an all Spargel menu. Soup, Appetizer, Entree & Desert all with Spargel.

73, Mark, WB9QZB

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> I had no idea that there were asparagus festivals in California and Germany. I also did not know that asparagus is referred to as a royal vegetable and Michigan is one of the few places in the world that has prolific asparagus farms.
>
>
http://www.labellecuisine.com/Articles/asparagus__the_royal_vegetable.htm
>
>
http://www.produceoasis.com/Hierarchy_folder/Vegetables_folder/L2CVeg_folder/L3CVeg_folder/AspArtCrn.html
>
> This is a neat event to do. Silver Lake is a fantastic venue and we are talking about the best month of the year for Michigan weather.
>
> Thanks Rob for handling the event. That's the spear-it!
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: kc8zsu
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2007 06:31
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Help needed.. National Asparagus Festival In Oceana
>
>
> Hello everyone. The national asparagus festival 5k run got here a
> little faster than I wanted it to. It is on 6-9-07. I know that this
> doesn't give anyone much time to plan on doing this one. That is my

> fault, I forgot about it. If I can get a couple of people to
> volunteer on the morning of 9th, Ill give the guy that runs it a
call
> and see if they need the help this year. If you can help out that
> morning please E-mail me (kc8zsu@...). This is for the 5k run in
> Silver Lake. Here is website for the national asparagus festival.
> http://www.nationalasparagusfestival.org/calendar.html
> Thanks for taking the time to read this. Rob H (kc8zsu)
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> Version: 7.5.472 / Virus Database: 269.8.1/822 - Release Date:
5/28/2007 11:40 AM
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2997. Re: Weaver's Words

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-31 18:49:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2995 Message: 2997

Most volunteer and professional groups to which I belong have similar provisions for opting in and opting out. Some of them have a box to check if you don't mind getting such mailings, rather than a box to opt out.

When you join, the membership form states:

Please provide the following information when you apply:

Name
Date
Call Sign (if any)
Full Mailing Address
and indicate if you do not wish your name and address made available for non-ARRL-related mailings.

Send your dues and membership application to:

The American Radio Relay League
225 Main St
Newington, CT 06111 USA
or phone (860) 594-0200
or fax (860) 594-0303
or e-mail circulation@...
or complete and submit our online membership form.

I'm not sure how a membership renewal form reads, as I've not paid dues of ages - $130 for a Charter Life Membership was one of the better investments I've made in my lifetime. :)

I gather you'd prefer that you'd check a box so that you'd receive information from afiliated entities rather than having to opt out? I trust you informed K8JE in your note to him.

73 de n8xx Hg

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> where all they prostitute their ethics ..
>
> Charlie Chapman, KB8SFR
>

2998. GRARA Monthly Meeting, 6/1/2007, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-05-31 22:26:50 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 2998 Message: 2998

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

GRARA Monthly Meeting
Friday June 1, 2007
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(This event repeats every month on the first Friday until Friday November 9, 2007.)
Location: Red Cross, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE, Grand Rapuids
Street: 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City State Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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http://docs.yahoo.com/info/terms/

2999. nasa freqs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-01 00:08:44 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 2999 Message: 2999

http://www.monitoringtimes.com/html/Monitoring%20NASA%20and%20Space%20Communications.pdf
this is 42 pages of freqs kc8uny john

3000. Re: GRARA Monthly Meeting, 6/1/2007 at the Hudsonville Hamfest Site

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-01 02:44:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 2998 Message: 3000

Actually, the GRARA Monthly meeting will be held at the Hudssonville Hamfest Site, in Hudsonville, immediately after the Road Kill Chili supper.

See: http://www.w8hvg.org/IRAfest2k.htm for details and directions.

Folks who show up at the Red Cross Building will find a dark building.

Sorry I didn't tell the robot of the changed location.

See you in Hudsonville!

73 de n8xx Hg

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3001. National 24 Hour Challenge, hams needed, June 16

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-03 01:43:58 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3001 Message: 3001

To all Amateur Radio Operators

The National 24 Hour Challenge (N24HC) http://www.n24hc.org is a 126 1/2 mile bicycle route through Barry County that takes place on the day / Saturday before Fathers Day that attracts
about 500 riders plus their support crews. Amateur Radio communications is an important part
of the logistics of this annual event taking place this year on June 16.
As I type this, the following communications positions are in need of volunteers:
CHECK POINT 2, Baseline UM Church, south end of Barry County, 10:45 AM to 1:45PM - Reports to net control passing traffic from the check point to ground zero.
CHECK POINT 3, Delton Library, Delton, 11:00 AM to 3:35 PM - Reports to net control passing traffic from the check point to ground zero.
CHECK POINT 5, near Yankee Springs State Park (NOT in the park, no permit required), 1:30 PM
to 4:45 PM first shift - Reports to net control passing traffic from the check point to ground zero.

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

The event coordinators provide shirts, limited refreshments, and Friday evening spaghetti dinner. Please contact the Ham Radio Communications Director if you are willing to help.
Jack Amelar NY8D
mailto:jamelar@...?subject=N24HC
Phone evening (616)897-6885, days (616)493-8736, cell (616)558-8046

Thanks
73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
1554 Lincoln Lake Ave NE
Lowell, MI 49331-9711

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Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.446 / Virus Database: 269.6.8/797 - Release Date: 5/10/07 5:10 PM

3002. spring lake hearitage fest 5k help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-03 16:02:08 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 3002 Message: 3002

hello to all this sat june 9 2007is the spring lake run we will meet at the spring lake eoc at 7:00 am for our loactions the Race starts at 8:00 the race starts on fruitport Rd. and goes north over pettys byuou bridge turns and comes back to beach st west on beach to parkhearst to alden st. th the bike path east on the bike path to central park /finnish line we will be stopping traffic on fruitport road and watching for cars on beach st and stopping cars so runners can pass on lake ave at the bike path we can use all the help we can get if you can help contact don kb8odb or John kc8uny thanks 73 kc8uny

3003. CERTs Training started in the Tri-Citys

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-03 16:52:00 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 3003 Message: 3003

Hello Everyone ?
This past Saturday was the first training day for CERTs in the Tri-Citys area with six Amateur Radio Operator and four Civil Air Patrol members participating. Train was by Sergeant Bo of Grand Haven Public Safety we were also given the opportunity to try out the extinguisher training trailer. I want to thank all the members that participated . If you are interested there will be more opportunity?s for training as the program grows.

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

3004. 5k spring lake hearitage fest run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-03 17:09:55 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 3004 Message: 3004

hello to all this sat june 9 2007is the spring lake run we will meet at the spring lake eoc at 7:00 am for our loactions the Race starts at 8:00 the race starts on fruitport Rd. and goes north over pettys byuou bridge turns and comes back to beach st west on beach to parkhearst to alden st. th the bike path east on the bike path to central park /finnish line we will be stopping traffic on fruitport road and watching for cars on beach st and stopping cars so runners can pass on lake ave at the bike path we can use all the help we can get if you can help contact don kb8odb or John kc8uny thanks 73 kc8uny

3005. Clarke Cooper, K8BP, wins May QST Cover Plaque Award

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-03 17:19:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3005 Message: 3005

From ARRL Web Site

http://www.arrl.org/?artid=7505

Guess the plea on this reflector helped. Congrats!

73 de n8xx Hg

3006. Re: [WestMichiganHams] CERTs Training started in the Tri-Citys

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-03 21:21:36 UTC
From: Jeffs Lists
Topic: 3003 Message: 3006

Congrat's!

I believe class #14 in Kent County is finishing up this coming week with our final exercise on Wed night. If anyone wants to be a victim, drop me a note.

Jeff

----- Original Message -----
From: Don Meyer
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Cc: Bill Smith ; NOARC ; OCEC
Sent: Sunday, June 03, 2007 12:52 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] CERTs Training started in the Tri-Citys

Hello Everyone .
This past Saturday was the first training day for CERTs in the Tri-Citys area with six Amateur Radio Operator and four Civil Air Patrol members participating. Train was by Sergeant Bo of Grand Haven Public Safety we were also given the opportunity to try out the extinguisher training trailer. I want to thank all the members that participated . If you are interested there will be more opportunity's for training as the program grows.

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

3007. W8P "covered bridge" special event station--June 9

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-03 21:50:49 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3007 Message: 3007

from The Miami Valley Amateur Radio Bulletin Board - a nice commemorative QSL if you're into such things.

From: Rick Slone [mailto:rick.slone@...]
Sent: Sunday, June 03, 2007 1:00 PM
To: w8lly@...
Subject: W8P "covered bridge" special event station

W8P Covered Bridge Special Event 6/9/07

Members of the Butler County VHF Association will be operating a ?Covered Bridge? special event station on Saturday June 9th from the Governor Bebb Preserve and Pioneer Village, Okeana, Ohio.

They will be operating phone as W8P from 0900 to 1700 EDT (1300 to 2100 UTC), band conditions permitting, on 7.270 and 14.270 MHz. ? QRM.

QSL via W8CCI or KI8I.

Rick AF8T

3008. MAARC Meeting - June 7th - Towers by K8PUJ

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-04 21:41:34 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 3008 Message: 3008

Hello Hams:

On Thursday, June 7th, at the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council Clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive, Muskegon, we'll be holding our monthly meeting. The subject matter for the program will be presented by Larry Kozal, K8PUJ. It is a program which he calls: "Forum on Towers - Growing Them and Keeping Them Healthy". Larry is an excellent presenter with a great sense of humor. Should be fun, ya'all come down near the lake shore and join us. We welcome anyone and everyone, stop in. Oh, yes, the time for the meeting is 7:00 p.m.. If you get lost, call for help on the 146.94 repeater. And, Larry's program is first on our agenda, so if you want to come just for that and then split before the general meeting, you are welcome to do that, too.

73,
Linda, AB8QH
Vice-President, MAARC

3009. MS-150 Bike Tour needs you!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-05 03:03:17 UTC
From: John Bok
Topic: 3008 Message: 3009

Greetings West Michigan Hams

It is again time for the West Michigan MS 150 Bike Tour. As in past years the
Amateur Radio community will assist the Bike Tour with communications during the 2 day event. Primary radio comms will be net control, medical vehicles, and
support (SAG) vehicles. If personal is available we also have some radio operators
at some of the rest stops on the route. Why? Because Amateur Radio works, and cell
phones are marginal at best! When all else fails......Amateur Radio works!

This is a 2 day event, but if you can't work both days that is fine. We appreciate
what you can offer in time. 1 day is good or part of a day to monitor a rest stop.
These are long days, but the satisfaction of working a large event with a long
history of success is also fun. You get to work with many hams from West Michigan,
and enjoy a "warm fuzzy" feeling of working in a close knit group with a common goal
of a safe ride for all the participants.

For those not familiar with the Bike Tour, it starts at Byron Center High School on
Saturday June 9, 2007, and ends at Hope College in Holland. Sunday June 10, 2007
starts at Hope College, and ends back at Byron Center High School. Meals are provided at the end of each day, and food is available during the day at various
rest stops.

Byron Center High School is located on the corner of 84th (Byron Road), and Burlingame.
For the extremely geographically challanged talk-ins are available on that morning.
Hey, we are HAMs right? That is what that radio is for. The location for Hope College
can be had on the Holland 147.060 94.8pl repeater. Just sound lost and forlorn, and
someone will help you find the place.

The following is taken from the MS-150 web page, and it applys somewhat to the hams

that participate in a long 2-day event.

"While many of us will never kinow what it's like to live with MS, we can do something
for those who do. Willpower vs. fatigue. Training vs. excuses. You vs. yourself. It
really doesn't matter where you start, because we all share a common finish. So let's
ride...and together, we can "START TO FINISH MS".

If you are interested send an email to n8wvn@... or call me at 616-748-1348.
If you have a preference of where to work it is first come first choice. Thanks in
advance for your participation in this very worthwhile event.

What do I need to help? A mag mount antenna (rubber duck will not work), a radio
capable of 5 wattss or more (mobile preferred), a 12 volt setup to connect to the
vehicle power, a Y-adapter for 12volt (if others need power for cell),and patience!

John Bok N8WVN
n8wvn@...
616-748-1348

Below is a list of needs, and volunteers.

_____Day 1_____Day 2_____

Net Control #1 N8KAL Kim Lobert N8KAL Kim Lobert
Net Control #2 K8JIM Jim Tanis K8JIM Jim Tanis

Staff Vehicle K8WLK Bill King N8WVN John Bok

Med vehicle #1 KC8KML "Fitz" Fitzpatrick KC8KML "Fitz" Fitzpatrick
Med vehicle #2 N8CTT Dennis Harriss N8CTT Dennis Harriss
Med vehicle #3
Med vehicle #4
Med vehicle #5

SAG vehicle #1 N8FQ Joe Veldhuis
SAG vehicle #2
SAG vehicle #3
SAG vehicle #4
SAG vehicle #5
SAG vehicle #6
SAG vehicle #7

3010. Are You Ready to Upgrade?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-05 11:16:21 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3010 Message: 3010

All:

Your next opportunity to upgrade your license is coming to a location near you. Yes, the folks administering the license exams are offering another opportunity this weekend. Near you, too!

The Volunteer Examiners are doing their proctoring on Saturday, June 9, at the Muskegon American Red Cross Building in downtown Muskegon. The session starts at 9:00 am.

Candidates will bring along their identification, a copy of their current license (unless you're a newbie and are entering the hobby), $14 cash (we cannot accept checks), and a calculator.

There is no longer a code test. That impediment has been removed. Take this opportunity to take that first step into the amazing world of HF.

We are looking forward to helping you get over this small hurdle and enjoying more radio privileges. We wish you well this Saturday.

3011. Hams @ Grant Tower?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-05 12:04:28 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3011 Message: 3011

Hey, Ham Community:

Does anyone know if hams own Grant Tower a little southwest of Grant, MI?

I'm looking for guy wire and thinking they might have roll ends
available. A call to a friendly ham at Grant Tower might bring a
little joy?

Or would you know someone who has some 3/16" EHS available? I'll need
around six hundred feet, give or take.

Thanks in advance!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3012. field day press release

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-05 20:14:51 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3012 Message: 3012

N.O.A.R.C.

The North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club

News Release

Ham Radio Operators Demonstrate Modern Emergency Capabilities

75th Public Demo of Emergency Communications June 23-24

Newington, CT - For 75 years, Amateur Radio operators across the country have been providing emergency communications when other systems failed or overloaded in a crisis. Each year they take their equipment into unusual locations to test and make sure Ham Radio will always be there to get the message through. This year, is their the 75th "Field Day" as thousands of Ham Radio operators will be showing off their emergency capabilities this weekend.

Over the past year, the news has been full of reports of ham radio operators providing critical communications in emergencies world-wide. During Hurricane Katrina, Amateur Radio - often called "Ham radio" - was often the ONLY way people could communicate, and hundreds of volunteer "hams" traveled south to save lives and property. When trouble is brewing, ham radio people are often the first to provide critical information and communications. On the weekend of June 23-24, the public will have a chance to meet and talk with these ham radio operators and see for themselves what the Amateur Radio Service is about. Showing the newest digital and satellite capabilities, voice communications and even historical Morse code, hams from across the USA will be holding public demonstrations of emergency communications abilities.

This annual event, called "Field Day" is the climax of the week long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio. Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators will construct emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools and back yards around the country. Their slogan, "Ham radio works when other systems don't! " is more than just words to the hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, internet or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a crisis. More than 30,000 amateur radio operators across the country participated in last year's event.

"We hope that people will come and see for themselves, this is not your grandfather's radio anymore," said Allen Pitts of the ARRL. "The communications networks that ham radio people can quickly create have saved many lives in the past months when other systems failed or were overloaded."

In the Tri-Cites area, the North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club will be demonstrating Amateur Radio at Rycenga Park on June 23-24 They invite the public to come and see ham radio's capabilities and learn how to get their own FCC radio license before the next disaster strikes.

There are 660,000 Amateur Radio operators in the US, and more than 2.5 million around the world. Through the ARRL, ham volunteers provide emergency communications for the DHS Citizens' Corps, Red Cross, Salvation Army, FEMA and thousands of state and local agencies, all for free.

To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to www.emergency-radio.org. The public is most cordially invited to come, meet and talk with the hams. See what modern Amateur Radio can do. They can even help you get on the air!

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Foe immediate release

For more information contact

John T Fischer

309 S.Third St

Grand Haven Mi.

616-402-0665

e-mail kc8uny@...

3013. Asparagus Festival 5K Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-05 20:42:12 UTC
From: KD8BGO
Topic: 3013 Message: 3013

Okay, We finally got in touch with the guy that runs the 5k. I guess
he was trying to get in touch with us. The race starts at
9 a.m., so if everyone can be there at 8 a.m. that would be great! The
event is in silver lake. Here is a mapquest map of the location that
they start at: http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?
formtype=address&country=US&popflag=0&latitude=&longitude=&name=&phone=&
level=&addtohistory=&cat=&address=8239+W+Hazel+rd&city=&state=&zipcode=4
9436
It's next to the Yogi Bear Campground. The address is 8239 W Hazel Rd.
Mears, MI 49436. If you are coming from Mears, go past the campground
and it will be the next place on the left. If you are coming from
Shelby, it will be before the campground on the right.
Thank you, Rob H (KC8ZSU) and Marsha H. (KD8BGO)

3014. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Asparagus Festival 5K Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-05 21:29:53 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3013 Message: 3014

Do you have a talk in frequency???

----- Original Message -----
From: KD8BGO
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2007 4:42 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Asparagus Festival 5K Run

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he was trying to get in touch with us. The race starts at
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level=&addtohistory=&cat=&address=8239+W+Hazel+rd&city=&state=&zipcode=4
9436
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Mears, MI 49436. If you are coming from Mears, go past the campground
and it will be the next place on the left. If you are coming from
Shelby, it will be before the campground on the right.
Thank you, Rob H (KC8ZSU) and Marsha H. (KD8BGO)

3017. Spring Lake 5k

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-06 02:29:41 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 3017 Message: 3017

Hello we are still looking for help for the 5k in Spring Lake we will meet at the spring Lake EOC at 7:00 am the run starts at 8:00 am we should done by 10:00 let Don kb8odb or John kc8uny know if you can help 73 for know kc8uny

3018. MS-150 Bike Tour needs you!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-06 03:31:42 UTC
From: John Bok
Topic: 3008 Message: 3018

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various rest stops. It would not hurt to bring some water with you as sometimes you
are on the go for long periods of time.

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616-748-1348.

If you have a preference of where to work it is first come first choice. Thanks in
advance for your participation in this very worthwhile event.

What do I need to help? A mag mount antenna (rubber duck will not work), a radio
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vehicle power, a Y-adapter for 12volt (if others need power for cell),and patience!

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SAG vehicle #7

3019. Hazardous Weather Outlook 439 AM EDT THU JUN 7 2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-07 11:18:10 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3019 Message: 3019

All
This looks like a bad storm after midnight tonight. Get your sleep early and be ready after midnight for skywarn activation. Tom KB8VEE DEC-6

Hazardous Weather Outlook
HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOKNATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GRAND RAPIDS MI439 AM EDT THU JUN 7 2007 MIZ037>040-043>046-050>052-056>059-064>067-071>074-080900-MASON-LAKE-OSCEOLA-CLARE-OCEANA-NEWAYGO-MECOSTA-ISABELLA-MUSKEGON-MONTCALM-GRATIOT-OTTAWA-KENT-IONIA-CLINTON-ALLEGAN-BARRY-EATON-INGHAM-VAN BUREN-KALAMAZOO-CALHOUN-JACKSON-439 AM EDT THU JUN 7 2007 THIS HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK IS FOR PORTIONS OF SOUTHWEST LOWERMICHIGAN. .DAY ONE...TODAY AND TONIGHT A MODERATE RISK OF SEVERE WEATHER EXISTS TONIGHT FOR AREAS WEST OF ALINE FROM KALAMAZOO TO ALMA...WITH A SLIGHT RISK TO THE EAST. THE MAIN THREAT TONIGHT IS DAMAGING STRAIGHT LINE THUNDERSTORM WINDSIN EXCESS OF 60 MPH... BUT LARGE HAIL IS ALSO POSSIBLE. ISOLATEDTORNADOES CANNOT BE RULED OUT EITHER. A SQUALL LINE IS EXPECTED TO DEVELOP OVER WISCONSIN LATE THISAFTERNOON AND EVENING AHEAD OF AN APPROACHING COLD FRONT... THENRACE RAPIDLY EAST AT 50 MPH ACROSS LAKE MICHIGAN. THE SQUALL LINE SHOULD REACH THE LAKE MICHIGAN SHORELINE NORTH OFHOLLAND AROUND MIDNIGHT...AND A KALAMAZOO TO ALMA LINE BY ABOUT 3AM. THE STORMS MAY TEND TO WEAKEN A BIT AS THEY MOVE FARTHEREAST...BUT COULD STILL CONTAIN DAMAGING WIND GUSTS AND HAIL. SOUTH WINDS WILL GUST TO 40 MPH TODAY AND THIS EVENING AS MUCHWARMER AIR INVADES THE REGION WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE COLD FRONT. .DAYS TWO THROUGH SEVEN...FRIDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY A SLIGHT RISK OF SEVERE WEATHER EXISTS FRIDAY EAST OF A LINE FROMBATTLE CREEK TO LANSING... BEFORE THE COLD FRONT CLEARS THE AREA. .SPOTTER INFORMATION STATEMENT... SPOTTER ACTIVATION WILL LIKELY BE NEEDED TONIGHT... AND POSSIBLYFRIDAY FOR AREAS EAST OF BATTLE CREEK AND LANSING.

3020. REMINDER: PLEASE PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO WRITE TO SUPPORT HR462

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-07 11:12:30 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3020 Message: 3020

Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- PLEASE WRITE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

Dear ARRL member,

Please don't forget to write your US Representative!

All amateurs are urgently requested to write to their US Representative. Ask them to cosponsor HR 462, the current bill in the US House of Representatives that would protect Amateur Radio from interference from unlicensed devices -- e.g. various Part 15 devices and BPL. Your letter will help move the bill to the floor of the House.

Your letter when added to those of many others will be the first critical step in getting this bill passed. Your letter counts. As few as 10-15 letters in support of a non-controversial bill of this type is often enough to get a Representative to co-sponsor it. Obviously, the more letters the better.

To learn the name and address of your US Representative, you can go to www.arrl.org and click on "Members Only" at the top of the screen. If you have already registered (free) to access Members Only, you will see the names and addresses of your US Representative and US Senators on the left of the Members Only screen. If Members Only does not fully open for you, simply register on the opening screen to use. This will give you access to it.

You may also go to http://www.house.gov/. Type your ZIP+4 in the boxes in the upper left corner and the ID of your Representative will come up. In most instances, you can click on his/her name to get to his web site. At the web site, click on CONTACT and you will get to an area where you can send an e-mail.

After adding the identification information the site requests, you can paste a copy of the message you wish to send to him. Have your message prepared before getting to the CONTACT site, copy it from the program you used to prepare it and paste it in the CONTACt area.

Please send a copy of the letter to Janet Janet.Worthington@... and one to me. Janet is our contact person at the Government Relations firm we retain. It is very useful to this firm to have copies of letters we send to Congressmen during visits to their DC offices.

Mail your letter only to your US Representative. Do not mail it to either of your US Senators. The bill is only in the US House of Representatives and not in the US Senate. We are working to have a

bill introduced in the Senate, later.

I have pasted a draft letter for you to use, below. It is a shorter version of the letter I distributed earlier and will add a bit more variety to the mail our Congressmen receive.

If you send the letter by US Mail, please copy add the name and address of your Representative. Also add your name and address.

Modify the letter to personalize it if you have time, sign it and send it -- soon.

The draft letter is:

The Honorable _____
United States House of Representatives
_____ House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman/woman _____:

On behalf of nearly 700,000 federally licensed Amateur Radio operators across the nation, I wish to bring to your attention an issue that affects emergency communication operations. As a voter in your district, I request that you become a cosponsor and support passage within the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Telecommunications and the Internet Subcommittee, of H.R. 462, the "Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act." This bill urges the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to conduct a very targeted but comprehensive evaluation of "broadband over power line" (BPL) systems that may interfere with public safety and other licensed radio services.

BPL utilizes electric power lines to serve as conductors of broadband signals. Unfortunately, because the power lines are not shielded, they also act as antennas and radiate signals into the air. These radiated signals interfere with radio receivers tuned to the same frequency range. BPL has only been deployed to a very limited extent, but amateur radio operators and several state public safety commissions report they are already experiencing severe interference that the FCC has been unable or unwilling to correct.

Because no infrastructure is needed for it to communicate, the amateur radio service is the only 100 percent fail-safe emergency communication system in the world. Interference from BPL emissions is significantly disrupting this capability. The impact on emergency communications extends beyond amateur radio operations. Fourteen states utilize a similar frequency range for state police operations, and nine of these states use it as their primary radio band. The interference concern has also been echoed by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), the Association of Public-Safety Communications

Officials-International (APCO), and the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC).

In deploying broadband, it is vital that further understanding and causation of interference be studied by the FCC. H.R. 462 will accomplish this goal, by allowing the FCC to ascertain what additional rules governing BPL systems, if any, should be adopted by the FCC in order to reduce the interference potential to a reasonably low level. The FCC has authority to study this issue, as it is the primary agency responsible for adopting rules in BPL systems. Unfortunately, the 2004 rules governing BPL are not sufficient to reduce the probability of harmful interference to reasonable levels. This non-controversial study language was included as part of H.R. 5252, the Communications Opportunity, Promotion and Enhancement Act (COPE) of 2006.

Amateur radio operators, like myself, are not opposed to broadband services. On the contrary, we usually tend to be early adopters of new technology. However, BPL represents a significant potential interference source for radio services using certain frequency ranges. Unlike BPL, other methods of providing broadband Internet services to consumers, such as cable, DSL, wireless and Fiber to the Home, do not pollute the radio spectrum.

It is imperative that there is a comprehensive evaluation of the interference potential of BPL to public safety services and other licensed radio services. The potential impact on public safety communications must be taken into consideration. Please cosponsor and support passage of H.R. 462, or support its inclusion in a comprehensive broadband bill. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Name, Title, Contact Information

A question: Can non-ARRL members and non-hams write to their US Representatives? Certainly. Just be certain the letter reads appropriately.

Thanks for your help. Please feel free to ask any questions.

LACs and LAAs please help spread this letter and encourage all amateurs to send it to their US Representatives. Tnx to everyone who has taken this step. Tnx to everyone who has written.

73,

Jim

Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
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Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
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- webmaster@...

3021. Tool Max Open this Sat 6-9-07

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-07 11:50:34 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3021 Message: 3021

All Hams

We are going to be OPEN Saturday's .

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

New this week
Jetstream Products are IN

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock
More Connectors in Stock
SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30

We are now the only Dealer in Michigan for Jetstream Products Check out the items available
http://www.jetstream-usa.com/index.shtml
14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply (28Amp and 45Amp),Antennas, Switches, and lighting arresters are in today

Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
300 ohm twin lead 100Ft $10.00
RG-8 .60 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .35 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class $17.95 Get yours NOW and upgrade before the changes on July 1, 2007
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B23G Mirage 30 watt VHF Power Amp $40
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
HF Tuner $40
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
1 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the new retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 behind the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.For more information call me at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 9:00AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

3022. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Asparagus Festival 5K Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-07 12:13:12 UTC
From: Marsha Hildreth
Topic: 3013 Message: 3022

The Hart Repeater 146.640 - PL 94.8. Hope to hear from you.

Marsha Hildreth-Court Reporter/Recorder

CER#7756
78th District Court-Oceana County
100 South State Street
Hart, MI 49420
Phone: (231) 873-6725
Fax: (231) 873-1861

Do you have a talk in frequency???

----- Original Message -----

From: KD8BGO

To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2007 4:42 PM

Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Asparagus Festival 5K Run

Okay, We finally got in touch with the guy that runs the 5k. I guess
he was trying to get in touch with us. The race starts at
9 a.m., so if everyone can be there at 8 a.m. that would be great! The
event is in silver lake. Here is a mapquest map of the location that
they start at: http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?
formtype=address&country=US&popflag=0&latitude=&longitude=&name=&phone=&
level=&addtohistory=&cat=&address=8239+W+Hazel+rd&city=&state=&zipcode=4
9436
It's next to the Yogi Bear Campground. The address is 8239 W Hazel Rd.
Mears, MI 49436. If you are coming from Mears, go past the campground
and it will be the next place on the left. If you are coming from
Shelby, it will be before the campground on the right.
Thank you, Rob H (KC8ZSU) and Marsha H. (KD8BGO)

Need a break? Find your escape route with Live Search Maps.
(http://g.msn.com/8HMBENUS/2734??PS=47575)

3023. Reminder - SP-1 Buildathon Sprint 9 June 2007 (EDT)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-07 18:40:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3023 Message: 3023

Reminder to look for N8XX and other SP-1 Buildathon users on 7030 KHz ?
during the Buildathon/SP-1 Sprint between 2300Z on 9 June 2007 to 0300Z
on 10 June 2007.

I haven't actually made a contact with mine, yet, but I noted today that
I only have 2 daze left to get it running. So, if you hear a weak
signal on or about 7030 ? signing N8XX in the next couple daze, please
try to dig me out of the QRN, etc.

I can't find rules, et. cetera, any more on the QRP-ARCI website. I do
have them in an e-mail from VA3JFF, so if you don't have the details,
please send me a message, and I'll forward his e-mail to you.

Lettuce hope the gods of thunder and lightning don't invade the
ionosphere on Saturday evening, because a puny 800 MW or so isn't the
best way to fight QRN!

73 de n8xx Hg

3024. Coffee Break, 6/9/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-08 13:02:23 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3024 Message: 3024

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday June 9, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3025. Antenna rotors needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-08 19:45:54 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3025 Message: 3025

It seems masts and towers are growing like weeds here, and each one needs a rotor. Right now I need two azimuth rotors and one elevation rotor. I won't be using them for huge 16x30 EME arrays (yet), so light-duty TV rotors are good enough. So, if anyone has any collecting dust at the bottom of their junk pile, let me know what you have and what you want for it.

Contact me off-list at jvn8fq@....
-Joe, N8FQ

3026. MS-150 still needs help for this weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-08 23:30:49 UTC
From: John Bok
Topic: 3026 Message: 3026

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SAG vehicle #5
SAG vehicle #6
SAG vehicle #7

3030. Re: Fwd: Fw: Heart Attack Slide Show - Worth 45 Seconds of Your Life

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-09 22:07:42 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 3030 Message: 3030

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, paul odem <rockyroster@...>
wrote:
>
> please watch the power point it could save your life. thanks paul

Paul could you post the link because attachments are not forwarded on
the Net. Thanks.

Laryn K8TVZ

3036. Poll results for WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-10 15:45:52 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 61 Message: 3036

The following WestMichiganHams poll is now closed. Here are the
final results:

POLL QUESTION: Would you like to see a West Michigan DF contest this Spring. Please take time to fill out thanks ?Don

CHOICES AND RESULTS
- Yes ... I would participate if possible., 8 votes, 66.67%
- No ... not interested, 1 votes, 8.33%
- Yes .. and I would help put it on if I can, 3 votes, 25.00%

For more information about this group, please visit
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams

For help with Yahoo! Groups, please visit
http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/

3037. Fwd: Heart Attack Slide Show - Worth 45 Seconds of Your Life (hoax dont use)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-10 14:44:12 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 3037 Message: 3037

Note: forwarded message attached.

TV dinner still cooling?
Check out "Tonight's Picks" on Yahoo! TV.

3039. HamRadio/GeoCaching Exercise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-10 18:24:45 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 3039 Message: 3039

All,
This is to let you know about a HamRadio/GeoCaching exercise (event? field trial?, experience?, or whatever?) one week from today at the MAARC clubhouse on Scenic Drive between Muskegon and Whitehall (info below). This event is designed to educate and test. This is the first time we have tried this format so we will be expecting to learn things that will improve the event for the next time. Teams of 2 or 3 with at least one ham and ability to communicate with net control on 147.435 MHz is suggested (although a lone ham could probably do it, it certainly would be more fun with some help). A typical 2 meter mobile installation is probably adequate.

A list of about 80 caches with-in 10 miles, with scoring information, will be included in your packet. No maps will be provided. This exercise can be done without a GPS unit if you have maps from which you can interpret latitude and longitude coordinates.

HamRadio/GeoCaching Exercise
June 17, 2007
1PM to 5PM
MAARC Clubhouse
2888 Scenic drive

Operating Frequency: 147.435MHz
Goals:

Develop greater understanding of maps, mapping, coordinates, and GPS.
Incorporate ham radio communications
Try to eliminate time as a factor to eliminate the hurry-up factor.
Have fun
Rules or parameters:

Must follow all Geocaching conventions and protocols (see below)
Four hours will be allotted to find three caches
Option: May find more than three and keep the best three
Report each cache by radio as it is found, must match with log when returned to Net Control
Return to NCS with trinket from each cache claimed, must account for all caches claimed
May not claim any cache that any team member has previously found or visited. (You are on your honor here)
5 points for reporting a missing cache
10 points for finding a cache
Multiply 7 or 8 by product of Difficulty and Terrain (this will be on the handout at the time you sign-in)

Timing:
12:30 PM Team Check-in (get your packets)
1PM Kick off and Net start
5PM Net end, all stations report in
5:30PM All teams return to clubhouse

5:30 PM Picnic
5:45PM Award ceremony
5:50PM Continue picnic

P.S. We will not start until 1PM. But anyone who arrives late will have the same goal, three caches by 5PM.

Geocaching Guidelines for SEEKING Caches From www.mi-geocaching.org
DO: It's easy to get so caught up in the "hunt", that all of your attention gets focused on the screen of your GPS receiver and you forget to take much notice of the very thing that the cache hider was hoping to share, the beauty or uniqueness of the surroundings, including the walk into the final destination. Make a point on each cache hunt to enjoy the journey as much as the destination. (I think we will all agree that the trinket at the end is never the really the true prize that we walk away with.) Speaking of trinkets, when you choose to trade something from a cache, make a habit of leaving items that are of equal or better quality than those that you take. There is a perception that the quality of caches typically degrades over time. Let's prove to the skeptics that, in Michigan, that's an exception rather than a rule. (If there is nothing in the cache that appeals to you in a particular cache, it is also acceptable to simply log the book without trading any items at all.) As a courtesy to the cache owner, and to express your appreciation of the time and effort that they have put into placing the cache for your enjoyment, take a few moments to sign both the physical log book contained in the cache, as well as the online log on the corresponding cache webpage. Not only is this appreciated by the cache owner, but it is also useful for monitoring the ongoing state of a cache. (This is helpful to both cache owners as well as other seekers. For example, if a person has searched for a cache, and wasn't able to find it, the online logs will give him an idea of whether the cache has disappeared or if he was looking in the wrong places.) When seeking, logging, and replacing a cache, be aware of others in the area who may be observing you. Take care to be discreet so as to not attract any attention that could result in non-cachers returning to the site, and taking or disturbing the cache after you are gone. When you have finished logging your find, return the cache to its original location, and leave it in a similar state of camouflage that you found it (i.e. if there was bark or a stone covering the container, replace it afterwards). Remember that other people will be searching for the cache after you, and we want to maintain the fun for everyone. Due to our common interest in enjoying the natural areas that lend themselves to hiding caches, and in the spirit of "giving back" something in return for the enjoyment we get from the places we visit during our caching activities, the geocaching community has established a "Cache In/Trash Out" practice. If you have pictures of your Cache In/Trash Out activities, please email them or your stories to info@.... DO NOT: When searching for a cache, do not take shortcuts that could cause harm or distress to the surrounding natural areas or wildlife, and do not trespass on private land, or areas marked as restricted. Even if something is not explicitly marked, always use common sense, and consider things such as erosion, sensitive foliage, nesting areas, etc. (Tip: Most caches are fairly close to marked trails. Unless a cache is rated as very having very difficult terrain, following the obvious path is usually the best route. Remember, the shortest distance between to points may be a straight line, but that's not always the fastest route.) When choosing items to place in a cache, please refrain from leaving anything that could be dangerous, offensive, or illegal (such as explosives, pornography, or drugs). Remember that geocaching is a family activity. Do not place food or scented items in caches. Animals have a much greater sense of smell than our own, and have been known to destroy caches that contain these items. (Also, avoid placing candles, liquids, or other items that may melt or freeze in a cache, depending on the

season.) BOTTOM LINE (for both hiding and finding caches): Use common sense, and treat the caches and the areas they are hidden in as you would want your own property to be treated.

3043. Anderson Knock Offs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-11 18:50:59 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3043 Message: 3043

All:

I received the following from a good friend in the MAARC. Take a minute to check your power poles. Sounds like we should insist on the "real McCoy," er, Anderson. Or is it Andersen? Maybe there is a knock off spelled that way, too.

Stole this from the Elecraft list server:

"Do not try and substitute the "Chinese copies" of the Anderson Power Pole connectors marketed by TYCO under the AMP name, for the "real thing"!!! They fit together terribly, the contacts are inferior to the Anderson ones. Maybe the "what's his name" CEO wanted more profits to buy more $6500 shower curtains!

I have been meaning to pass this along some time ago. I got a sample package from TYCO for possible use for an "engineering project" I was involved in. I was putting some of these on some ham stuff a few days ago and didn't think I'd still had any of the samples left! They LOOK identical, but the housings do not nest together neatly like the originals. They are not compatible with the originals. The dovetails in the nesting lugs are slightly bigger. Only "ID" on them is the word "China" molded into the rear edge (as opposed to Anderson on the originals). Also the contacts mate with the Anderson connectors but not really reliably.

Anyway, these things are crap! They "look" OK, but they are not carefully made. Steer clear of them. I think Allied Electronics has them in their line, and possibly others. DON'T USE THEM, YOU WILL BE DISAPPOINTED AND FRUSTRATED! Stick to the original Anderson Power Poles!"
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3044. Latest ARRL Survey

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-12 01:54:32 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3044 Message: 3044

There's a survey on the main ARRL web page

http://www.arrl.org/

which asks whether your hamming has been affected by Codes, Covenants, or Restrictions (either home owners association rules, or local zoning rules). Please view this, vote, so the results can be as general as possible.

Before moving up here to Michigan we attempted to find a suitable home for us, with the restriction that it had to be on property with no CC&R's which could prohibit putting up my 60' tower. We very quickly found that most subdivisions are Site Condominiums - with CC&R's which specifically prohibit amateur radio and other towers. It took us 6 months to find a place with acreage and no restrictions other than the township zoning restrictions. I looked through the zoning ordinance, and found that this Township (Courtland, Kent County) was cognizant of PRB-1, and allow Amatuer Radio Towers up to 100 feet.

It amazes me that hams will buy property in a site condo and then complain that they can't put up an antenna. The purchase agreement specifically says that the buyer must agree with the condo association agreements, so no one should be surprized.

73 de n8x Hg

3045. MS-150 comment

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-12 01:58:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3045 Message: 3045

If you didn't help with the MS-150 support this weekend, you missed a very great event! The MS folks were well organized, and the Holland repeater worked like a charm - full coverage almost everywhere with a mag mount antenna and 5 watts, and hand held coverage for much of the route. The net worked quite well, was never overloaded. There were only a few cuts and scrapes, no major injuries.

Please look for the event about this time next year, and volunteer!

73 de n8xx Hg

3046. Return of the Muskegon County ARES/RACES net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-12 03:46:58 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 3046 Message: 3046

All,
After an absense of 6 months the Muskegon County ARES/RACES net will return to the air waves on the 146.82 repeater at 7:30PM on June 17, 2007. The focus of the net will be training in emergency communications. All hams are welcome.
Tom, N8YJT

3048. FW: W8LZ

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-12 20:05:04 UTC
From: Linda Rosenthal
Topic: 3048 Message: 3048

Sad news concerning a long time MAARC member.

Linda, AB8QH
-----Original Message-----
From: Jon & Anna [mailto:jamsp@...]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2007 3:24 PM
To: k8cop@...; jmdupie@...; 'Dennis Harriss'; k8bp@...;
towsley711@...; 'Nelson Thumser'; 'Tom Nickisch'; 'Tom Porritt';
k8pix@...; 'Bill Fries'; 'Linda Rosenthal'; Barney; 'Al Pepping';
wb8qcy@...; Dale; Pete; Doc
Subject: W8LZ

I just got a message from Pete Moyer that Larry Zawlocki passed away this
morning.

No other information at this point.

Jon AB8RD

ab8rd@...

No virus found in this outgoing message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.472 / Virus Database: 269.8.14/845 - Release Date: 6/12/2007
6:39 AM

3049. Tool Max open this Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-15 02:23:25 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3049 Message: 3049

All Hams

We are going to be OPEN this Saturday.

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

New this week

B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
AT-11MP Auto Tuner by LDG works on IC-706 Radio $75
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Swan SWR-2A Meter $5
Johnson SWR Meter $2
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
DB 1015 10/15 meter High Gain Beam $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock
Connectors in Stock
SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30

We are now the only Dealer in Michigan for Jetstream Products Check out the items available http://www.jetstream-usa.com/index.shtml
14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply (28Amp and 45Amp),Antennas, Switches, and lighting arresters are in today

Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
300 ohm twin lead 100Ft $10.00
RG-8 .60 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .35 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class $17.95 Get yours NOW and upgrade before the changes on July 1, 2007
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment
Icom ICP2AT HT $75
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B23G Mirage 30 watt VHF Power Amp $40
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
HF Tuner $40
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the new retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 behind the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.For more information call me at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 9:00AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@comcast.net Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

3050. Coffee Break, 6/16/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-15 12:57:13 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3050 Message: 3050

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday June 16, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3051. Dawn, K8DMD, SK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-15 13:06:45 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3051 Message: 3051

All:

Dawn, K8DMD died this past Wednesday evening as a result of a stroke suffered earlier in the week. She was a member of the MAARC and wife of Matt, K8MLD. A son and daughter, husband, and stepchildren survive her. She was forty-five years old. Her health had been failing as of late.

Several of her organs were donated to the benefit of four others. You can investigate memorial opportunities hosted by your local Fifth Third Bank. There may not be a local memorial service. Details are still developing.

We send our condolences to her friends, family, and the ham community.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3052. 6m Open This Weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-17 17:50:05 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3052 Message: 3052

I've been hearing reports that 6m has been open this weekend.

It's Sporadic-E season and may make 6m a lot of fun on Field Day!

73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

You snooze, you lose. Get messages ASAP with AutoCheck
in the all-new Yahoo! Mail Beta.
http://advision.webevents.yahoo.com/mailbeta/newmail_html.html

3053. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 6m Open This Weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-17 18:09:04 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 3052 Message: 3053

Even double hop was there. I worked LA County, CA on 6 meter CW
(very strong, with QSB)

tom K8TB

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> 73, Mark, WB9QZB
> Chicago, IL
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3054. Re:HamRadio/GeoCaching

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-18 11:00:36 UTC
From: Barbara Lukacs Grob
Topic: 3054 Message: 3054

Tom, you forgot to mention what fun we had in our attempts! It was a great afternoon followed by a DELICIOUS spread put out by Ingrid! And of course enjoyable talk all along with ham friends. I could only wish that more had come out to join in the fun. A huge thanks to both you and Ingrid for the great intro to ham geocaching.

73,
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3055. Fw: [MIDSTAR] Off Topic but Amateur Radio Relevant: Special Event Station This Thursday Morning

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-18 12:19:32 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 3055 Message: 3055

----- Original Message -----
From: Tom Bray
To: MIDSTAR@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, June 17, 2007 23:50
Subject: [MIDSTAR] Off Topic but Amateur Radio Relevant: Special Event Station This Thursday Morning

This is slightly off the normal subjects but ... it is appropriate.

Barring really ugly weather or some other event out of our control, Thursday morning the Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club is doing a field day preview for the Morning Show on 9&10 News (CBS). We will be on the air from 5:30 AM to about 8:00 AM. We will be at the field day site, running on generator power, parked in front of my camper. I understand we will be featured several times during the show along with teasers through out the show (I take that as we are going to be operating for 2 1/2 hours solid).

My plan is to be near 3875 unless it goes dead. I think we will use the call sign N8OE, if that becomes a problem it will be KB8QOI. We will be keeping people posted on the Big Rapids 146.74 machine and if it isn't busy we will be on Link system for anyone that can hit that.

I don't know if it will get carried on any other stations, 9&10 News covers a major chunk of Northern Michigan and the Easter UP.

If anyone wants to work us, we would appreciate the company, especially at 5:30 in the morning.

Tom
WB8COX

3057. ride for fieldday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-18 17:56:28 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3057 Message: 3057

Hi all,
I need a ride to the MAARC fieldday event opn saturday. I'm in the process of moving, so radio sn't an option for getting a hold of me at this time.
If someone can e-mail me off list, then I can get them the information needed.
thnks in advance,
73,
Chris, w8cjs

3058. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re:HamRadio/GeoCaching

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-18 19:46:21 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3054 Message: 3058

Hi mark june 10 this was posted that is when I recived it John kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2007 10:51 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re:HamRadio/GeoCaching

For some reason I did not get Tom's post to the reflector and also can't see it on the message list on the Yahoogroup web site.

Did anyone else not get the message?

Thanks,

Mark K8MHZ

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re:HamRadio/GeoCaching
From: "Barbara Lukacs Grob" <redoakscorner@mymailstation.com>
Date: Mon, June 18, 2007 7:00 am
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com

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3060. EZ-NEC User?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-18 20:47:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3060 Message: 3060

Does there happen to be anyone in the conference who uses EZ-NEC antenna modelling programme? I downloaded the demo/free version of it, but am fuzzy enough on how to use it.

I also have a Disc from the ARRL antenna book which I believe has a version, which may or may not have more features than the demo version.

In any event, if someone within this conference has used it, perhaps I could bend his/her ear and learn something about how to use it. I want to model a variation of a W8JK beam antenna which I've successfully used for Field Day several years, just to see what it is supposed to do from a theoretical basis vs what I've seen in practice.

Private or public responses would be appreciated.

73 de n8xx Hg

3061. Seaway Run Volunteers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-18 21:28:45 UTC
From: Mark
Topic: 3061 Message: 3061

Due to circmustances beyond my control (a stay in the hospital) I do not have access to the posts sent to me by people volunteering for the run.

If you sent me e-mail wanting to work the event please contact Chuck Stark KC8MDL at ccsstark@... or 231-744-5330.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mark K8MHZ

3062. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re:HamRadio/GeoCaching

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-18 21:42:43 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 3054 Message: 3062

Mark,
I did not post it to the West Michigan reflector because I thought it would not have appeal for that wide of an audience.
Tom

k8mhz@... wrote:
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Thanks,

Mark K8MHZ

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3066. Re: EZ-NEC User?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-19 04:54:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3060 Message: 3066

Al:

Thanks for the very informative reply. I don't know that I'd be considered "serious", but I've built several working antennas which have done me well in Field Day, and would like to see if I could figure out the theoretical gain of them to see how many dB resulted in the improved score that I achieved with them vs an ordinary dipole.

Please give me a link to the course by W4RNL. That would be a way to start learning the modelling techniques.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Al Pepping" <kv8x@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Hank.
>
> I have used EZ NEC for several years and have purchased the upgrades
> when they became available. One word of caution: antenna
> modelling is addicting...you can spend hours in front of the
? monitor crunching numbers and building antennas. Antenna modelling
> programs are a great way to save time designing antennas but the
> user must always keep their limitations in mind. If your design
> looks too good to be true, it probably is. We are all looking for
> that holy grail in antennas, but it is important to keep the
> laws of physics in mind....especially Maxwell's. And there is a
> learning curve also.
> If you are serious about doing modelling, there is a course
> available that is a MUST DO. It was put together by an expert in
> this field, LB Cebik W4RNL. I have been working on the course in
> my spare time for over a year now , it will show you how to do it
> right and avoid common pitfalls. There are plenty of hands on
> exercises as well. <snip>

3067. Mark K8MHZ - Having Open Heart Surgery Today

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-19 19:02:38 UTC
From: heavyfistcharlie24
Topic: 3067 Message: 3067

Thought I'd drop a note that Mark K8MHZ is in Mercy Hospital, having open heart surgery today. Actually, the surgery was scheduled to start at 12 noon today, so he may well be out of surgery or pretty close to it at the time I am posting this message. If there are no hitches, he will be released from the hospital on Saturday.
Keep in in your thoughts and prayers for a successful and speedy recovery.

73,
Scott KD8FXF

3068. Re: Mark K8MHZ - Having Open Heart Surgery Today

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-19 19:06:20 UTC
From: heavyfistcharlie24
Topic: 3067 Message: 3068

(Should have read, "Keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a
successful and speedy recovery.")
- Scott -
KD8FXF

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> Scott KD8FXF
>

3069. K8MHZ - recovering!!!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-20 02:29:34 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 3069 Message: 3069

Howdy:

I am happy to report, through the good authority and personal witness of Chuck Stark, KC8MDL, that Mark Derby is recovering in good order, after his successful by-pass surgery, in the ICU unit at Mercy Hospital, Muskegon. Chuck says that Mark will likely be in the hospital until Friday or Saturday of this week.

73,
Linda, AB8QH

3070. CAP Balloon Launch Today, Wednesday, 8:30 am with Ham Radio 2m Repeater Onboard

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-20 12:24:59 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3070 Message: 3070

Civil Air Patrol Mission Announcement
Posted by: "Don West" Don-West@... w9dew
Date: Tue Jun 19, 2007 6:11 pm ((PDT))

Indiana Hams,
As part of an emergency exercise, SONS 07 (Spills of National Significance) related to the New Madrid Seismic Zone, amateur radio and the Civil Air Patrol will be launching a simplex repeater on a balloon expected to reach 75,000 feet. You must register to participate. It will be launched from Mo. at 0830 tomorrow morning. It will cover a circle approximately 676 miles in diameter. You should be able to work it if you are in the circle with an HT and 2 watts.

Find the details at:
http://kcnorthares.org/arhab/

I hope to work it from the Indiana Government Center if the wind is right.

73,
Don, W9DEW

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Get the free Yahoo! toolbar and rest assured with the added security of spyware protection.
http://new.toolbar.yahoo.com/toolbar/features/norton/index.php

3071. Field Day Caution

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-20 23:43:48 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3071 Message: 3071

All
Please pass on to all Hams about field day. Thanks Tom KB8VEE

As FD is upon us, Jim K8SIW offers this reminder:

With Field Day rapidly approaching, I have run across several
on-line discussions suggesting the use of railroad tracks as part of a
field-station antenna system. On the surface, a big, long piece of
steel rail looks like the ideal counterpoise or experimental antenna,
and the idea of using it as such is rather tempting. However, there
are very good reasons for avoiding this practice.

In many cases, railroad tracks carry a variety of life-critical
train control information intended to control important signal
apparatus. This information may range from basic DC track circuits or
audio frequency overlays controlling highway grade crossing signals, to
complex coded systems, which indicate to a dispatcher where a train is
located, or which control approach signals designed to indicate whether
it is safe for a train or other on-track equipment to enter a portion
of track.

Some systems, such as "elctrocode" use the rails as conductors to
transfer signals between critical control points, and are therefore an
integral part of train control networks and train dispatching.
Insulated joints are often present throughout rail systems, which
isolate track circuits operating within critical tolerances. Such
circuits must NOT be bypassed. Shunts, track-diodes, and similar
equipment are often hidden from view along a rail line, all of which
selectively pass critical train control signals around circuits or
operate vital relays and the like. Defect detectors, Automatic
Equipment Identifiers, and similar devices use specialized IR sensors
and RF ID to track rail cars and identify dangerous conditions, such as
overheated wheel bearings and similar defects. These systems likewise
require track circuits to detect train presence....and the list goes
on.

I can not say this strongly enough. When one fools with railroad
tracks by connecting antennas, transmitters, grounds, and the like, one
is potentially placing lives at risk.

In most cases, one may simply ruin some poor signal maintainer's
weekend (or provide some needed overtime income) by causing a trouble
call. However, the rare case exists in which such an action may kill
someone. I for one would not want to be responsible for either, and
Amateur Radio's reputation could be permanently harmed if such clowning
around ever caused a fatal train wreck, a hazmat release due to

derailment, or a similar disaster.

On a final note; it should be noted that railroad tracks are private property. True, the railroads often fall short of the mark by failing to adequately enforce trespassing provisions. However, such right-of-way should never be confused with a public highway, city street, or nature trail. One should stay clear of railroad property and treat it in the same way they would their neighbor's yard or a private business. Most importantly, one definitely should not fool with life critical train control systems. In many cases, there is far more there than meets the eye!

Thanks!
Jim Wades, K8SIW

ARRL Michigan Section
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> wa8efk@...
> ---
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

3072. Tool Max not open this Sat for Field Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-21 01:04:56 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3072 Message: 3072

All Hams
The Tool Max Store will not be open this Sat. so we all can enjoy Field Day. See all of you next week. Tom

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

3074. WEAVER'S WORDS -- and the Livin' is Easy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-21 22:03:36 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3074 Message: 3074

> [As always, please reply only to k8je@....]
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> - New club help.
> - K8BP Receives May QST Cover Plaque Award.
> - Preparing for next ITU treaty meeting.
> - Bonehead letters from Congressmen's Aides.
> - Excellent Reply to Bonehead Letter.
> - ARRL Annual Report.
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> - Son of HR 462 comes to the US Senate.
> - More BPL comes to Michigan . . . and?
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> - Division Convention.
> - Tentative Travel Schedule.
>
> ++ New Club Help ++
>
> Our HQ staff has nearly completed a total revamp of information for
> clubs. Included in this is a new, easier method for providing and
> updating information needed to maintain ARRL affiliation, a new draft
> club constitution and a revised club kit. These can be accessed at the
> following addresses: www.arrl.org/club,
> http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/constitution.html and
> http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/club-kit/club-kit.pdf.
>
> Speaking of ARRL affiliation, it is very helpful for affiliated clubs
> to keep their information up-to-date as officers and as ARRL membership
> information change. The new, friendlier on-line update form makes it
> quite simple to stay current.
>
> ++ K8BP Receives May QST Cover Plaque Award ++
>
> Congratulations to Clarke Cooper, K8BP of Fruitport, MI who has been
> named winner of the Cover Plaque for the May issue of QST. His winning
> article was "A Super Duper Five Band Portable Antenna." Clarke is
> scheduled to receive the award at the GRAHamfest this fall. Winners of
> QST Cover Plaque awards are chosen by vote of ARRL members. Voting is
> done on the Members Only web area.
>
> ++ Preparing for next ITU treaty meeting ++
>
> ARRL CEO Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, former Board President Larry Price W4RU
> were in Geneva, Switzerland the week of June 11 working on preparations
> for the 2007 national Telecommunications Union (ITU) treaty conference.
> The conference will be held this fall. Price is a former Board

> President and is the current President of the International Amateur
> Radio Union (IARU).
>
> The official US Department of State delegation to the conference (WRC07
> will include ARRL Chief Technical Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI and Jon
> Siverling, WB3ERA, of the ARRL Technical Relations Office.
>
> Amateur Radio has gained additional frequencies or as been the
> recipient of decisions to reduce QRM on frequencies through recent ITU
> Treaty conferences. The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) is
> developing strategies to continue this trend.
>
> ++ Bonehead letters from Congressmen's Aides ++
>
> A few of you have received what I call bonehead letters in reply to the
> letters you wrote supporting HR 462. The letters thanked you for
> writing about some Copyright Fee issue or anything other than HR 462.
> I call these bonehead letters. These are canned letters that were
> printed out by a busy aide who failed to read the letter to which they
> were attempting to respond.
>
> A common conclusion you may reach is that writing to the Congressman
> was a waste of time. I'm here to say this is far from the truth. How
> can I say this with a straight face?
>
> Remember that I asked you to send copies of your letters to Dave, K1ZZ
> or, later Janet Worthington of Chwatco . . . and me. If you did this,
> your effort wasn't wasted regardless of the reaction you received to
> it. Here's why.
>
> First of all, purely and simply, writing to Congressmen works. One
> letter may not work, but depending on the issue, as few as a dozen
> letters will get the Congressman's attention.
>
> Second, letters that are followed up in Washington by our lobbyist
> really get a Congressman's attention. When a lobbyist walks into a
> Congressman's office to educate him/her on a bill, they carry the
> copies of all the letters they received that were sent to the
> Congressman. Even if an aide miscataloged letters received from
> constituents, the lobbyist has the names and addresses of the writers.
> This information corrects any misinformation the aide has, and opens
> the door for the lobbyist to tell our story, face to face.
>
> What you constituents have done in writing, is to put your faces on the
> legislation -- faces of voters -- faces that have opinions and wishes.
> Faces of people the Congressman wants to vote for him in his next
> election.
>
> When the cause we promote has no partisan political baggage hanging
> onto it, there is high likelihood the Congressman will be inclined to

> support this cause. Issues ARRL selects to support or oppose do not
> have partisan political baggage associated with them.
>
> The bottom line is that your letter (give it 1 point) plus a copy of
> your letter (give it another 1 point) plus the face-to-face use of your
> letter by our lobbyist (still another 1 point) all add to 6 points of
> leverage with the Congressman.
>
> We don't expect a Congressman to reply to your letter by saying he/she
> will support the bill. We don't even expect the Congressman to see
> your initial letter. What we expect is that your letter will open the
> door to the Congressman's office in DC to our lobbyist who will carry
> the final part of the battle.
>
> Keep on writing. You and your action are the key to the success of our
> lobbying effort. We can compete in the world of Washington with your
> help. Without your help, we are dead in the water. We don't have the
> finances to compete the other way. Unlike us as individuals, ARRL is
> prohibited by IRS rule from making monetary gifts, anyway. Copies of
> your letters should go to janet.worthington@... and me at
> k8je@....
>
> ++ Excellent Reply to Bonehead Letters ++
>
> William "Pat" Hartlage, NA4NA, received a bonehead letter in
> response to his letter on HR 462. He knew the letter was sent by an
> aide who was probably pressed for time and became a little careless.
> Pat decided to attempt to educate the aide -- and the Congressman -- by
> sending the following letter. It is a good one. He offers it as a
> starting draft for any of you who have had a similar experience.
> Please modify the letter and send it to your Congressman when the
> situation warrants. Pat's letter is:
>
> "Congressman (name),
>
> "I appreciate your office giving me a reply to my (date of your first
> letter) message regarding HR 462, the "Emergency Amateur Radio
> Interference Protection Act." Unfortunately the response your
> staffer prepared, which is included below, was unrelated to the issue I
> wrote you about.
>
> "Let me add that I understand the number, range and complexity of
> issues your staff handles far surpasses anything I experienced, and
> mistakes happen.
>
> "Would you please reread my original message? It provides detailed
> arguments as to why a comprehensive study of broadband over power line
> (BPL) technology is needed. Rather than repeating the arguments here
> let me observe in summary that the current FCC policy makers appear to
> have started with a conclusion before getting all the facts regarding

> BPL and have ignored longstanding communications policy and law
> regarding harmful interference to licensed services from some BPL
> operations.
>
> "Best wishes,"
> (Your signature)
> (Your name and address)
>
> Although Pat's letter obviously relates to HR 462, it can easily be
> modified to apply to any of the legislative we will promote or oppose.
>
> Thanks, Pat.
>
> ++ ARRL Annual Report ++
>
> A few GLD members have asked when the Annual Report for 2006 will be
> available. The answer is, now. You may view the report on the web by
> going to http://www.arrl.org/announce/annualreport/.
>
> The hard-copy report will be available later.
>
> ++ LOTW Server Upgraded ++
>
> The server for Logbook of the World (LoTW) has been updated. As some
> of you may know, the upgrade was accomplished recently by taking
> Logbook out of service for a couple days.
>
> The main benefits of the upgrade are faster processing and increased
> storage. An upgraded operating system and relational database software
> (RDMS) make the improved operation possible. The increase in storage
> took a system that was using nearly 90% of its available storage to
> where it uses only about 45% of the storage.
>
> ++ Son of HR 462 goes to US Senate ++
>
> I am very pleased to be able to announce that Sen. Mark Pryor of
> Arkansas has sponsored a companion bill to HR 462 that is in the US
> House. The Senate version of the bill has been numbered S.1629.
>
> Do not write about the Senate bill, yet. The time for this will come
> later. We'll let you know when.
>
> Until the time comes, if you haven't written to your US Representative
> to support HR 462, please do. We continue to do better every day, but
> we are far short of demonstrating the true strength of Amateur Radio to
> our Representatives.
>
> If you need any of the information I previously sent to you, please let
> me know. I'll be happy to resend it. The main thing is for every
> member -- and their friends -- to write to their US Representatives.

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> ++ More BPL Comes to Michigan -- and? ++
>
> A California company has partnered with Consumer Energy of Central
> Michigan to provide BPL. The ultimate goal is to move BPL nationwide.
> The Michigan installation should not cause problems to amateur
> frequencies. Watchful waiting is the word for the day.
>
> The coming system is scheduled to use Kaicom equipment and operate on
> 2-34 MHz. A review of the equipment by Ed Hare, W1RFI the ARRL Lab
> Manager, shows it contains notching so it can avoid QRMing all ham
> frequencies. Of course, proper operation of the equipment will be
> needed to avoid QRMing ham frequencies.
>
> When improperly operated, the equipment can cause interference.
> However, in the spirit of watchful waiting, anyone who believes they
> are experiencing BPL QRM should be doubly cautious to avoid making
> unsupported complaints against the system. We need to avoid damaging
> our own credibility.
>
> As Dave Sumner, K1ZZ said, we must not "put ourselves in the position
> of the neighbor who complains about RFI when the tower goes up but
> before the transmitter is connected."
>
> A story regarding the Michigan expansion is at
> http://sev.prnewswire.com/computer-electronics/20070613/NYW08013062007-1.html.
>
> Of course, SM Dale Williams, WA8EFK and his crew of BPL watchers in the
> Lansing area are already on the job, prepared to work with Consumer
> Energy to monitor the new system as it develops. The local BPL
> oversight committee will coordinate closely with W1RFI through its
> operation.
>
> ++ Updated General Class Study Book ++
>
> The new, updated ARRL General Class License Manual is available from HQ
> and, probably, local retailers. It is designed around the exam
> question pool that becomes effective July 1.
>
> ++ Division Convention ++
>
> Don't forget the Great Lakes Division Convention on September 22 in
> Cleveland. This is the day before the Cleveland Hamfest. The
> Convention features interesting and informative seminars on several
> aspects of Amateur Radio topics. These are given by top-notch hams in
> the respective areas. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN will speak at
> the Convention dinner on Saturday evening. At other times, he will be
> available for casual discussion. Watch for further information.
>
> ++ Tentative Travel Schedule ++

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> Jul 12: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown, OH - Gary
> Jul 19: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jul 20-21: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
> Jul 28: UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI - Jim
> Aug 18-19: ARRL National Convention, Huntsville, AL - Jim
> Sep 8: GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI - Jim
> Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH - Jim
> Sep 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH - Gary & Jim
> Sep 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH - Jim
> Oct 2: OH-KY-IN ARRL Night, Cincinnati, OH - Jim
> Oct 8: Portage County ARS, Kent, OH - Jim
> Oct 16: Branch Co. ARC, Coldwater, MI - Jim
> Nov 19: Southern Ohio ARA Christmas Dinner, Russell, KY - Jim
> Dec 1: Motor City RC 75th Ann., Wyandotte, MI - Jim
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> 2008
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> Jan 17: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jan 18-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
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> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
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3075. Fw: Fwd: ARLX003 2007 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-22 03:02:32 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3075 Message: 3075
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

In a message dated 6/21/2007 9:05:32 P.M. Central Daylight Time, memberlist@... writes:
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ARLX003 2007 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

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Special Bulletin 3 ARLX003
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT June 21, 2007
To all radio amateurs

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2007 K6KPH Field Day Bulletin Schedule

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W1AW will operate on the regularly published frequencies.

The special PSK31 bulletin will be transmitted on the regular W1AW
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CW frequencies are 1.8175, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975,
21.0675, 28.0675 and 147.555 MHz.

Teleprinter frequencies are 3.5975, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095,
28.095 and 147.555 MHz (includes PSK31).

Phone frequencies are 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390,
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W1AW will transmit the bulletin in 45.45-baud Baudot RTTY, 100-baud
AMTOR FEC Mode B, and 110-baud ASCII.

The Maritime Radio Historical Society's K6KPH will transmit the
''W1AW'' Field Day 2007 message for the benefit of West Coast stations
on 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475 and 21.0675 MHz, CW only. The
K6KPH schedule is accurate as of June 21, 2007.

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14.095 MHz during Teleprinter transmissions.

Any additional transmissions or changes in the schedule will be
posted on the web at,
http://www2.arrl.org/contests/forms/fd-2007-w1aw-sked.html .
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Don't pick lemons.
See all the new 2007 cars at Yahoo! Autos.
http://autos.yahoo.com/new_cars.html

3076. 2 meter SSTV on field day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-22 06:20:24 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3076 Message: 3076

As we all know already, exchanging pictures via SSTV is worth a one-time 100 point bonus for Field Day. However, doing so on the HF bands is difficult. Any phone contest will render 20 meters unusable, but the level of activity on Field Day will push the other bands to critical mass as well.

So, to make this substantial bonus easier for everyone in the area to put in the log, I propose we try running SSTV on 2 meters. All you need is a laptop running SSTV software (google for MMSSTV) and a radio; preferably one that supports SSB, but FM might work too. You don't really need a soundcard interface, holding your mic up to the laptop's speaker will work.

If anyone wants to give it a shot, call me on the Grand Haven 145.490 repeater and we'll pick out a frequency.

-Joe, N8FQ

3078. DX is OK for Field Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-22 21:32:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3078 Message: 3078

In another reflector to which I belong, the question came up about working DX during Field Day.

This is okay, fine, there's nothing against it, in fact, it lends to the "international good will" part of the definition of Amateur Radio.

73 de n8xx Hg

3079. Another field day idea: APRS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-22 21:52:47 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3079 Message: 3079

From the AMSAT list:

> If your club is going to operate APRS for FD,
> please remember to have the APRS station place
> an APRS object on the map of his ARRL section
> and sequenctial number so that he can be
> contacted worldwide... SSS-n
>
> go to http://map.findu.com/SSS* to find out what
> other clubs are using which SSID's in your section
>
> By using these tactical calls, you can be contacted
> in the blind from anywhere in the country for your
> APRS demo.
>
> see the APRS Field Day page:
> http://www.ew.usna.edu/~bruninga/aprs/fd2007.html
>
> Bob, WB4APR

I will be running APRS from the NOARC GOTA/digital/packet station, and have put up an object, 'MI-1', according to Bob's suggested procedure. He suggests that the following be done as an APRS demo:

1. Copy 20 APRS stations
2. Exchange text messages with three other APRS stations
3. Optionally, set up digipeaters that respond to the 'TEMPn-n' alias

The first objective is a piece of cake, one must only leave an APRS client running for an hour and the map will be populated with dozens of stations. The second requires the active participation of some other stations. The suggested procedure is to look for 'MI-#' objects and send a message to them, hoping for a reply.

The third just requires software or TNCs capable of APRS-style digipeating.

-Joe, N8FQ

3080. Icom Ham Survey Online

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-22 23:21:46 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3080 Message: 3080

We need input - 6/13/2007 8:31:36 AM

N9JA
Administrator

Posts: 119
Joined: 1/27/2005
Status: offline
Greetings everyone, ICOM is interested what you do in the hobby and how you use your gear. We do not care if your favorite radio is not an ICOM radio, we just want to hear from you! So, take the ICOM survey at http://www.icomamerica.com/amateur/survey/

Be a better Globetrotter. Get better travel answers from someone who knows. Yahoo! Answers - Check it out.
http://answers.yahoo.com/dir/?link=list&sid=396545469

3081. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Another field day idea: APRS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-22 23:31:03 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3079 Message: 3081

Great idea Joe sounds like you have it covered also if you hace a chair bring it along i have 2 tables that have lots of room John kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: Joe Veldhuis
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2007 5:52 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Another field day idea: APRS

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>
> Bob, WB4APR

I will be running APRS from the NOARC GOTA/digital/packet station, and have put up an object, 'MI-1', according to Bob's suggested procedure. He suggests that the following be done as an APRS demo:

1. Copy 20 APRS stations
2. Exchange text messages with three other APRS stations
3. Optionally, set up digipeaters that respond to the 'TEMPn-n' alias

The first objective is a piece of cake, one must only leave an APRS client running for an hour and the map will be populated with dozens of stations. The second requires the active participation of some other stations. The suggested procedure is to look for 'MI-#' objects and send a message to them, hoping for a reply.

The third just requires software or TNCs capable of APRS-style digipeating.

-Joe, N8FQ

3082. Fox Hunt This Tuesday, and iti's rules

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-24 19:04:22 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 3082 Message: 3082

A Post-Field Day reminder, that the Holland Club will be having a
hidden transmitter hunt on Tuesday, June 26.

The hidden transmitter operator will be ACE DF'r himself, Laryn.

Laryn's first keyup will be at 7:00:00PM, and we will start from the club
house located on East 8th Avenue, right nest to the Holland chamber of
Commerce.
I would advise that we should be there at least 15 to 20 minutes
ahead of time to untangle cables, try to remember how to operate the
equipment, and lie to each other.

It was mentioned that there should be some rules.

This is Beta Version 0.51b

The hidden transmitter will be within 6.28 miles of the tech center
The hidden transmitter will key up for 30 seconds every 3 minutes.
Huntee, please have a digital watch or timer.
The hidden transmitter signal must be readable from the tech center.
The hidden transmitter cannot transmit with more than 250 watts ERP.
The power level and antenna gain and pattern direction will stay
stable during the hunt.
The hidden transmitter must be on publicly accessible land, hunters
will not have to trespass or ask permission or have to pay to gain access.
Private parking lots are OK, as long as there are no "No Trespassing"
signs.
For now, the hidden transmitter, the fox and the antenna must be in/on a
car.
As the hidden transmitter is found, the huntee will acknowledge
them in person, and not on the air, log their time and mileage. Once
this is done, the hunters should
leave, so as to not draw undue attention.
For now, we will award two winners, one for who drove the fewest
numbers of miles, and one for who found the fox first.
The next hidden transmitter will be one of the two winners, to be
determined by the HARC Hidden Transmitter Hunt Committee.
This offer not valid in Wisconsin.

As the unofficial committee of one for the Hidden Transmitter Hunt,
I am very open to changes in the rules. We just have to know what they
are before the hunt.

If you do not have equipment for the hunt, please show up and those with
equipment can always make room in their cars for more "guessers"!

Laryn, please measure the distance from the club house to your hidden site.

See you the Tuesday the 26th!

Tom Bosscher K8TB

3083. Re: Fox Hunt This Tuesday, and iti's rules

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-25 03:17:18 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 3082 Message: 3083

hehehehehehehh

3084. Final Notice, Tuesday Night Hidden transmiiter Hunt

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-26 02:17:25 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 3084 Message: 3084

A Last Minute One Day reminder, that the Holland Club will be having a hidden transmitter hunt on Tuesday, June 26.

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And yet, the hunted is teasing us:

> hohohehehehe

>Got your huntin' license yet? Season opens Tuesday nite at 1900 local.

>Frequency will be, hmmmm..... 146.58 mc. Everyone OK with that?

>Laryn "hard to find" K8TVZ

See you all tomorrow night...

Tom Bosscher K8TB

3085. Rockford kids triathlon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-27 17:45:39 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3085 Message: 3085

We are looking for about 35 to 40 people. We will be doing more than just manning aid stations/checkpoints.
We have been asked to performing the fallowing duties:

Setup
Registration
manning checkpoints
traffic control
Directing event participants
lap counting

Along with this we will need a net control station and most likely a shadow for the event coordinator. Please remember that most of this event will be outside so dress for the weather. All for you CERT people don't worry if you are not a radio operator. Many of these positions do not require a radio. All you radio people that don't have a handheld radio we have a number of radios that can be loaned out. If you do need to use one of our radios, please bring along AA batteries for the radio. CERT and RACES have been asked to play a significant role in this event, and as of this point there are only 10 people signed up for this event. If you have any questions about this event contact either myself or Jeff Nawrot.
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Karl R. Palma - Treasurer
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3086. Rockford Kids Triathlon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-27 17:49:13 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3086 Message: 3086
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Hello all
We are in need of volunteers to work at a childrens triathlon in Rockford on Saturday July 7th. It is located at the Rockford Highschool. Race starts at 9AM we are requested to be on scene by 7:30AM. Things should be done by 1PM at the latest. Lunch and t-shirs will be provided. Please sign up at http://www.kcest.org/rockford.php Please email me if you have any questions. This is a new event for us so lets show these guys what we can do!

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www.kcraces.net

3087. Rockford Kids Triathlon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-27 17:49:22 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3086 Message: 3087
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3091. Help needed at the lakeshore on Sunday July 8th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-28 02:12:46 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 3091 Message: 3091

Hello Everyone We are looking for help with the
Grand Haven Triathlon Festival
1.2mi swim, 56mi. bike, 13.1mi. run
1.5k swim, 40k bike, 10k run
500m swim, 20k bike, 5k run
July 8, 7:30am

This event runs in the City of Grand Haven and down the lake shore to
Holland, So we are looking for some people from the Holland area to
help at that end. Runs will be in the GH area and we will be working
with GHPS and OCS. I will post more information as it comes available
routes and maps are on this website
http://www.3disciplines.com/index.php?
option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=3&year=2007&month=7&day=8&Item
id=0

This event is a early one it starts at 7:00 am I will post a
meeting time for us as this will be different times for the positions
this is Sunday July 8th
Please let me know if you can help out .73 Don Meyer 616-846-7307 or
kb8odb@sbcglobal.net

3092. Tool Max open this Saturday 9-12

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-28 21:39:27 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3092 Message: 3092

All Hams

We are going to be OPEN this Saturday.

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

New this week Test Equipment slightly used.

B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock
Connectors in Stock
SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30

We are the only Dealer in Michigan for Jetstream Products Check out the items available
http://www.jetstream-usa.com/index.shtml
14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply (28Amp and 45Amp),Antennas, Switches, and lighting arresters are in.

Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
300 ohm twin lead 100Ft $10.00
RG-8 .60 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .35 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class $17.95 Get yours NOW and upgrade before the changes on July 1, 2007
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
AT-11MP Auto Tuner by LDG works on IC-706 Radio $75
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Swan SWR-2A Meter $5
Johnson SWR Meter $2
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
DB 1015 10/15 meter High Gain Beam $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Icom ICP2AT HT $50
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B23G Mirage 30 watt VHF Power Amp $40
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
HF Tuner $40
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the new retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 behind the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.For more information call me at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 9:00AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
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3093. Coffee Break, 6/30/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-29 12:55:35 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3093 Message: 3093

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday June 30, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3094. Geocaching

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-06-29 15:32:57 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 3094 Message: 3094
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3095. WEAVER'S WORDS -- AND THE ROCKETS READ GLARE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-02 00:59:27 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3095 Message: 3095

> [As always, please reply only to k8je@....]
>
> - Ham radio offers too many operating options?
> - Coming soon.
> - Congratulations Blossomland Youth ARC.
> - US House and Senate bills would kill Amateur Radio.
> - Division Convention.
> - HR 462 alive; needs support.
> - One of the many ARRL services to members.
> - Got a patch?
> - Our letter writing campaign is showing success.
> - FCC dismisses RM 11306 without prejudice.
> - Tentative Travel Schedule.
>
> ++ Ham radio offers too many Options? ++
>
> It can be argued that the most major problem facing Amateur Radio is
> that we have been too successful. We have been too successful at
> obtaining and developing frequency bands, and in developing and using a
> wide variety of modes to use in our operating.
>
> To follow the logic, take a moment from reading this e-letter and think
> of the many operating options we hams have. Think, too, about the wide
> range of frequency bands from 160M through those that are miniscule in
> length. To name just a few, there are Morse code, AM, FM, RTTY, a
> variety of digital modes, FSK, AFSK, variations of TV, facsimile and
> then we have frequencies that range through much of the wide world of
> spectra. The bottom line is that each of us, if we wish, has many
> modes of operation and many frequency choices we can use and enjoy.
> So, what is wrong with this?
>
> The problem is that in our nearsightedness, we have become extremely
> fragmented as hams instead of remaining a cohesive group. During the
> past few decades we have allowed ourselves in many instances to think
> our personal choices of operating styles, modes and frequency ranges
> are the only choices "real" amateurs could possibly make. We have, for
> example, many VHF aficionados who see no value in HF. We have many
> devotees of cutting-edge digital modes who see no value in CW or AM --
> the older modes of communication.
>
> There are SSBers who are so infuriated with AMers they would nearly
> commit murder to clear the bands of the AM clutter. But, it isn't
> always new mode vs. old mode. Some of our devoted CW ops think
> broadband digital should be banned because it is nothing more than a
> nuisance. Yes, indeed, we are equal prejudice individuals.

>
> I could name additional ham-to-ham prejudices, but I think you get the
> idea.
>
> So, who or what is hurt by these prejudices? Amateur Radio is. These
> prejudices divide us into splinter groups. We have become VHF hams,
> digital hams, anti-CW hams, anti-AM hams. We are Contesters or
> anti-Contesters. We are "its my frequency" ragchewers Instead of
> pulling together for the benefit of all of hamming, all too many
> amateurs feel they hold no stake when "the other guy's" idea of ham
> radio is threatened by attacks from the government or industry. As one
> example, many HSMM-hams couldn't care less if the FCC proposed
> abolishing all privileges for Morse code operating. Conversely, many
> CW ops would do little more than smile if broadband digital was ruled
> illegal on ham frequencies.
>
> Regardless of the misconception by one "side" or another, all of
> Amateur Radio loses any time the FCC begins to withdraw privileges --
> modes or frequencies -- from another phase. Clearly, I won't now or in
> the future vote in favor of any proposals to have the FCC "modernize"
> Amateur Radio (as some hams would view it) by banning AM or by limiting
> the privileges of Morse or other forms of operation preferred by
> anyone.
>
> Unfortunately, Amateur Radio has become a marginally functioning, if
> not nonfunctioning, family in many instances. We find brother ham
> fighting brother ham, and sister ham bad mouthing sister ham merely
> because their operating preferences are different. This is no way to
> develop a winning team whether it is baseball, football, doubles
> tennis, an army . . . or a strong lobbying (advocacy) team.
>
> Actually, I will correct my initial supposition. We hams don't have
> too many choices. Worse than this, we have too little maturity in
> thought to manage the privileges we have been given for our common
> good.
>
> The real question is, "Why don't we all act like emotionally stable
> people and work together to our mutual benefit?" Just think what a
> formidable force for each other's good we would make if we would speak
> and act in unison.
>
> ++ Coming soon ++
>
> In a few days, I will send you a "proper" questionnaire. I hope you
> will take the few minutes required to answer it. It will provide me
> with information on topics that may be discussed while I am in
> Newington for the Board of Directors meeting later this month. This
> questionnaire is "proper" because it is a click-on-your-answer,
> automatically-tabulated one. This questionnaire is being sent to three
> Divisions.

>
> While the new questionnaire is open, I will be working to review the
> previous, low-tech one sent you a few weeks ago.
>
> ++ Congratulations Blossomland Youth ARC ++
>
> Congratulations to the Blossomland Youth ARC, W8BYC, of Berrien County,
> MI. A relatively new club, it is formed of young amateurs who largely
> came into Amateur Radio through the fine efforts of Matt Severin, N8MS.
> Matt, a teacher at Coloma Junior High School in Coloma MI, has
> incorporated Amateur Radio into his classes thanks to his personal
> drive and the support of his principal and a grant through the ARRL
> Victor C. Clark Youth Incentive program.
>
> As of June 20, Matt had 17 students who had participated in ham club
> and Amateur Radio activities. Ten of these students had become
> Technician licensees through the school program. Six of the Techs are
> working toward upgrading to General.
>
> Matt, in turn, is planning for a new freshman class this fall and the
> challenge of introducing it to the wonderful world of hamming.
>
> Great job, Matt. Thanks and continued success with your program.
>
> ++ US House and Senate bills would kill Amateur Radio ++
>
> This is what lead stories in QST back in 1910-12 would have read, if
> there had been a QST back then. It was in these years that some dozen
> and a half bills were presented in the US House and the US Senate to
> outlaw Amateur Radio. These bills were backed by the US Navy. The
> Navy wanted full charge over the use of ham-free radio waves. Hams and
> their spark gap transmitters caused disruptive QRM to military and
> important civilian communication. One 1912 bill would have placed the
> ownership and control of all transmitting stations under the Navy.
>
> With such a political force behind ban-the-ham legislation, why didn't
> one of the bills make it through Congress and become signed by the
> President?
>
> Hams, themselves, came together to lobby their US Representatives and
> Senators so heavily and successfully that each of the bills died. Even
> back in the early days of Amateur Radio, individual amateurs, banded
> together in advocacy (lobby) efforts successfully to beat overwhelming
> odds against them.
>
> There was no ARRL in 1912, but there were a few relatively large local
> organizations. Among these were the Harvard Wireless Club, Rhode
> Island Wireless Association, Wireless Association of Pennsylvania and
> Junior Wireless Club which became better known as the Radio Club of
> America. The clubs in their individual ways worked nearly as one to

> lobby successfully against anti-ham legislation. No "no-ham" bills
> made it through Congress thanks to the lobbying effort of the
> burgeoning Amateur Radio fraternity.
>
> Finally, a modified bill passed Congress and was signed by President
> Taft who signed it into law. This first US radio law became best known
> for making frequencies longer than 200 meters off-limits to hams. The
> phrase, "200 meters and down" grew out of this feature of the law. The
> feature also relegated amateurs to supposedly-useless frequencies --
> frequencies that subsequently proved to be the most useful on and
> surrounding earth.
>
> ++ Division Convention ++
>
> Don't forget the Great Lakes Division Convention on September 22 in
> Cleveland. This is the day before the Cleveland Hamfest. For full
> information, go to http://www.2007gldc.com/. One can even make
> reservations for a hotel room from this site.
>
> One feature of these biannual conventions is the special awards that
> are made to Division amateurs. Topping the list is the George S.
> Wilson, III, W4OYI, Lifetime Achievement Award. For you who don't
> recall, George is the only ARRL President to come from our Division.
> He continues to live in Owensville, KY and is a strong support of ARRL.
> The Convention features interesting and informative seminars on
> several aspects of Amateur Radio topics. These are given by top-notch
> hams in the respective areas. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN will
> speak at the Convention dinner on Saturday evening. At other times, he
> will be available for casual discussion. Watch for further
> information. Remaining, prestigious awards that will be given are the
> Amateur of the Year Award, the Technical Achievement Award and the
> Newsletter of the Year Award.
>
> Nominations for all but the newsletter award are made by GLD ARRL
> members. Nominations need to reach the Awards Committee no later than
> 5 PM, August 17. They may be e-mailed or sent by US Mail. The
> addresses are on the nomination forms. If you know of a deserving
> nominee, please go to the Convention web site and print out or complete
> the nominating form. The winning newsletter is selected by an
> independent member of the press from among the winners of each
> Section's newsletter contest.
>
> ++ HR 462 alive; needs support ++
>
> There is still time to write your US Representative urging his or her
> support of HR 462. If you haven't done this, yet, please write, soon.
> If you need me to send the boilerplate draft letter to you, again, just
> send me an e-mail and I'll get it to you right away. We cannot afford
> the luxury of remaining mostly an indifferent group if we want the FCC,
> Congress and the public to respect Amateur Radio and support its

> legitimate needs. Each of us who are concerned about Amateur Radio
> needs to demonstrate this concern and do what we can to support it. As
> I see it, the least we each can do is to send a letter, an e-mail or a
> FAX.
>
> Just a reminder: Do not write to your US Senator at this time. The
> time to urge support for the Senate version of HR 462 will come in the
> future. Don't write to a US Senator about Hr 462, either. This bill
> is in the House, only. Generally, Senators are not even aware of bills
> that are in the house.
>
> ++ One of the many ARRL services to members ++
>
> George A. Guerin, K8GG, of Ceresco, MI, reminded me of one of the fine
> services ARRL offers to members. Members are eligible to receive
> notices when it is time to renew their ham licenses. The notice also
> give direction on a quick and easy way to renew them online.
>
> George said it took only 12 minutes for him to renew, even though he
> uses dial up. George is all set for 10 more years.
>
> If you haven't signed up for this free ARRL member service, go to the
> Membership Modification Form (Member Data Page) in Members Only on
> www.ARRL.org. Make certain the box in front of "Notification of
> license expiration" is checked. Just as George received an e-mail
> reminding of his pending license expiration, HQ will e-mail a reminder
> of this to you.
>
> Thanks for the fine comment, George.
>
> ++ Got a Patch? ++
>
> A police department shoulder patch is the type being discussed. It
> seems that the head of the ARRL DX Department, Bill Moore, NC1L was a
> military police officer. In his life-after-the-military he collects
> patches from police departments around the US.
> Retired-but-still-consulting Blue Ash, OH detective Rick Burdick, K8WWA
> recently learned this and sent a Blue Ash patch to Bill for his
> collection.
>
> I am fairly certain we have still additional police officers among the
> GLD membership. I am more certain that Bill would appreciate receiving
> a patch from each of your departments. If you can come up with a
> patch, please mail it to Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL, 225 Main St.,
> Newington, CT 06111. Bill is a great guy, a top-notch ham; an
> excellent worker devoted to Amateur Radio and fires-up a mean grill at
> cook outs.
>
> ++ Our Letter Writing Campaign is Showing Success ++
>

> We haven't won the war, yet, but our letter writing campaign on HR 462
> is showing success. Success, of course, can be judged in many ways.
> The ultimate in success in this instance is to have a Congressman/woman
> pony up and co-sponsor the bill. The next level is to receive a reply
> to your letter that demonstrates the Congressman read, understood and
> supports the basic premise that licensed radio services -- including
> Amateur Radio -- must be protected from callous QRM from unlicensed
> services (Part 15).
>
> I haven't seen that any of our Division's Congressmen have become
> co-signers, yet, but feedback from Janet Worthington of Chwat & Company
> is there are a few who are considering becoming co-sponsors. In
> addition to these Representatives, others are replying to Chwat and to
> Division members with quite intelligent comments that show they are
> pro-Amateur Radio. This is all good, of course.
>
> Even the Representatives who reply with "bonehead" letters help us.
> They help when you share their replies with Chwat and me. In these
> situations, Janet Worthington and John Chwat are able to forearm
> themselves with the knowledge they need in making calls to
> Congressional offices on Capitol Hill most effectively. They know
> before they walk into the offices just what form of information will
> likely be most effective in bringing our legislators on board with us.
> In terms of tennis scoring, this means -- advantage, Amateur Radio.
>
> To the many of you who haven't yet written to your US Representative on
> behalf of HR 462 . . . why not? Even if you take a pessimistic point
> of view, there is nothing to lose by writing and their certainly is
> potentially a lot to gain.
>
> ++ FCC Dismisses RM 11306 without Prejudice ++
>
> The FCC announced it was dismissing ARRL's RM 11306 petition as we
> Directors had requested. This was done "without prejudice," which
> means someone could review the petition and re-file all or part of it
> at some future time.
>
> Interestingly enough, before ARRL requested the Commission to dismiss
> RM 11306, nearly everyone who commented on it expressed strong
> opposition. However, just as soon as we requested the dismissal, we
> began to hear from significant numbers of members who strongly favored
> it.
>
> This raises the question, "Where were these "fors" when they may have
> made a difference?
>
>
> ++ Tentative Travel Schedule ++
>
> Jul 12: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown, OH - Gary

> Jul 19: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jul 20-21: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
> Jul 28: UP Hamfest, Escanaba, MI - Jim
> Sep 8: GRAHamfest, Grand Rapids, MI - Jim
> Sep 9: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH - Jim
> Sep 22: Great Lakes Division Convention, Cleveland, OH - Gary & Jim
> Sep 23: Cleveland Hamfest, Cleveland, OH - Jim
> Oct 2: OH-KY-IN ARRL Night, Cincinnati, OH - Jim
> Oct 8: Portage County ARS, Kent, OH - Jim
> Oct 16: Branch Co. ARC, Coldwater, MI - Jim
> Nov 14: Hazel Park ARC, Hazel Park, MI - Jim
> Nov 19: Southern Ohio ARA Christmas Dinner, Russell, KY - Jim
> Dec 1: Motor City RC 75th Ann., Wyandotte, MI - Jim
>
> 2008
>
> Jan 17: Programs & Services Committee Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jan 18-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Gary & Jim
>
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
> ARRL - The Reason Amateur Radio Is!
> Members - The Reason ARRL Is!
>
> ---
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

3096. MAARC Meeting & Program - KB8IFE on the MIARC & How Repeaters are Coordinated

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-02 12:56:38 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 3096 Message: 3096

Hello, All:

Thursday, July 5th, come on over to the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council, 2888 Scenic Drive, Muskegon, and listen to the program beginning at 7:00 P.M. KB8IFE, Jim Maike, who is vice-president of the Michigan Area Repeater Council, Inc., will be giving the program on the Council and how repeaters get coordinated. Jim also owns the 145.45 repeater in White Cloud. Come on down, all are welcome to our clubhouse cabin near the lakeshore.

73,
Linda, AB8QH
Vice-President, MAARC

3097. ride needed for club meeting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-02 16:13:53 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3097 Message: 3097

Hi all,
I'd love to go to the club meeting on thursday. Is it possible that I can get a ride to the meeting from someone?

You can e-mail me off list, or catch me on the 94 repeater.

Thanks, and 73,
Chris, w8cjs

3099. THIS SAT -Next MINI-SWAP at HARC's T&T center.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-03 21:54:52 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3099 Message: 3099

This sounds like FUN

> Greetings all,
>
> Monthly Mini Swap resumes this Saturday. Some good items for disposal have
> already arrived.
>
> Trying something new. We're planning on serving a PANCAKE BREAKFAST with
> all the trimmings so bring along a good appetite!!!
>
> Spread the word! Come and enjoy Holland Amateur Radio Club's next**FREE**
> mini-swap which takes place this coming Saturday. Each month our mini-swap
> just keeps getting better and better!
> Bring all your surplus items, come join us at our Technology and Training
> building in downtown Holland.
>
> Family and friends always welcome to join in for a fun day of fellowship,
> food and great bargains to be had.
>
> Free Parking available on site.
>
> DATE: SAT JULY 7TH 2007 (Talk in : 147.060 94.8pl)
>
> SET UP TIME: SAT 09H30 - 10h00
> Note: Friday night prior a limited opportunity exists between 19h00 -
> 20h30 to pre-setup your
> table.
>
> SWAP TIME: SAT 10h00 to 2.00pm
>
> VENUE: 280 East 8th Street, Holland (right next to Holland Chamber of
> Commerce).
>
> ENTRY FEE : **FREE**
>
> TABLE COST : **FREE**
>
> HARC will provide once again....
>
> * FREE table space
> * FREE trunk swap parking space (weather permitting) - Contact John
> WD8BWK
> * FREE parking
> * FREE entry
> * FREE coffee

> * 50/50 Draw
>
> (To offset our new buildings upkeep, donations from sellers /visitors are
> always very much appreciated!)
>
> Bring what ever surplus radio / computer equipment to sell / swap. Last
> couple of months a lot of equipment changed hands! Turn that surplus gear
> into cash.
>
> We look forward to seeing everyone there.
>
> ANY QUESTIONS:
> Please contact HARC Building Manager - Ken ZR5AAD/W8
> Cell Ph: (616)726-3929
> E-Mail : rafaviator@...
>
> ~~~~~~
> http://liveearth.msn.com
>

3100. : WEAVER'S WORDS -- PLEASE TAKE THIS SURVEY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-03 21:53:56 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3100 Message: 3100

>
> ++ The survey I mentioned ++
>
> I invite you to participate in a simple poll to tell me your views on a
> variety of subjects. This poll uses poll-taking software and involves
> simple "checking" of answers. Your answers are automatically
> tabulated which makes it practical to ask a number of questions at a
> time. It will take a few minutes to go through the poll.
>
> NOTE: 1) To participate, you will need an arrl.net e-mail address. 2)
> The survey will close on July 17, 2007 at 23:59 local time.
>
> If you do not have an arrl.net address, one is free to ARRL members by
> going to Members Only on www.arrl.org. Look for Member Data.
>
> If you are already signed up to use Members Only and merely need an
> arrl.net address, go directly to:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1. If you have
> questions concerning obtaining an arrl.net address, let me know. The
> need for an arrl.org address simply is that these are the only way we
> can validate your vote. Unless you have an arrl.net address, your vote
> will not be counted.
>
> To reach the poll, go to:
> http://www.bestvote.org/phpQ/fillsurvey.php?sid=11.
>
> Results from surveys are an important source of information I use in
> representing the Great Lakes Division membership. Using poll-taking
> software makes it much easier to obtain an accurate understanding of
> your opinions.
>
> Please feel free to write to me anytime to provide additional input on
> your views beyond the simple answers of the poll. Please take the
> poll, however.
>
> I will reiterate that before your vote will count, you must have a
> (call)@... e-mail address. The survey will ask for your e-mail
> address. Only (call)@... e-mail addresses will be counted by the
> survey program.
>
> All other e-mail domains, including arrl.org, will be excluded.
>
> This survey is being done in conjunction with the members of the
> Atlantic Division and the Delta Division. Information derived from
> this urvey will be used for the July 2007 ARRL Board meeting this

> month. This survey is important -- please participate!
>
> Thanks for your help.
>
> 73,
>
> Jim
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
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> k8je@...
> ---
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> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

3101. radar-man

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-04 00:53:32 UTC
From: Frank
Topic: 3101 Message: 3101

I first saw this in "Popular Electronics" Magazine about 50 years ago,
when "radar" was still a magic word. Not too long ago I ran across it
again in an old "QST". I don't know who wrotem it originally, but it may
have been authored by the submitter, named below:

The Radar Man With the Micro-mind

If you should see upon the street
A man who walks with dipole feet,
With a train of pips trailing behind
He's the radar man with a micro-mind.

With micro-seconds and micro-waves
And micro-volts he spends his days.
And we find with passing time
His brain has shrunk to a micro-mind.

This man attains with passing years
Infinite impedance between the ears.
As he chews his molars oscillate,
And his heart pumps blood at a video rate.

Finally he succumbs to a heavy jolt,
Of what he thinks is a micro-volt.

The doc looks up from his microscope
and says to the nurse,
"Behold this dope, not a brain cell can I find.
For he's the Radar man with the micro-mind."

Melvin Hamilton, N4DYI (?)

73, N8WUR.
--... ...-- ..-. .-. .- -. -.- -. ---.. ..- ...- ..

Man is still the most extraordinary computer of all.

--Jo
hn F. Kennedy--

Checkout My Place on the Web @ http://www.qsl.net/n8uvi

3110. Re: [WestMichiganHams] State Police Warning NOT A JOKE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-04 15:46:07 UTC
From: Frank
Topic: 3110 Message: 3110

This is a hoax, just by virtue of the fact, that State police would not use email or email list for that matter,
when looking for someone. for the fact that person might be on the said list....73

--... ...-- ..-. .-. .- -. -.- -. ---.. ..- ...- ..

Man is still the most extraordinary computer of all.

--Jo
hn F. Kennedy--

Checkout My Place on the Web @ http://www.qsl.net/n8uvi
----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>;
<montcalm_county_cert@yahoogroups.com>;
<Montcalm_County_MRC@yahoogroups.com>; <montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com>;
"Eric Smith" <esmith@...>; "steven vanholstyn"
<mcsert1@...>; "jeni williams" <jwilliams@...>; "brian k
bromstrom" <bloomy@...>; "w8cso" <W8CSO@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2007 9:33 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] State Police Warning NOT A JOKE

Paul,

This is FALSE.

http://www.snopes.com/crime/warnings/stallings.asp

Please stop this. I know your intentions are good but you just don't seem to get it. Since this is the second time I have had to verify your posts I am going to moderate you. If this happens again you will be removed from our group. I just don't have the time to baby sit you or anyone else.

Mark Derby
Moderator
WestMichiganHams mailing list.
----- Original Message -----
From: paul odem
To: montcalm_county_cert@yahoogroups.com ;
Montcalm_County_MRC@yahoogroups.com ; montcalmcountyares@yahoogroups.com ;
Eric Smith ; steven vanholstyn ; westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com ; jeni
williams ; brian k bromstrom ; w8cso
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2007 09:23
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] State Police Warning NOT A JOKE

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE WARNING

State police warning for online: Please read this "very carefully"..then
send it out to all the people online that you know. Something like this is
nothi ng to be taken casually; this is something you DO want to pay attention
to. If a person with the screen-name of Rockhard abs or goes by his name
Jason Stallings contacts you, do not reply. DO NOT talk to this person; do
not answer any of his instant messages or e-mail. Whoever this person may
be, he is a suspect for murder in the death of 3 women (so far) contacted
through the Internet. He is a suspect in a shooting and is known for raping
and beating young women.
He is located in the MID-MICHIGAN area. Please send this to all the women on
your buddy list and ask them to pass this on, as well. This screen-name was
seen on Yahoo and AOL so far. This is not a joke!

Please send this to men too...just in case! Send to everyone you know!
Ladies, this is serious!

IF WE CAN PASS ON JOKES, SURELY WE CAN PASS ON A WARNING THAT MAY SAVE A
FRIENDS LIFE.

Thank You

Dorothy J. Jackson
Compliance & Enforcement
Remediation and Redevelopment Division
Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality
Phone: 517 335-6842 Fax 373-2637
email: Jacksodj@...

PAUL R. ODEM KC8ZMO/WPZB939
412 E. FORREST ST.
EDMORE, MICHIGAN 48829

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NWS MONTCALM COUNTY SKYWARN COORDINATOR
ASST FIRE CHEIF DELPHI FIRE BRIGADE, SAGINAW PLANT 3

EMAIL rockyroster@...
CELL 989-620-4605

TWO WAY NEXTEL 131*550934*15
HOME 989-304-0340
PAGER 989-201-0063

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knows.
Yahoo! Answers - Check it out.

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Version: 7.5.476 / Virus Database: 269.9.14/883 - Release Date: 7/1/2007
12:19 PM

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.476 / Virus Database: 269.9.14/885 - Release Date: 7/3/2007
10:02 AM

3111. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [W8CSO] State Police Warning NOT A JOKE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-04 15:50:08 UTC
From: Frank
Topic: 3111 Message: 3111

Thx for the heads up i will watch on the reflectors i manage thx guy's and good work...73 Frank
--... ...-- ..-. .-. .- -. -.- -. ---.. ..- ...- ..

Man is still the most extraordinary computer of all.

--Jo
hn F. Kennedy--

Checkout My Place on the Web @ http://www.qsl.net/n8uvi
----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2007 12:12 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [W8CSO] State Police Warning NOT A JOKE

Hi Mick,

Paul removed himself from WestMichiganHams reflector when he found out I found out turned off his ability to post messages to the group. I also sent an apology to Ms. Jackson, the lady who supposedly wrote the hoax and whose name and contact information was included in Paul's post.

Can you believe that Paul is an assistant fire chief in Edmore?. I find it to be very unnerving to think that someone so gullible has such a responsibility to the public and as such charged with their safety. I am hoping that Andrew N8ARY, the owner of the W8CSO reflector will respond in kind and remove him as well or at the very least turn off his ability to post to the group.

My apologies for not dealing with Paul strictly in the first place. I was lenient with him at the request of Don Meyer, the owner of WestMichiganHams the last time he forwarded a hoax to our list and let him off with a just warning. FWIW the last time Paul forwarded a hoax to our list I put him on moderated status and at the request of the list owner Don Meyer, KB8ODB I removed his restriction. Please be aware that Don is a really nice guy and thought that a warning was sufficient for what at that time seemed to be a relatively minor infraction.

Paul will no longer be sending hoaxes the WestMichiganHams reflector. It will be up to Andrew if the same is true for the W8CSO reflector. Knowing Andrew I suspect he will respond in kind.

Sorry Mick for the inconvenience and any subsequent frustrations. I am doing all I can to make sure that this does not happen again. I beg you, please do not remove yourself from our group.

73 my friend,

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: mapscenes@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2007 12:21
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: [W8CSO] State Police Warning NOT A JOKE

PLEASE REMOVE THIS PERSON FROM THE LIST IMMEDIATELY.

In these times, none of us can afford inattention to serious matters as it effects family, home, and Country.

PLEASE REMOVE THIS PERSON FROM THE LIST IMMEDIATELY.

I'd rather NOT be a member of this group, if this sort of dangerous "misinformation" is allowed to exist.

Thanks Marc ... Your remarks are appropriate.

K8MIC

See what's free at AOL.com.

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.476 / Virus Database: 269.9.14/883 - Release Date: 7/1/2007 12:19 PM

No virus found in this incoming message.
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Version: 7.5.476 / Virus Database: 269.9.14/885 - Release Date: 7/3/2007 10:02 AM

3112. Fw: FRUPAC: USS BATFISH on 20m

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-04 14:23:16 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 3112 Message: 3112

For those of you that might be interested. This is as the callsign indicates if a World War II Submarine.

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: "Rick Kerr" <k8ctt@...>
To: "FRUPAC-Post" <FRUPAC@...>
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2007 10:03
Subject: FRUPAC: USS BATFISH on 20m

> You'll find the USS Batfish on 20 SSB - currently on 14.242.55
>
> callsign = WW2SUB
>
> website = http://www.ussbatfish.com
>
>
> Rick Kerr
> K8CTT
>
>
>

3114. Hoaxes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-05 10:17:32 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 3114 Message: 3114

I think we can at least look at the hoaxes that were recently posted here as a learning experience for all. I know these e-mails look legit, but they almost always are not. I could never believe that the State Police would use "spam" as a way to disseminate information like this.

These e-mails are chain letters and contain information that many people will, at first glance, will feel an urgency to forward.

Just my $0.02. I know everyone on this list probably already knew that but I felt like it needed to be said.

Andrew

3116. question about trivia question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-05 12:09:39 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3116 Message: 3116

Last nights net trivia question about first use of VFO,Why is the first use date significant?Was it just invented,was it just given FCC approval?If just given FCC approval,why was it not allowed before?

73 KD8CBJ

3117. Re: question about trivia question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-05 13:45:45 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3116 Message: 3117

Paul:

I thought that the question surrounding the frequency a ham was using was the ham's responsibility. I, too, am interested in why a VFO took so long to develop or encourage. We do encourage experimentation in the ham bands.

The really old timers will tell you that the Novice licensee was required to only work with a crystal determining the frequency. And they were not able to deviate much from that frequency. I guess it kept them in the proper place, within their own group of other Novices, and having fun while reinforcing the admonition to stay in the band. They were "rock bound."

And you can ask Leo, WD8DCA about this "pink slip" for being way out of the band. The folks in the FCC monitoring facility seemed to have taken their responsibility seriously.

A bit different from today?

Bill, AB8SC

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Paul" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
>
> Last nights net trivia question about first use of VFO,Why is the first
> use date significant?Was it just invented,was it just given FCC
> approval?If just given FCC approval,why was it not allowed before?
>
> 73 KD8CBJ
>

3120. Re: question about trivia question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-05 17:14:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3116 Message: 3120

Okay, when was the VFO first used? My father knew of VFO's and made one back in the 50's - maybe even earlier, I don't remember his earlier daze in the 30's, I was too young.

I never thought about the "invention" of the VFO, I assumed that folks figured out the VFO before the advent of crystal controlled radios. I do know that it was very difficult, even in the 50's to get a reasonably stable VFO (drift with changes in temperature was the biggest culprit).

73 de n8xx Hg

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> first use date significant? Was it just invented, was it just given
> FCC approval?If just given FCC approval, why was it not allowed
> before?
>
> 73 KD8CBJ

3121. GRARA Monthly Meeting, 7/6/2007, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-05 22:26:32 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3121 Message: 3121

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

GRARA Monthly Meeting
Friday July 6, 2007
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(This event repeats every month on the first Friday until Friday November 9, 2007.)
Location: Red Cross, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE, Grand Rapuids
Street: 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City State Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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3122. [KC-CERT] Ham license in a day..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-05 23:04:58 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 3122 Message: 3122

-----Original Message-----
From: kccert-bounces@... [mailto:kccert-bounces@...]On Behalf Of
Jeffrey Nawrot
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 3:25 PM
To: kccert@...; sarall@...
Subject: [KC-CERT] Ham license in a day..
Importance: High

Hi Everyone, if you are interested in getting your ham license we are
hosting a Ham in a day on July 22nd 2007 at the Grand Rapids Red Cross
Chapter house.

For more information please look below and to sign up please go to the link
listed! This is an easy way to get started in ham radio and then we will
put you in touch with your local clubs / organizations for more in-depth
information.

Ham in a day!
Get your Amateur Radio License in just one day!
Sponsored by the:
Kent County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency
Service
No Techno-Babble needed, this class is for anyone who wants their amateur
radio license
Date: Sunday July 22nd 2007
Cost: 30.00 Includes license Fee
Location: Red Cross 1050 Fuller Ave NE
Pre-Registration is required to reserve a spot in the class
Time: 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Testing will start at 6:00 PM
To register: http://www.kcraces.net/hiad.php
Questions: jnawrot@...
Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult!
Bring either drivers license or 2 pieces of identification
Coffee and Treats will be provided! Dress comfortably!
Small Print: This class uses memory retention, everyone learns differently.
Class is not a guarantee to getting your
license.

3124. Help needed for this Sunday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-06 01:21:41 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 3124 Message: 3124

Hello Everyone ? We are looking for help with the
Grand Haven Triathlon Festival
1.2mi swim, 56mi. bike, 13.1mi. run
1.5k swim, 40k bike, 10k run
500m swim, 20k bike, 5k run
July 8, 7:30am
This event runs in the City of Grand Haven and down the lake shore to Holland, So we are looking for some people from the Holland area to help at that end. Runs will be in the GH area and we will be working with GHPS and OCS. I will post more information as it comes available routes and maps are on this website ? http://www.3disciplines.com/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=3&year=2007&month=7&day=8&Itemid=0
This event is a early one ? it starts at 7:00 am ? I will post a meeting time for us as this will be different times for the positions ? this is Sunday July 8th
Please let me know if you can help out ?.73 Don Meyer 616-846-7307 or kb8odb@...
We will be meeting at Grand Haven Public Safety at 6:15 am on Sunday for the swim event at 7:00 and be in place for the run by 8:30 ?. We could use 6 hams in the Holland / West Olive area on Lakeshore dr?just South of Lincoln / Sprint turnaround ?? just south of Lake Michigan dr / Olympic turnaround ?. Just east on New Holland /Half turnaround ?. Also on the three turns Lakeshore / Perry ? Perry / 168th ? 168th / New Holland ? these positions need to be filled by 8:00am and will be assisting the OCSD and at this time I have no help for these positions so if you can help email me at kb8odb@... or call ? you would not have to come up to Grand Haven and we will get shirts for those that help out ?..
Everything was done by 1:30 last year ? Thanks for your help 73 Don

3125. Asphalt Adventure mini-hamfests, hamfest-lite

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-06 01:03:05 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3125 Message: 3125

START SPREADING THE NEWS!

Mini-Swaps coming back in the Grand Rapids area!

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club http://www.w8lrc.org/ is pleased to continue the summer 2007 series of , whatever you want to call it.

Next one SATURDAY, July 14. Setup 9AM, begin 10AM "until it ends", figure sometime past noon.

Here's the deal. The monthly LARC meeting will begin at 9, the swap immediately follows at 10. (Visitors always welcome at our meetings)
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Version: 7.5.446 / Virus Database: 269.6.8/797 - Release Date: 5/10/07 5:10 PM

3126. ARRL DX CW results are on the web

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-06 02:39:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3126 Message: 3126

The scores are up at the ARRL website

http://www.arrl.org/contests/results/

3127. Re: [WestMichiganHams] After training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-06 03:34:00 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3123 Message: 3127

Mark,

That would be awesome. If you have a flier send it to me. I'll be happy to print it off and hand it out. While yes I have turned out 200 some odd ham's in the last 18 months I do encourage them to get involved in club's, ares / races programs and generally just hammin it up. If anyone else has info or would be willing to "elmer" some new ham's from my HIAD program please drop me a note @ jnawrot@...

J

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; W8CSO ; OCEC/WMSAR ; Holland Club K8DAA
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 8:16 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] After training

Hi All,

Please let the folks know that even if they pass their test at Ham-in-a-Day they are welcome to come to my ham class for additional study. That way the 'pressure' is off as they passed their test and are welcome to join us to learn about ham radio.

Our class is still small and we are looking for more students. I teach all levels from apprentice (no license) to Extra. The Extras are also encouraged to join my class as I am always looking for new things to learn and the Extras can help teach the Generals.

Anyone interested please feel free to contact me at k8mhz@...

Most of our classes are held at the MAARC clubhouse but I have also had class in other places like Ross Park and the Muskegon EOC. Besides licensing I teach varying levels of radio operation, technical stuff, net control operation, emcomm, etc. I am also open to suggestion from any of you as to what we should cover. I also feel it is important to have fun in class and so far have managed to do so.

73

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Steve Vander Hill
To: W8CSO ; WestMichiganHams ; OCEC/WMSAR ; Holland Club K8DAA
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 07:04
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] [KC-CERT] Ham license in a day..

-----Original Message-----
From: kccert-bounces@... [mailto:kccert-bounces@...t]On Behalf Of Jeffrey Nawrot
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 3:25 PM
To: kccert@...; sarall@...

Subject: [KC-CERT] Ham license in a day..
Importance: High

Hi Everyone, if you are interested in getting your ham license we are hosting a Ham in a day on July 22nd 2007 at the Grand Rapids Red Cross Chapter house.

For more information please look below and to sign up please go to the link listed! This is an easy way to get started in ham radio and then we will put you in touch with your local clubs / organizations for more in-depth information.

Ham in a day!
Get your Amateur Radio License in just one day!
Sponsored by the:
Kent County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency
Service
No Techno-Babble needed, this class is for anyone who wants their amateur
radio license
Date: Sunday July 22nd 2007
Cost: 30.00 Includes license Fee
Location: Red Cross 1050 Fuller Ave NE
Pre-Registration is required to reserve a spot in the class
Time: 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Testing will start at 6:00 PM
To register: http://www.kcraces.net/hiad.php
Questions: jnawrot@...
Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult!
Bring either drivers license or 2 pieces of identification
Coffee and Treats will be provided! Dress comfortably!
Small Print: This class uses memory retention, everyone learns differently.
Class is not a guarantee to getting your
license.

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3129. Memorial for K8DMD, Details

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-06 10:34:14 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3129 Message: 3129

All:

I have been asked by Matt, K8MLD to get you details regarding the upcoming memorial service for his deceased wife, Dawn, K8DMD. From his email, I quote the following:

Dawn David--K8DMD,SK,died June 13 at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon.Dawn had a pulmonary embolism break off and lodge in her heart.She was 45 years old.
Although this is sad what happened,some good did come out of the situation. Through the"Gift of Life"and the Michigan Eye-Bank out of Ann Arbor,Dawn was able to help out 5 people through organ donation.Dawn helped 2 people see,helped 2 people get off dialysis and 1 with her healthy liver.
There will be a Special ceremony,presentation and a Memorial service on July 14,2007 at 1 PM at Muskegon State Park. We're going to meet at the corner of Memorial Dr. and Scenic Dr. We'll then proceed about 300 yds.into the south part of the park. There will also be dignitaries present-- 91st District State Representative Mary Valentine and also the "Gift of Life"people from Ann Arbor, to make presentations. Afterwards, all of us who are there, will be able to say a few words about Dawn; with Myself speaking last.
Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend, including Amateur Radio Operators from Newaygo County and surrounding Counties who knew Dawn and Me.
Please contact Bill--AB8SC or Myself at:K8MLD1@... and let us know. We'd be very honored if you could show up for this.

73 de K8MLD
88 de K8DMD,SK

3130. Re: Question about trivia question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-06 12:18:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3130 Message: 3130

O I C! When could Novices use Variable Frequency Oscillators? I can't answer that question, but, I have another question.

How many of you have legally contacted Australia on 11 Metres? (NOT illegally on CB!) I have, and I believe my father did, along with many of his contemporaries.

Before the FCC invented the Citizens Radio Service (CB), hams had 26.96 to 27.23 MHz as a band shared with Institutional, Scientific, and Medical (ISM). The main thing on the band was diathermy, with large, unshielded machines which supposedly heated up sore spots on the human anatomy and helped with healing.

But, I digress. Novices HF privileges were 80 and 11 metres - I'm not sure the 15 metre band existed at the time, and we definitely did NOT have 40 metre privileges. I had one crystal on 3723.9 KHz, and my father had one crystal which when quadrupled, was within the 11 metre band. (don't remember the exact frequency). My rig was a war surplus, single band, converted from VFO to crystal control, so I was stuck on 3723.9 KHz. However, occasionally I'd fire up my father's homebrew rig, make sure I wasn't running more than 75 watts (the power limit for Novices at the time) and try 11 metres. There was very little activity on the band, and one would occasionally get wiped out by diathermy, but I do remember working a VK3 once. That was quite a thrill for a new ham!

I remember that CB came along in 1953. The hams weren't happy that their 11 metre band was taken from them, but Novices got 40 metres (and I believe we also had the 15 metre band by then.)

So, that's another story of the early daze of Novices.

73 de n8xx Hg

3131. Coffee Break, 7/7/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-06 12:55:38 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3131 Message: 3131

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday July 7, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3132. IARU Contest - July 14-15 - NOT July 7-8

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-06 19:11:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3132 Message: 3132

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=============== Original message follows ==========================
Date: Fri, 6 Jul 2007 07:38:46 -0700
From: "Ward Silver" <hwardsil@...>
Subject: [CQ-Contest] IARU - July 14-15 - NOT July 7-8
To: "CQ-Contest Reflector" <cq-contest@...>

Folks,

The ARRL DX Bulletin is in error - the IARU HF Championship is on 14-15
July. It is NOT on July 7-8. I apologize for the error in Contest
Corral. The Web version of Contest Corral is correct as was the original
contest announcement in the April issue of QST. The DX Bulletin editor
apparently - and innocently - used information from July QST, not
realizing the information was incorrect. The fault is entirely that of
the Contest Corral editor, namely me.

Please relay this information to your local clubs, friends, neighbors, and
associates.

73, Ward N0AX
Editor, QST Contest Corral
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3133. Special Event Station US Battleship Dakota W0FSD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-07 17:05:36 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3133 Message: 3133

14.2633 snaged contact 3rd try.

Jul 7, 1500Z-2000Z, Sioux Falls, SD. Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club, W0FSD. USS South Dakota Battleship Crew Reunion. 146.895 28.450 21.365 14.260. Certificate. Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 91, Sioux Falls, SD 57101.

3134. OT: Grand Rapids PD officer killed in line of duty Sunday AM 7/8/07

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-08 13:59:13 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3134 Message: 3134
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Grand Rapids officer shot and killed

Updated: July 8, 2007 08:14 AM EDT

By PATRICK CENTER

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That intersection was closed for a while as police investigated, but it has now re-opened.

No other information is available at this writing. 24 Hour News 8 will have more details as they develop.

3136. thanks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-08 22:03:13 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 950 Message: 3136

Thank you to all who helped today at the grand haven triathlon everything went well with all your help and to kc8ovs jason thank you for answering the pageout for added help when the county had to pull there officers for the fatal accident at least there some that answer the page outs thanks again for all your help kc8uny John

3137. Re: [WestMichiganHams] OT: Grand Rapids PD officer killed in line of duty Sunday AM 7/8/07

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-08 22:11:41 UTC
From: Heath Scarbrough
Topic: 3134 Message: 3137

Sad day in GRPD. I met the Officer that was killed while working at Van Andel Arena.

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3142. Very Special-Special Event Station this weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-09 19:07:32 UTC
From: k8tb@bosscher.org
Topic: 3142 Message: 3142

Like Old Time Marine Radio, and morse code? Listen in to how it used to be done with the Marine Shore stations:

http://www.radiomarine.org/non8.html

The mainpage of this group is at:

http://www.radiomarine.org/

As licensed as amateur radio operators, we may not transmit back to the shore stations on the frequencies they normally listen to, however, K6KPH will be on the air, taking reception reports. Details in the link.

73 de Tom K8TB

3143. Grand Haven Coast Guard Events

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-09 23:53:24 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 3143 Message: 3143

Hello Everyone ?. The Grand Haven Coast Guard Events are coming up the end of this month and I am looking for help on Saturday July 28th from about 7:30 am to 12:00 noon with the YMCA run and the Family Parade and would love to see you out to help. Then on August 4th from 8:00am to around 4:00 pm with the Grand parade line-up and parade safety. I will be meeting soon with the parade committee and have the event times that as a volunteer you will be able to get into free and find out what time the breakfast is on August 4th which you are invited too for helping either weekend. Please try and keep one or both of these weekends open and come and help out ? I would like to have enough help that we can change people out and also give them a chance to enjoy the parade. GHPS has something to eat after the parade for us ?.. I will keep you update as I get exact times ?. Don Meyer - KB8ODB
If you can help please send me a email with your call shirt size and phone number or give me a call at 616-846-7307 leave a message if you get the machine. Kb8odb@...
If you have a family that will be coming with you we can make your assignment in the area they will be in watching the parade.
This is sponsored by the NOARC with help from OCEC and Hams from all over the USA coming to Grand Haven to join in the events to honor the United States Coast Guard.

3144. Something to remember SK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-10 01:50:22 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 3144 Message: 3144

Hello everyone ... In Remembrance of SK of Michigan I have added a datebase to the website ... it can be added to by all members and I am asking you to take time to add the SK you know of if they have not been listed yet and athough I am starting this in 2007 please list any you know of as fare back as you can remember .... if there is a website for them put this in the note area. If you have something short about them please put that in the notes if you have pictures of them start a file if there is not one started in the photo section under there call and just put photos in the note section .... any other Ideas you have please drop me a note ...73 Don - KB8ODB

3145. Hamfest in Ionia

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-10 10:59:01 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3145 Message: 3145

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From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
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3146. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hamfest in Ionia

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-10 14:16:35 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3145 Message: 3146

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73,
Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
To: West Michigan Hams
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2007 6:59 AM
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3147. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hamfest in NOT Ionia, mini-swap Lowell

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-11 12:56:21 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3145 Message: 3147

TOM KB8VEE: "Isn't there a Hamfest this Saturday 7-14 in Ionia?"
CHRIS: W8CJS: "I don't think it's a fest so much as it's a miniswap."

And it's in Lowell, not Ionia.

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club http://www.w8lrc.org/ is pleased to
continue the summer 2007 series of Asphalt Adventure mini-hamfests,
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----- Message from w8cjs@... ---------
Date: Tue, 10 Jul 2007 10:16:35 -0400
From: Chris Schulte <w8cjs@comcast.net>
Reply-To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hamfest in Ionia
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com

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3148. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-12 01:16:01 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 3148

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /A Beginners Guide To Your First CW Contact.doc
Uploaded by : jtporritt06 <jtporritt@...>
Description : A beginners guide to making CW contacts

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/A%20Beginners%20Guide%20To%20Your%20First%20CW%20Contact.doc

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

jtporritt06 <jtporritt@...>

3149. Helping Out.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-12 01:46:42 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 3149 Message: 3149

Hi all,

I am sitting here wondering to myself why it is that I help out.
Help out with runs.
Help out with parades.
Help out with Skywarn.
Help out with traffic control, search and rescue, walks and every other possible thing.

I love to help other people. That is what this hobby is all about to me. If I can get someone in a run help if they are injured, a lost child reunited with their parent at a parade.
Possibly help identify a severe storm for the people of our county to keep them safe.
Help with traffic control if the sheriffs department is overwhelmed with other calls of higher priority.
It doesn't matter if it is 90 degrees with 100% humidity. 25 degrees with a bitter north wind. 9:00 in the morning or 2:00 in the morning.
If we make it to all the meetings and make it to none of the call outs or events what is the point. I know that it is hard to help out all the time.
I myself have a lot going on with my wife and kids especially during the summer months. It is also hard to go to other parts of the county now with gas prices the way they are. We don't get paid for the things we do. To do the things that we do for other people you really have to have a strong desire to help other in their time of need. Even if it is not a true emergency.
I sure don't want it to sound like I'm on some soap box because I'm not perfect, but I just wanted to get my feelings off my chest. I just wish that we could come together as a group (OCEC/ARES) to show how much we care for the people of our communities and the visitors that show up all times of the year.

If you made it this far thanks for reading my ramblings. I love this hobby and hope to help my friends and neighbors for a long time to come.

Thanks Again Jason MacKay KC8OVS kc8ovs@...

Fussy? Opinionated? Impossible to please? Perfect. Join Yahoo!'s user panel and lay it on us.

3151. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-12 02:28:18 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3151 Message: 3151

Thanks, Tom, for this great post! I'll pass it along.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

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To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
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>
> To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
> http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files
>
> Regards,
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> jtporritt06 <jtporritt@...>
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3152. Ham in a day July 22nd

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-12 20:10:08 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 3152 Message: 3152
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

-----Original Message-----
From: SAR-MI@yahoogroups.com [mailto:SAR-MI@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Jeff
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2007 3:23 PM
To: sar-mi@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [SAR-MI] ham in a day July 22nd
Importance: High

All Please pass this on to anyone who may be interested!

Ham in a day!

Get your Amateur Radio License in just one day!

Sponsored by the:

Kent County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service

No Techno-Babble needed, this class is for anyone who wants their amateur radio license

Date: Sunday July 22nd 2007

Cost: 30.00 Includes license Fee

Location: Red Cross 1050 Fuller Ave NE

Pre-Registration is required to reserve a spot in the class

Time: 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Testing will start at 6:00 PM

To register http://kcraces.net/hiad.php

Questions: jnawrot@...

Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult!

Bring either drivers license or 2 pieces of identification

Coffee and Treats will be provided! Dress comfortably!

Small Print: This class uses memory retention, everyone learns differently. Class is not a guarantee to getting your license.

Sarall mailing list
Sarall@...

http://kcraces.net/mailman/listinfo/sarall_kcraces.net

3153. Tool Max open this Saturday 9-12

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-13 01:21:52 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3092 Message: 3153

All Hams

Mark your calendars for Saturday August 18 at Tool Max Parking Lot for TRUNK SALES, Food and much more with all of us from West Michigan Hams

New e mail address at Tool Max is toolmax@... or toolmax@comcast.net

We are going to be OPEN this Saturday.

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

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MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B23G Mirage 30 watt VHF Power Amp $40
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
HF Tuner $40
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

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From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

3154. Coffee Break, 7/14/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-13 12:57:23 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3154 Message: 3154

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

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Phone: 231 798-7898

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3155. Mini-Swap reminder, Saturday July 14, Lowell

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-13 14:19:48 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3155 Message: 3155

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club http://www.w8lrc.org/ is pleased to continue the summer 2007 series of Asphalt Adventure mini-hamfests, hamfest-lite, whatever you want to call it.

Next one SATURDAY, July 14. Setup 9AM, begin 10AM "until it ends", figure sometime past noon.
The monthly LARC meeting will begin at 9, the swap immediately follows at 10. (Visitors always welcome at our meetings)
Location, just outside the new shack, 11535 Fulton St E (Hwy-M21), West end of Lowell, between Cumberland Dr and Alden Nash Dr. About 1/2 mile west of Meijer. Same location as the
FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE.
Former location of Cumberland Manor.
Yahoo Map:
http://maps.yahoo.com/maps_result?addr=11535+Fulton+St+E&csz=49331&country=us&new=1&name=&qt
y=

Hope you can make it

73 Jack NY8D
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Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.446 / Virus Database: 269.6.8/797 - Release Date: 5/10/07 5:10 PM

3156. Thursday 7-12-07 waterspout pics needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-13 21:33:34 UTC
From: John Bok
Topic: 3155 Message: 3156

Greetings weather watchers...

Mike Heathfield from the NWS was curious if anyone got any pics of
the waterspouts on Thursday 7-12-07 that occurred near Grand Haven.
If you have any, or know of any email me n8wvn@... or the
NWS in Grand Rapids.

John Bok N8WVN

3159. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Thursday 7-12-07 waterspout pics needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-15 14:53:31 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 3155 Message: 3159

We missed photo opportunity for the spout(s) John.
As I reported I can confirm one - one person in my party said three...
Strong rotation - perhaps a diameter of 150ft at the water.
Able to take tops of the chop up to maybe 600/800ft before it
evaporated.

However - if Mike doesn't get high quality images of the not-roll cloud,
We *might* be able to provide a couple from a cell phone camera.
(low quality).
The visual on the cloud looked a lot like sheep's wool.
No rotation. Good wind shift and temp drop.

It's not that we were watching - we were out in it.
We remained pretty dry.
In any case - let me know...

On Fri, 2007-07-13 at 17:33 -0400, John Bok wrote:
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>
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>

73
de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

3160. [fpqrp] July RFTB (Run for the Bacon)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-15 16:57:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3160 Message: 3160

Here's a "fun" contest for those who want to unwind from the IARU World Championship Contest, or just want to have some fun. The average speed of the QRPers is <20 WPM, many send with straight keys, and 99.44% of them will QRS to whatever speed you're sending.

Join the fun es 72 de n8xx Hg (yes 72 is the QRP version of 73!)

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [fpqrp] July RFTB
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 17:19:09 -0400
From: Larry Makoski <Makos327@...>
To: Flying Pigs <fpqrp-l@...>

This Sunday evening the Flying Pigs Amateur Radio Club International will be holding its monthly Run For The Bacon. This is a friendly, two hour QRP CW Sprint, which is open to ALL radio amateurs, will last from 9:00 - 11:00PM EDT (0100-0300 UTC Monday).

You may work stations once per band on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 or 10 Meters. Suggested starting frequencies are 1.812, 3.562, 7.044, 14.062, 21.062, and 28.062 MHz.

The exchange is RST, S/P/C (State, Province, Country) and Flying Pigs membership number. If you're not a member of the Flying Pigs, and would like to be; then please click on the "membership" hyperlink on .http://www.gentzow.com/fpqrp/ Otherwise, non-members can just use their output power figure.

You can report your score via the Autolog page which can be found at : http://gentzow.com/fpqrp/autolog.asp or you can mail your logs to the address given on the Autolog page. The deadline for logs is July 22nd at 2400 UTC.

Hope to catch you on the air Sunday evening!

72 es "oo"
Larry W2LJ FP#612

3161. Coast Guard Grand Parade, 7/16/2007, 7:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-16 10:40:42 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3161 Message: 3161

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

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Monday July 16, 2007
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(This event repeats every third day until Saturday August 4, 2007.)
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3162. Coast Guard Family Parade/YMCA Run, 7/16/2007, 7:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-16 10:40:54 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3162 Message: 3162

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

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Monday July 16, 2007
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3164. Michigan QRP Net -3535 KHz 0100Z July 18 (9 p.m. EDT July 17)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-17 21:44:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3164 Message: 3164

Anyone interested in QRP is invited to check in tonight (July 17 Local time). WQ8RP is the Net Control. He will slow down to whatever speed you send, so don't be bashful

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [MIQRPClub] MI QRP Net
Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 06:01:29 -0400
From: ekwik@...
To: MIQRPClub@yahoogroups.com

The Michigan QRP Net meets each Tuesday night at 9:00 PM EDT (0100 UTC Wed) on 3.535 MHz. +/- QRM. All Hams are welcome.

Ed AB8DF

3165. Coast Guard Family Parade/YMCA Run, 7/19/2007, 7:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-19 10:41:19 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3165 Message: 3165

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

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3166. Coast Guard Grand Parade, 7/19/2007, 7:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-19 10:41:47 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3166 Message: 3166

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3167. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Coast Guard Family Parade/YMCA Run, 7/19/2007, 7:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-19 10:49:18 UTC
From: mapscenes@aol.com
Topic: 3167 Message: 3167

KB8ODB ...

If you need an extra hand for FRIDAY, 7-20-07 advise ... I have it free and could help.

Mick K8MIC

********** Get a sneak peek of the all-new AOL at http://discover.aol.com/memed/aolcom30tour

3168. Antenna Party at Grand Rapids Red Cross, Sat. 21 July 07 0900EDT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-19 17:26:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3168 Message: 3168

There will be an antenna party at the Grand Rapids Red Cross

1050 Fuller Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE

9:00 a.m. EDT, Saturday 21 July 2007.

Anyone and everyone interested are welcome. Hams, and would be hams, or friends of hams, or anyone who wants to know about hamming are welcome.

Just show up, with a hard hat (there will be tower work, so you wouldn't want to get hit in the head with a wrench or a bolt. :)

73 de n8xx Hg

3169. Mackinac Bridge 50th Anniversary Celebration

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-19 19:10:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3169 Message: 3169

Help is needed during the Mackinac Bridge 50th Anniversary Celebration,
July 28 and 29.

There's a small cadre of hams who have signed up to help, but there are
still gaps in the operational plan. W8M special event call is planned
to be activated with 4 transmitters on 80 thru 2 metres, and an ATV
station is being set up on 440 MHz.

Please look at http://www.macbridge50.info/

for general info,

http://www.macbridge50.info/activities.html

for setup and basic operating schedule

and

http://www.macbridge50.info/opsked.html

for detailed list of operators and times.

If you can spare a few hours, please contact John, KC8ULE, at
kc8ule@... to sign up. I'm sure he'll appreciate any help he can get.

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3170. Mackinac Bridge 50th Anniversary Celebration

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-19 19:17:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3169 Message: 3170

OOPPS, my first message had the wrong dates for the celebration...

Help is needed during the Mackinac Bridge 50th Anniversary Celebration,
July 27 and 28. (Friday and Saturday)

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3171. Coffee Break, 7/21/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-20 12:55:55 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3171 Message: 3171

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

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3172. Fw: WB9SKY-11 balloon launch scheduled today, July 20 and sends APRS digital position

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-20 16:10:21 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3172 Message: 3172
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----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Patrick Ryan KC6VVT <kc6vvt@...>
To: illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2007 10:45:31 AM
Subject: [illinoisdigitalham] WB9SKY-11 balloon launch scheduled today, July 20 and sends APRS digital position

Friday 20Jul07 Noon CDT 17:00UT
NEW DATE & INFO
Far Horizons-4
Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum Chicago, IL
Kankakee Airport, IL (3KK)
41° 6' 0.12"N
87° 55' 0.16"W
WB9SKY-11
144.390 APRS
146.565 FM/CW Bcn
Middle school students participating
WB9SKY-11 balloon launch scheduled today, July 20,
Great day for a balloon launch in IL

APRS and T-Hunt frequencies used, watch APRS and listen for the beacon.
Also Internet when aloft if APRS up, watch for changes of location at thisURL, especially Altitude is A=_______
http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=WB9SKY-11
--
R. Patrick Ryan
ARS: KC6VVT

kc6vvt@...

_____
Looking for a deal? Find great prices on flights and hotels with Yahoo! FareChase.
http://farechase.yahoo.com/

3173. Tool Max open this Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-20 17:02:31 UTC
From: kb8vee@comcast.net
Topic: 3049 Message: 3173

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-22 10:40:43 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3174 Message: 3174

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
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3175. Coast Guard Grand Parade, 7/22/2007, 7:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-22 10:40:44 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3175 Message: 3175

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
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3176. ARRL August UHF Contest, August 4 & 5

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-22 22:42:31 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3176 Message: 3176

2007 ARRL August UHF Contest Rules

General Rules

Rules – 2007 ARRL August UHF Contest
Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many 2 degrees by 1 degrees grid squares as possible using authorized amateur frequencies above 222 MHz and all authorized modes of emission.
Date and Contest Period: First full weekend of August. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 1800 UTC Sunday (August 4-5, 2007). Entrants may use as much of this time as they wish.
Entry Categories:
3.1 Single Operator – Low Power
3.2 Single Operator – High Power
3.3 Rover.
3.3 Multioperator.
Exchange: Grid-square locator (see April 1994 QST, page 86 or www.arrl.org/locate/gridinto.html).
4.1 Exchange of signal report is optional.
Scoring:
5.1 QSO points:
5.1.1 Count three points for each complete 222- or 432-MHz QSO.
5.1.2 Count six points for each complete 902- or 1296-MHz QSO.
5.1.3 Count 12 points for each 2.3-GHz (or higher) QSO.
5.2 Multiplier: The total number of different grid squares worked per band. Each 2 degree by 1 degree grid square counts as one multiplier on each band it is worked.
5.3 Final score: Multiply the total number of QSO points from all bands operated by the total number of multipliers for final score. Example: W1AW works W3CCX in FN20 on 222, 432 and 1296 MHz. This gives W1AW 12 QSO points (3 + 3 + 6) and also three grid-square multipliers. Final score is 12 QSO points X 3 multipliers, or 36.
5.4 Rovers only: The final score consists of the total number of QSO points from all bands times the sum of unique multipliers (grid squares) worked per band (regardless of which grid square they were made in) plus one additional multiplier for every grid square activated (made a contact from).
5.4.1 Rovers are listed in the contest score listings under the Division from which the most QSOs were made.
Miscellaneous:
6.1 Partial QSOs do not count. Both callsigns, full exchanges and acknowledgment must be sent and received.
6.2 A transmitter, receiver or antenna used to contact one or more stations under one call sign may not be used subsequently during the contest period under any other call sign (with the exception of family stations). The intent of this rule is to accommodate family members who must share a rig, not to manufacture artificial contacts.
6.3 All equipment and antennas used by entrants must be owned and operated by amateurs. Use of non-amateur owned gear is not prohibited, but use of such equipment places the entrant in a separate category, ineligible for awards.

6.4 Contacts made by re-transmitting either or both stations, whether by satellite or terrestrial means, are prohibited. Frequencies regularly occupied by a repeater in a locality may not be used for contest work, even if the repeater is turned off.
Awards: Certificates will be awarded in the following categories:
7.1 Top single-operator High and Low power score in each ARRL Division.
7.2 Top single operator High and Low power score on each band (222, 432, 902, 1296 and 2304-and-up categories) in each ARRL Division where significant effort or competition is evidenced. (Note: Since the highest score per band will be the award winner for that band, an entrant may win a certificate with additional single-band achievement stickers.) For example, if W1AW has the highest single-operator multi-band score in the Atlantic Division and his 432-MHz score is higher than any other Atlantic Division single-operator's, he will earn both a certificate for being the single-operator Division leader and an endorsement sticker for 432 MHz.
7.3 Top multi-operator score in each ARRL Division where significant effort or competition is evidenced. (Multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
Additional certificates may be awarded where significant effort or competition is evidenced.
Submission: Deadline for submission of entries for this contest is September 6, 2007.
8.1 Paper logs and properly completed summary sheets should be mailed to: August UHF Contest, ARRL. 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111.
8.2 Cabrillo formatter logs should be emailed to AugustUHF@...
8.3 Participants may submit using the Web Applet at www.b4h.net/cabforms .
8.4 Entries postmarked or email dated after the deadline may only be considered checklogs.
Other: See "General Rules for All ARRL Contests" and "General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands above 50 MHz (VHF)" November 2001 QST. These are also available at the Contest Branch Website at: http://www.arrl.org/contests .Questions regarding this contest should be emailed to contests@... . Only use the contest-name email for submission of entries. All contest forms and rules may be downloaded at: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/

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Choose the right car based on your needs. Check out Yahoo! Autos new Car Finder tool.
http://autos.yahoo.com/carfinder/

3177. Upcoming Newaygo County Drill

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-24 21:25:12 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 3177 Message: 3177
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3178. Coast Guard Family Parade/YMCA Run, 7/25/2007, 7:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-25 10:41:45 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3178 Message: 3178

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coast Guard Family Parade/YMCA Run
Wednesday July 25, 2007
7:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every third day until Saturday July 28, 2007.)
Location: Grand Haven

Notes:
Looking for hams to help out Contact KB8ODB

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3179. Coast Guard Grand Parade, 7/25/2007, 7:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-25 10:42:06 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3179 Message: 3179

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

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Wednesday July 25, 2007
7:00 am - 4:00 pm
(This event repeats every third day until Saturday August 4, 2007.)
Location: Grand Haven

Notes:
Please contact KB8ODB if you can help out with this event- early time is for breakfast at Russ's in GH

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3180. lighting information

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-25 17:25:54 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3180 Message: 3180

Interesting information on lighting.

http://science.nasa.gov/newhome/headlines/essd18jun99_1.htm

3181. ride for the club meeting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-25 23:39:30 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3181 Message: 3181

Hi list:

I was wondering if anyone is available to give me a ride to the club meeting for the MAARC club meeting on thursday night august 2nd.

If it's necessary, I can put a little bit of gas in someone's tank for their trouble. If someone can help me out with that, please contact me off list at:
w8cjs@...
Or you can call me at 231-206-5464

Thanks and 73,
chris, w8cjs

3183. J-Pole Portable antenna system

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-26 05:17:24 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3183 Message: 3183

I dont usually get excited about DIY antenna stuff since most looks very cobbled and when it comes to being in the field I like it to look pretty.. Yes I'm picky..

http://hometown.aol.com/alonestaryank/VHFDeploy.html

This guy has a super cool idea here.

I'm so geeked I'll be at lowe's in the morning buying the peices part's to build this at work when I have time!

Now if I could just figure out how to incorporate a jpole into my walking stick.. Anyone have ideas?

3184. Re: [WestMichiganHams] RE: Lightning information

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-26 10:52:25 UTC
From: Don LaBrenz
Topic: 3182 Message: 3184

Thanks for the Info Mark,

You saved me a lot of typing. (I talk about a lot of the same stuff in my electrical safety class)

It is true that a vast majority of all electrocutions in this county occur at under 600 volts.

To put it in prospective, that 100 milliamps of electric current that can kill you is 1/10 of an amperes of electric current. The smallest overcurrent device (fuse or circuit breaker) you will find in a home is typically 15 amperes and in an industrial setting is 20 amperes. The human body exhibits more resistance than a 100 watt light bulb and that device does not trip a circuit breaker or open a fuse.

Just some more food for thought

73 de Don, WB8I

k8mhz@... wrote:
>
> While the article may have some good information about lightning I
> would like to point out some mistakes concerning industrial
> electrical shocks.
>
> /"Industrial shocks rarely last longer than half a second (500
> milliseconds) because a circuit breaker opens or the person is thrown
> far from the live conductor."/
>
> This is NOT true. A current of 50 - 150 milliamperes can KILL a
> person and is not sufficient to open a circuit breaker of any size.
> While it is possible that a person's muscle contractions can throw
> them from the source of the electricity it is also possible the
> opposite will happen, that is they won't be able to let go. A circuit
> breaker is designed to protect wiring and equipment and will *NOT*
> open to protect a person. That is what a GFCI is designed to do.
> This chart explains the effects of current on a human better than I can:
> **
> *Below 1 milliampere * Generally not perceptible
>
> *1 milliampere * Faint tingle
>
> *5 milliamperes * Slight shock felt; not painful but disturbing.
> Average individual can let go. Strong involuntary reactions can lead
> to other injuries.
>

> *6--25 milliamperes (women) * Painful shock, loss of muscular control*
>
> *9--30 milliamperes (men) * The freezing current or "let-go" range.*
> Individual cannot let go, but can be thrown away from the circuit if
> extensor muscles are stimulated.
>
> *50--150 milliamperes* Extreme pain, respiratory arrest, severe
> muscular contractions. Death is possible.
>
> *1,000--4,300 milliamperes * Rhythmic pumping action of the heart
> ceases. Muscular contraction and nerve damage occur; death likely.
>
> *10,000 milliamperes * Cardiac arrest, severe burns; death probable
>
> * If the extensor muscles are excited by the shock, the person may be
> thrown away from the power source.
>
> Source: W.B. Kouwenhoven, "Human Safety and Electric Shock,"
> Electrical Safety Practices, Monograph, 112, Instrument Society of
> America, p. 93. November 1968.
>
> /"For one thing, the contact voltage of a typical industrial
> electrical shock is 20 to 63 kilovolts,"/
>
> This simply is not true. Typically, industrial voltages range from
> 120 to 600 VAC with a few motors requiring 4,160 volts and some step
> down transformers require 12,000 volts on the line side. In my decade
> plus long experience as an industrial electrician working in many
> factories and power plants I have NEVER seen supply voltages exceeding
> 18,000 volts inside any of them. Voltages of 20 to 63 KV are present
> in distribution lines outside the factories. The only exception I
> have ever seen to this is voltages of 80 KV in high potentiometer test
> equipment that I used to test iso-phase conductors meant to carry
> 18,000 volts from the generators in a power plant. Since the higher
> the voltage the more rare it is most fatalities come from voltages of
> 120 and 277 volts with 120 volts being responsible for more than half
> of them.
>
> "OSHA statistics show that several hundred deaths occur annually as a
> result of electrical shock. Over one-half of these deaths are the
> result of contact with low voltage, primarily 120-volts. Residential,
> commercial, industrial, farm, and utility accidents are included in
> these statistics. NIOSH statistics show that electrical contact
> results in 4,000 non-disabling and 3,600 disabling injuries annually
> in the United States, plus ONE death in the workplace every day."
>
> -Dennis K. Neitzel, CPE Senior Member, IEEE AVO Training Institute,
> Inc. 4271 Bronze Way Dallas, Texas 75237
>
> My point is don't think you are safe just because you are working on

> 120 volt equipment as the article would lead a lay person to possibly
> believe. Besides being a Journeyman Electrician I have over 20 years
> experience in industrial maintenance and I have also completed OSHA 10
> and OSHA 30 safety courses.
>
> 73,
>
> Mark Derby, K8MHZ
>
> "It's volts that jolts, but it's mills that kills"
> -Author unknown
>
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> *From:* Jim KC8PCJ <mailto:kc8pcj@...>
> *To:* MCARES@yahoogroups.com <mailto:MCARES@yahoogroups.com> ;
> mcecsstaff@yahoogroups.com <mailto:mcecsstaff@yahoogroups.com> ;
> westmichiganhams <mailto:westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com>
> *Sent:* Wednesday, July 25, 2007 01:25
> *Subject:* [WestMichiganHams] lighting information
>
> Interesting information on lighting.
>
> http://science.nasa.gov/newhome/headlines/essd18jun99_1.htm
> <http://science.nasa.gov/newhome/headlines/essd18jun99_1.htm>
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> ---
> No virus found in this incoming message.
> Checked by AVG Free Edition.
> Version: 7.5.476 / Virus Database: 269.10.19/917 - Release Date:
> 7/25/2007 1:16 AM
>
>

3186. How to get your kids into Science.....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-26 14:00:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3186 Message: 3186

Want to get your kids/grandkids interested in electronics @ an early age? Try:

http://www.evilmadscientist.com/article.php/circuitsnacks

Very interesting - I think it would take quite a while to make enough snacks for a kid's b-day party, but, what the h.... Getting someone interested in science/electronics is a great goal!

73 de n8xx Hg

3187. Fw: Mackinac Bridge Special Event station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-26 15:09:47 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3187 Message: 3187

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Mike Swiatkowski <aa9vi@...>
To: ns9rc@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2007 9:30:32 AM
Subject: [NS9RC] Mackinac Bridge Special Event station

A Reminder:
BIG MAC Celebrates 50 Years
50th Anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge
Special Event Station Alert!
Amateur radio clubs and individual hams across Michigan are invited to
get involved in this once-in-a-lifetime celebration of the single
symbol of Michigan best-known around the world, the Mackinac Bridge.
This very exciting Special Event Station will be on the air from 2:00
to 10:00 PM EDT on Friday July 27 and 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM EDT on Saturday July 28.

Call Sign: W8M
BAND Frequencies/Modes
75/80 3.550 CW, 3.850 LSB
40 7.050 CW, 7.070 PSK31, 7.250 LSB
20 14.050 CW, 14.070 PSK31, 14.250 USB
15 21.250 USB
10 As band conditions permit
6 As band conditions permit
2 146.52
70 cm ATV

For more information check out: http://macbridge50.info/qsl.html

73,
Mike, AA9VI

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3189. Coffee Break, 7/28/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-27 12:59:52 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3189 Message: 3189

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday July 28, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3192. Tool Max open this Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-27 14:15:50 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3049 Message: 3192

All Hams

Mark your calendars for Saturday August 18 at Tool Max RADIO EXPO 2007 Parking Lot Sale

TRUNK SALES, $5 a spot
Car Wash, for church youth group
Old Cars and Stock Cars,
Bounce Room for the Kids,
Food and much more with all of us from West Michigan Hams

New e mail address at Tool Max is toolmax@... or toolmax@...

We are going to be OPEN this Saturday.

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

New this week
AL-80A Ameritron 1KW HF Amplifier $950
MFJ 945D 100W Antenna Tuner
Model 500 Palomar 100 Watt SWR/ Watt Meter $25

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock
Connectors in Stock
SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30

We are the only Dealer in Michigan for Jetstream Products Check out the items available
http://www.jetstream-usa.com/index.shtml
14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply (28Amp and 45Amp),Antennas, Switches, and lighting arresters are in.

Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
300 ohm twin lead 100Ft $10.00
RG-8 .60 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .35 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00

Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class New as of July 1 $20.95 Old General Study books (6) SALE $8.00 each
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

Bearcat BC 560XLT 16 Ch Scanner $40
Yaesu FT-890 HF Radio needs new Finals for transmit $225
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Johnson SWR Meter $2
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
DB 1015 10/15 meter High Gain Beam $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the new retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 behind the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant in Muskegon . We have tools,

industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.For more information call me at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 9:00AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.
From Tool Max Industrial Supply 231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3193. Ham Truck for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-27 22:22:40 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3193 Message: 3193

All:

I have a 1996 GMC suburban that was purchased a month ago to make a "ham command" truck I'm just not financially motivated to pursue building of the truck.

I am selling the truck for 3200.00

For 3200.00 you get the following:

The truck GMC Suburban 1500 series, 4x4 works, blows cold air, front and rear air.

4 Motorola NMO Antenna Mounts 3 are run to the front of the truck to the center console, 1 to the back by the rear doors

2 Comet Dual band antennas
1 Generic 38 inch dual band
1 VHF Motorola whip

The following Power has been run

8 Gauge Marine power wire to the center console terminated into a blue sea 12 place fuse box
12 Volt Power run to the rear of the truck
Currently the 12 Volt power in rear is terminated into a Kenwood TMV7A that is in perfect working order, screen is the newer unit so it does not have the lines like some of the older ones did

I had planned to order a center console to mount all my radios in front and a few other goodies.

If you buy it I'll be happy to give you plenty of ideas as to what I was going to do.

Its in Wyoming, Michigan and is available most days to test drive.

Truck drives very nice and I hate to give up on this project I just have decided to go in a different direction.

Of course, how do you get a hold of me? 616 889 7101 9AM - 9PM or email jnawrot@kcvrm.net and we can make arrangements. If you happen to be someone I know or you know someone I know who will vouch for you, I may even be willing to do a couple of payments if the DP is big enough. I have some pictures that I'll send you if you ask. Email me direct, please do not reply to the list on this and please email the above email addy if you want a quick reply.

Tnx

Jeff

3194. Coast Guard Grand Parade, 7/28/2007, 7:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-28 10:41:07 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3194 Message: 3194

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
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3195. Coast Guard Family Parade/YMCA Run, 7/28/2007, 7:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-28 10:41:11 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3195 Message: 3195

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

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3196. Mac Bridge Special event station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-28 22:20:52 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3196 Message: 3196

W8M is 59 on 7.250 Got the contact on the first try from muskegon.

3198. Re: Mac Bridge Special event station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-29 16:54:44 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3196 Message: 3198

All:

Yes, it was fun listening to the Mackinac Bridge Special Event. They seemed to be primarily on forty meters. While hanging around seventy-five meters I learned that Leo, WD8DCA went up north and worked the shack, twenty meters, on Friday. He filled a page and a half with contacts. When he pulled the plug (lost his voice) the Lowell ARGYL group was there to run the show. They had two shacks. The antennas were supported with a Tall tower mounted on a trailer!

I thought their use of forty meters was about perfect for our Michigan. A nice distance band. Before getting W8Mackinac I got a QSO with a guy over at the HUGE air show in Oshkosh, WI. A nice plus.

Would anyone like to pool our QSL cards and get our wallpaper sent back together? I'm game.

Maybe we should try to get a few special event stations next Saturday at the new ham orientation at the MAARC clubhouse? Stop out and lend a hand!

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3199. August meeting for the MAARC - Radio Controlled Aircraft with Ron Hayward

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-30 17:14:34 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 3199 Message: 3199

Hello, All:

This Thursday, August 2nd, at 7:00 p.m., we will be holding our monthly meeting of the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council. Our clubhouse is located at 2888 Scenic Drive, Muskegon. Ron Hayward, from the Port City Radio Control Club, will present this month's program. He's a builder, adviser, and instructor in the hobby of radio controlled aircraft. Ron is not a ham, but after the presentation, perhaps we can talk him into it with the lure of that added frequency space for ham radio control ops. The program is held before the general business meeting. If you wish, bring along a young person who might be interested in this program, it'll be fun.

Linda Rosenthal, AB8QH
Vice-President, MAARC

3200. Re: [WestMichiganHams] August meeting for the MAARC - Radio Controlled Aircraft with Ron Hayward

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-30 18:34:22 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3199 Message: 3200

I'd like to find a ride to this meeting if I could. For that matter, if someone or some people can set up a possible rotating schedule of rides for the monthly meetings, I wouldn't have a problem helping out with cash for gas.

73,
Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: Linda
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 1:14 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] August meeting for the MAARC - Radio Controlled Aircraft with Ron Hayward

Hello, All:

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Linda Rosenthal, AB8QH
Vice-President, MAARC

3201. Mackinac Bridge Special event station W8B from an operator's perspective

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-30 19:39:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3196 Message: 3201

View from W8M, Mackinac Bridge 50th Annivesary station

I had a blast! I got to the site a few minutes after 3 p.m. Saturday (july 28) and plopped down on 20 metre CW. Band conditions were "so-so", and antoher station (on 15 metres?) was occupying the beam antenna, so I had a tough time fighting the mob who were working the Islands on the Air (IOTA) contest. I did get into the fray for a few contacts, but didn't know the exchange, so I may have messed a few contesters up. After a few exchanges, the band went dead - nothing, nada, nil - I thought the rig might have blown something. But, within 5 minutes Europe started rolling it. They were loud enough, but the 100 watts to a wire antenna wouldn't hack the distance. East coast stations were still booming it, but not much from the other directions.

After a while another op wanted to experiment with Slow Scan TV, so I relinquished the rig to him. I found a "facility" and then looked over the general site - there were two BIG tents and several vendors tents. And, the iron workers union had a huge setup made of iron - to show off their abilities. The people at W8M told me that prior to my arrival the iron workers would periodically start up a riveting machine or some other piece of heavy equipment, which would make use of headphones a necessity.

W8M had three rigs, two in a tent, and the third in the State Police Emergency Operating center located on site. It had a 75' crank up tower, which was mounted on a trailer. On top the the tower was a "screwdriver beam antenna" which sensed the operating frequency and adjusted the length of the three elements for proper match. (Nice beam - the organizer of the event said he didn't know the cost of the array plus the antenna, but though it was "about the price of a small automobile." :) Two wire antennae were strung from the tower for two rigs. The major downside of this array was that the antenna were so close to each other than we couldn't operate CW on a band where phone was being used, so the chioces were limited.

When I got back another station had occupied 20 metres (on phone) so I found the Upper Peninsula Phone Net on 3921 KHz, checked into the "pre net" and worked a few of the stations. When the net started I advised NCS that I was moving to 3850, and had a run of about 75 stations in about 30 minutes. The major limitation in working this pileup was local noise - QRN was s9 at the start, after I figured out that an APRS station was creating some of the noise it went down to S5 to S7, but it was hard to pull stations out of the noise unless they were "booming in." I moved to 80 CW on 3550 KHz for a short

while at the request of KK8I, but it was too early for the casual operator to think of working 80 metres.

Generally, the number of contacts and the speed of making contacts were a function of

1. The number of stations who knew about the event, and therefore were listening on the band of choice.

2. Whether someone out there in radio land had put the call and frequency into a DX cluster. (Activity picked up for several minutes after I suggested that someone listening to 3850 put my whereabouts on the DX clusters.)

3. The amount of local RFI interference - working through s-5 through s-9 broadband hash was not a very pleasant experience.

4. The operator's inclination to "work a run" or "ragchew" for each contact. 100 or more Q's per minute were easy on a fresh band where there was a pileup waiting to happen, as happened on 75 metres phone when I announced my presence on the UP net. (And, I'm not much of a phone operator - I prefer CW.)

The organizing crew, headed by John, KC8ULE, should be given much credit for setting this up. This was one of the better events of its nature in which I've participated. The 75' tower was awesome! And, three stations, capable of operating simultaneously, was a big plus.

The only distraction was that antenna for the stations weren't physically separated - so SSB and CW couldn't be operated at the same time on the same band at the same time. It would have been a logistical nightmare to separate the stations, so we "did the best we could with what we had!"

For those who haven't inquired, QSL info:

Attractive QSL Card OR a QSL Certificate are available to hams who work the special event station and to SWL's. QSL packet includes Card OR Certificate plus information about the Mackinac Bridge. Specify Card or Certificate; enclose $1 and SASE of appropriate size. Send your QSL card/QSL request to

W8M ☐ Mac50 Event
c/o KD8DKU - Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club
8 Southfork St
Marquette, Michigan 49855

73 de n8xx Hg

3202. Re: August meeting for the MAARC - Radio Controlled Aircraft with Ron Hayward

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-30 19:41:59 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 3199 Message: 3202

Chris:

Can you tell the list where you are residing now? You moved from
Norton Shores to Egelston Township, yes?

Linda, AB8QH

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Chris Schulte" <w8cjs@...>
wrote:
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Linda
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 1:14 PM
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3204. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: August meeting for the MAARC - Radio Controlled Aircraft with Ron Hayward

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-30 20:17:47 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3199 Message: 3204

Yes, I am in egelcraft mobile home park.
Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: Linda
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 3:41 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: August meeting for the MAARC - Radio Controlled Aircraft with Ron Hayward

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3205. Coast Guard Grand Parade, 7/31/2007, 7:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-31 10:40:52 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3205 Message: 3205

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coast Guard Grand Parade
Tuesday July 31, 2007
7:00 am - 4:00 pm
(This event repeats every third day until Saturday August 4, 2007.)
Location: Grand Haven

Notes:
Please contact KB8ODB if you can help out with this event- early time is for breakfast at Russ's in GH

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3206. National American Red Cross Communications Vehicle

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-31 19:02:11 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 3206 Message: 3206

Hello, passing on some information from Sindee Maxwell (Executive Director, Ottawa ARC), that this Friday night, at 7:00pm, at the Ottawa County Red Cross Chapter (270 James St.Holland), one of the National American Red Cross Communications vehicles will be setup for local HAMS to view and talk with the crew.

This also might be a great photo opportunity for the HAM community with the Sentinel or Lakeshore Press if anyone has those connections.

Best regards,

Steve Vander Hill - N8UJD

3207. 1.2 ghz activity in the area?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-07-31 23:38:34 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3207 Message: 3207

Hi List:

I was wondering if there is any activity around the west Michigan area on 1.2 ghz? I'm asking this because as more funds become available to me, I'm considering purchasing some d-star stuff. I know that it would be easier for me to get a coordinated pair on 1.2 ghz, but I don't want to put up a repeater up there if there's not going to be anyone using it.

Thanks and 73,
Chris, w8cjs

3208. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 1.2 ghz activity in the area?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-01 00:17:30 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3207 Message: 3208

Chris, go to www.wmporn.net or email Sam @ snabkey@...

J

----- Original Message -----
From: "Chris Schulte" <w8cjs@...>
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Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 7:38 PM
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3212. Re: National American Red Cross Communications Vehicle

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-01 13:34:56 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3206 Message: 3212

> This also might be a great photo opportunity for the HAM community with the Sentinel or Lakeshore Press if anyone has those connections.<

Often it is easier to just ask the question, "Hey, why doesn't the press love ham radio?" When the statement might better be, "Wow, an opportunity to showcase ham radio!"

Yes, getting a reporter for the event would help encourage the paper to publish the ham friendly material. I also suggest that taking a ham friendly photograph and combining the picture with some ham friendly text featuring a contemporary ham related event would also encourage the newspapers to use the material in their publication.

One is a bit more proactive than the other? Imagine the newspaper's editor trying to manage his tiny staff. Through the door walks a great people friendly story that is fully developed and ready to publish. Through that same door the editor must dispatch his lean staff to cover an event. Where might success be more likely?

An idea to consider.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3213. Tool Max Parking Lot Trunk Sales

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-01 19:06:14 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3213 Message: 3213

Tool Max Industrial Supply First Annual Parking Lot Trunk Sales

Radio Expo 2007
Saturday August 18, 2007 8AM-1PM
6516 Schamber Dr Muskegon MI Just off US-31 and Pontaluna Rd in Muskegon
Come meet your Ham Radio friends from Western Michigan and have Food Fun and Pop for everybody
Bring your Radios, Computers, Tools, and Electronics to Sell
Come see Old Cars, Race Cars, and Emergency Radio Command Posts and much more

Trunk Sales only $5.00 per space
Hot Dogs $1.00 Pop $.50

For Trunk Sales Reservation call (231) 798-7898

3214. Help still needed this weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-01 22:01:13 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 3214 Message: 3214

Hello Everyone... We are still looking for help for this Saturdays Coast Guard Parade .... You can come down for breakfast we are meeting at 7:00am and breakfast is at 7:30 at Russ's in Grand Haven (Breakfast is on the CGPAC) or you can meet us at the Grand Haven Public Safety Lot at 10:30 for help with the Grand Parade ... we are working both parade line up and parade safety we will be done around 3:30 and GHPS will have hotdogs and stuf at the fire station .... please have your hand held radio setup for 145.49 with sub tone and 443.750 with sub tone if you have a duobander a ear bud or head phone so you can hear good ... thanks for helping 73 Don KB8ODB

If you can help contact me @ kb8odb@... or 616-846-7307

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

3215. Training for August Field station expo

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-02 03:13:27 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3215 Message: 3215

The training portion of the MCECS meeting on Monday August 13 will be a field station demo/expo. Anyone with a field station please bring it along. We will be setting up at a nearby park right after the business part of the meeting. This is a great time to get new ideas from other hams and show the ideas you have setup in your station. Last year there were stations as simply as 2M FM voice in a tool box to stations with HF/vhf/uhf and packet capabilities. The more stations we have setup, the more we can all learn from each other and be better prepared for the needs of our community in the event of an emergency. Even if you don't have a field station please feel free to tag along. This is a fun event.

3216. Re: Training for August Field station expo

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-02 10:03:13 UTC
From: Jim Miller
Topic: 3215 Message: 3216

Jim-
Is this an open meeting or for MCECS members only?

If it is an open meeting, what is the time and location?

Thanks for the info.

Jim - kd8fcv

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3217. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Training for August Field station expo

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-02 21:57:16 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3215 Message: 3217

The MCECS General meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month is open to anyone who would like to attend. It is a 7:00PM at the Muskegon County emergency operations center on the corner of Harvey and Oak. It is across the steet from Mercy/General Hospital. From US31 go east on Apple AVe. Turn left at first light(plumbs on corner) follow around behind plumbs store. Road will turn back to right building is on right. Park in south lot lower level. Look for antennas on cars. We will also be monitoring the 146.820 repeater. Hope to see you there.

Jim KC8PCJ

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim Miller
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2007 6:03 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Training for August Field station expo

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3218. GRARA Monthly Meeting, 8/3/2007, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-02 22:25:57 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3218 Message: 3218

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

GRARA Monthly Meeting
Friday August 3, 2007
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(This event repeats every month on the first Friday until Friday November 9, 2007.)
Location: Red Cross, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE, Grand Rapuids
Street: 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City State Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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3219. Coast Guard Grand Parade, 8/3/2007, 7:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-03 10:42:31 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3219 Message: 3219

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coast Guard Grand Parade
Friday August 3, 2007
7:00 am - 4:00 pm
(This event repeats every third day until Saturday August 4, 2007.)
Location: Grand Haven

Notes:
Please contact KB8ODB if you can help out with this event- early time is for breakfast at Russ's in GH

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3220. Tool Max Closed for Coast Guard

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-03 11:06:13 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3220 Message: 3220

All Hams
I will not be in on Saturday so I can help with Coast Guard doing in Grand Haven.

Mark your calendars for Saturday August 18 at Tool Max RADIO EXPO 2007 Parking Lot Sale

TRUNK SALES, $5 a spot
Car Wash, for church youth group
Old Cars and Stock Cars,
Air Bounce Room for the Kids,
Food and much more with all of us from West Michigan Hams

New e mail address at Tool Max is toolmax@... or toolmax@...

We are going to be Closed this Saturday.

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

New this week
Radio Shack 2 Meter 30 Watt Amplifier $35
AL-80A Ameritron 1KW HF Amplifier $950
MFJ 945D 100W Antenna Tuner $30
Model 500 Palomar 100 Watt SWR/ Watt Meter $25

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock
Connectors in Stock
SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30

We are the only Dealer in Michigan for Jetstream Products Check out the items available
http://www.jetstream-usa.com/index.shtml
14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply (28Amp and 45Amp),Antennas, Switches, and lighting arresters are in.

Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
300 ohm twin lead 100Ft $10.00
RG-8 .60 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .35 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X and RG 58 $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea

2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class New as of July 1 $20.95 Old General Study books (6) SALE $8.00 each
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

Bearcat BC 560XLT 16 Ch Scanner $40
Yaesu FT-890 HF Radio needs work on transmit $225
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Johnson SWR Meter $2
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
DB 1015 10/15 meter High Gain Beam $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the new retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 behind the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant Property in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.For more information call me at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 9:00AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.
From Tool Max Industrial Supply 231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@comcast.net Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

3222. Beware the Mars Hoax

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-04 22:42:07 UTC
From: Frank
Topic: 3222 Message: 3222

Space Weather News for August 4, 2007
http://spaceweather.com

BEWARE THE MARS HOAX: It's August, which means it's time for the annual Mars Hoax. An email is going around claiming that Mars will approach Earth on August 27th; the encounter will be so close, the email states, that Mars will rival the full Moon in size and brightness. (Imagine the tides!) Don't believe it. The Mars Hoax email first appeared in 2003. On August 27th of that year, Mars really did come historically close to Earth. But the email's claim that Mars would rival the Moon was grossly exaggerated. Every August since 2003, the email has staged a revival.

Here's something that is true: Mars is having a close encounter with the Pleiades star cluster, easily seen in the eastern sky before sunrise. Especially good mornings to look are August 6th and 7th when the crescent Moon joins the planet and the cluster to form a pretty celestial triangle. Set your alarm!

MANMADE NOCTILUCENT CLOUDS: This morning in Florida, NASA's Phoenix Mars lander blasted off from Cape Canaveral aboard a Delta II rocket. The rocket's exhaust created a beautiful display of luminous, night-shining clouds. See the photos at http://spaceweather.com.

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Man is still the most extraordinary computer of all.

--Jo
hn F. Kennedy--

Checkout My Place on the Web @ http://www.qsl.net/n8uvi

3223. Ham Radio in the news

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-04 21:51:15 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3223 Message: 3223

When all else fails. Interesting article on overwhelmed cell phone circuits at the site of the bridge collapse in Minnesota.

http://cosmiclog.msnbc.msn.com/archive/2007/08/02/302204.aspx

3226. Tool Max Industrial Supply First Annual Parking Lot Trunk Sales

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-06 17:51:56 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3226 Message: 3226
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

All
Hams
This is a Flyer on the Radio Expo at Tool Max on Aug 18. Please pass on to all your Ham friends. Thanks Tom KB8VEE

3227. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Ham Radio in the news

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-06 18:30:11 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 3223 Message: 3227

Hello Everyone ... This is an interesting article and we found the samething true in Grand Haven at the Saturday parade ... shortly before is started comunicating with nextel was very unlikely ..I had a good signal at Central Dispatch but was told to try later every time I tryed to call Tom or John at the comunications trailer and that was with just a parade in town and that was never a problem with my ham radio ..it worked every time . ..73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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http://cosmiclog.msnbc.msn.com/archive/2007/08/02/302204.aspx

3228. Aug 18 Parking lot Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-06 18:51:11 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3228 Message: 3228
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3229. Ham Radio found to be edible

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-07 00:25:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3229 Message: 3229

An interesting "spoof" about ham radio - guess any publicity is good?

http://www.thespoof.com/news/spoof.cfm?headline=s5i22735

3230. Re: Ham Radio found to be edible

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-07 00:46:12 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 3229 Message: 3230

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>

Interesting call he has there..... KR4ZYNU7

Laryn K8TVZ

3231. Mini-Swap, Lowell/Grand Rapids

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-08 01:03:35 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3231 Message: 3231

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3233. Coffee Break, 8/10/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-09 13:02:03 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3233 Message: 3233

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Friday August 10, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
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3234. New Ham

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-09 15:56:34 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 2355 Message: 3234

Congratulations to Norton Shores Fire Chief Dave Purchase on passing both the Tech and General test last Saturday in Muskegon.

The FCC has assigned him the callsign KD8GUY.

I'm sure his Uncle Pete Moyer WB8TNE (SK) would have been very proud of him.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

3235. DC milliammeter and voltmeter needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-09 22:10:16 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3235 Message: 3235

Hey all. I have been playing around with adding some solar power to the shack here, after I was given some solar panels at NOARC field day. I stuck the panels to the south side of the roof and connected them to a 10.8v NiMH battery pack. On a sunny day they put out enough current to smoke an LED (or would that be SED?), so they're definitely accomplishing something.

Anyway, I want to put together a box with a regulator (I'd like to have 13.8 or 15v but I've only been able to find a 12v one) and some meters. I am wondering if anyone has some suitable meters sitting in their junk pile. Here's what I'd need:

* a DC milliammeter with a 500ma scale
* a DC voltmeter with a ~25v scale

If you have any that you want to get rid of, let me know!
-Joe, N8FQ

3238. MCECS Meeting Monday Night

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-10 03:09:29 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3238 Message: 3238

The monthly meeting of Muskegon County Emergency Communications Service (RACES/ARES) Will be Monday at 7:00 PM. Location it the Muskegon County Emergency Operation Center on the corner of Oak and Harvey. Training for the evening will be a field station demo. All are invited. If you have a field station that you would like to set up and display please bring it along. After a short business part of our meeting we will be, going down the street to a local park to set up field stations so we all can learn and get ideas from each other. Talk in will be on the 146.820 repeater.

See you there

73s
KC8PCJ

3239. Coffee Break, 8/11/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-10 12:55:56 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3239 Message: 3239

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3240. Tool Max open this Sat

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-10 14:36:35 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3049 Message: 3240

All Hams

Mark your calendars for Next Saturday August 18 at
Tool Max RADIO EXPO 2007 Parking Lot Sale

TRUNK SALES, $5 a spot
Car Wash, for church youth group
Old Cars and Stock Cars,
Air Bounce Room for the Kids,
Food and much more with all of us from West Michigan Hams
Stanley Bostitch Tool Repair Truck on sight to repair Construction Tools

New e mail address at Tool Max is toolmax@... or toolmax@...

We are going to be OPEN this Saturday.

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

New this week
Stocking Dealer for THE WIREMAN Inc

R-1000 Kenwood Receiver Nice Shape $135
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HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock
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We are the only Dealer in Michigan for Jetstream Products Check out the items available
http://www.jetstream-usa.com/index.shtml
14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply (28Amp and 45Amp),Antennas, Switches, and lighting arresters are in.

Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
300 ohm twin lead 100Ft $10.00
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea

2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
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Other Used Equipment on Consignment

AL-80A Ameritron 1KW HF Amplifier $950
Bearcat BC 560XLT 16 Ch Scanner $40
Yaesu FT-890 HF Radio needs new Finals for transmit $225
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Johnson SWR Meter $2
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
DB 1015 10/15 meter High Gain Beam $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply 231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...
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3241. Lowell/Grand Rapids Mini-Swap

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-10 15:24:11 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3241 Message: 3241

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3243. Help needed in Hudsonville on the 18th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-11 01:50:51 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 3243 Message: 3243

Hello Everyone . On Saturday August 18th to kicks off the
Hudsonville Fair they are having a 5k run and Dave Dahl (Deputy
Director, Emergency Management) is looking for hams to help with
traffic control and safety for the run. There will be a briefing at
the fairgrounds (at the MCOM trailer) at 0715, start the run at 0800,
and probably be done around 0900 or so. We have about 20 positions to
cover, so we'd appreciate it if you could help. Hams from Hudsonville
have helped us a lot for events in the Tri-Citys.
Please contact Dave by phone or email in the information below

Thanks for all your help on events in Ottawa County 73 Don Meyer

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Dave Dahl
Deputy Director, Emergency Management
City of Hudsonville
Ottawa County, Michigan
(616) 430-2508
ddahl@...
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3244. NA1SS and Boy Scouts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-11 12:05:59 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3244 Message: 3244

All:

As some of you know another of my hobbies is being a Scoutmaster. I work with youth aged eleven to eighteen and the best adults a guy could wish for. Occasionally my Scout and radio paths cross. One such opportunity was a QSO with the International Jamboree in England. I had a brief and memorable QSO using twenty meters HF. Wow!

In this week's edition of the ARRL Letter there was a paragraph about the International Jamboree and the International Space Station. The paragraph is duplicated here:

* 100th Anniversary of Scouting Celebrated with ARISS Contact: On Saturday, August 4, an Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) contact took place between scouts attending the 21st World Scout Jamboree in Chelmsford, England and Clay Anderson, KD5PLA, aboard the ISS. Ten scouts were able to ask two questions each of the astronaut using the special event station call sign GB100J. Approximately 40,000 scouts from 200 countries attended the Jamboree. Audio was broadcast on the Jamboree FM radio station and was webcast on the radio station's Web site. The audio was also fed into the EchoLink JK1ZRW (277 208) server and received 50 connections from stations in 12 countries, including 6 repeaters nodes. Video and audio may be found on this site <http://www.g6lvb.com/GB100JISS.wmv>.

You might find this interesting. I've been hearing of NA1SS working schools around the world. This is my first video of such an event and it has that Scouting background. By the way, don't try this using dial-up. The file is over twenty megs in size.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3247. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-12 14:38:13 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3246 Message: 3247

Mark, I awoke around five this morning to the thunder and rain outside my window, and turned on the 146.82 repeater and they were in a green net. The only warnings that I heard about were a couple of special marine warnings.
73,
Chris, w8cjs

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...m
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2007 10:29 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

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3249. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-12 14:35:46 UTC
From: stapeljb79@aol.com
Topic: 3246 Message: 3249

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3250. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-12 14:42:11 UTC
From: stapeljb79@aol.com
Topic: 3246 Message: 3250

Wow!!! Were you tuned in to the 82? There was a skywarn net going. I only got pea size hail, and as far as I could tell, I was the only one checked in. When I went to bed, the storms that were going off shore in Wisconsin were falling apart very quickly. When the water of lake Michigan is very warm, and the land temperature falls below the water temp, then an offshore breeze sets up. When the outflow boundry from the dying storms hit mid lake and intersected with the offshore lake breeze.... BOOM. Almost identical to the derecheo of 98. Only a little less intense. :-)

73's
Jeff
KD8FXA

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3251. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-12 14:47:35 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3246 Message: 3251

We got hale, but I didn't get any idea of how big it was, if we got some, it was only like one or two pieces, there was nothing consistant.
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2007 10:44 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

Chris,

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From: Chris Schulte
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3252. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-12 15:31:21 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3246 Message: 3252

Mark:

How big was the hail you got?

I may have missed it in your earlier post.

Certainly, you will want to let the Weather Service know if you haven't already.

We had some heavy rain and a bit of thunder and lightning here in Big Rapids, but nothing serious.

Being the weather geek I am, I'm just curious about situations like you experienced.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
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3253. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-12 15:19:55 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3246 Message: 3253

I was listening, but I fell back asleep. Being blind, I really don't do well in reporting weahter conditions, and at this point, I don't have any reliable way to be a lieson (or however you spell it) because my antenna is the most prominant thing here in the traylor park, ask Mark, Chuck and him put it up and well, there's no trees here, so yeah, it sticks out for lightning.

Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: stapeljb79@aol.com
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2007 10:42 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

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3254. storm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-12 16:41:47 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3254 Message: 3254

Missed it,as of late my vertical hours have been different.But I need to check my weather radio--it didn't go off.

73 KD8CBJ

3255. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-12 16:55:35 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3246 Message: 3255

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3257. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-12 17:25:28 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 3246 Message: 3257

No SAME tones here either. There was a power flash as my APC units sounded throughout the house. Highest wind was 21 from the west at 4:43 am. I got home late last night from Indiana so I was tired and went right back to sleep so I can't comment on the hail.

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3258. Digital Ham Group Featured on the RAIN Report this Week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-12 17:32:33 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3258 Message: 3258

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http://www.therainreport.com/rainreport_archive/rainreport-8-9-2007.mp3

73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

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Fussy? Opinionated? Impossible to please? Perfect. Join Yahoo!'s user panel and lay it on us. http://surveylink.yahoo.com/gmrs/yahoo_panel_invite.asp?a=7

3263. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-12 19:22:21 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3246 Message: 3263

Wow, Mark, that's interesting.

Something like that happened last summer in the Big Rapids area. ... We had what I call a normal "garden variety" thunderstorm at our house one afternoon, but about 2 miles away, just north of town on route 131, hail was piled up all along the side of the road. I didn't hear about it until about an hour after the event, and my wife and I drove there and sent pictures to the weather service. My wife got out of the car, and picked up a handful of the hail stones so that I could check them out, and over an hour later, some of them were at least marble sized.

In this particular situation, though, our county had been under a severe thunderstorm warning.

Shows you what mother nature can do to us sometimes with very isolated severe thunderstorm cells.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2007 1:57 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

Hi Tom,

The stone in the freezer looks to be about an inch....it was the biggest one I could reach without going out on the deck and getting pummelled. The rest were 3/8 to 1/2 inch in diameter. I plan on photographing it. When I do I will put the photos here.

73

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: T Behler
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2007 11:31
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

Mark:

How big was the hail you got?

I may have missed it in your earlier post.

Certainly, you will want to let the Weather Service know if you haven't already.

We had some heavy rain and a bit of thunder and lightning here in Big Rapids, but nothing serious.

Being the weather geek I am, I'm just curious about situations like you experienced.

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From: <k8mhz@...>
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3265. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-12 20:52:41 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 3246 Message: 3265

All,
Somebody in this thread said it, the storm popped up right over us. The storm you are refering too popped up out ahead of the main line of storms that the weather service in Wisconsin apparently used for the open waters SPECIAL MARINE WARNING at 3:04 AM. We were in GREEN net as of 4:06AM because of this SMW and the fact that I was wondering where those 30,000 foot tops were coming from. No watch or warning was issued for any county "upstream" to us in Muskegon however there was a SWM for near shore waters at 4:30AM.
Tom, N8YJT

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3267. Re: Electrical Storm: LAC-4

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-13 04:46:49 UTC
From: Daniel B. Mills
Topic: 3246 Message: 3267

So.. I think I need to replace the my in-line discharge device (LAC-4). It might be something else, though, too, like, water in the fittings or maybe a crack in the old coax. Today I got a couple bad reports. I can hear fine, but one loud stateside station couldn't make out anything but my call - he thought RF feedback. Later, a TG station gave me 59 with distortion. I don't have a replacement, but I think this justifies ordering a new one. Or, maybe just a replacement gas chamber. I've never taken one of them apart. Might try that.

`Can't squak about it. It was only doing its job.

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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> Well, I wasn't orginally....
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> Upon hearing the first claps of thunder I went downstairs and put my antenna leads on the grounding block. Just as I got that done we had a 'wink' of a power loss. I also shut down my computer and turned off my power supply.
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> I liked the A-10 reference. When I was at Howmet we made parts for it and I got to be one of the first people in the country to see a video of it, or at least it's prototype, anyway.
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Al Pepping
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2007 01:01
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm
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> Hi Mark...
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> You were better prepared than I. I still had the big tower up from yesterday's Ohio balloon launch, and equipment still attached. I wondered how come I didn't hear the storm roll in ?? When I replayed the animated radar history, I learned why. This cell didn't roll in from anywhere, hence no warning. This storm cell popped up right on top of us...and blossomed into a full fledged thunder storm in minutes. Liken it to a Warthog A-10....It's on top of you before you ever hear it coming. But there was no wind to speak of, just a lot of lightning. It mushroomed way too fast for me to get anything disconnected or the tower lowered. I was lucky this time..... Nothing damaged, but I sure did a lot of sweating for an

hour or so. Moral of the story???? Complacency and mother nature don't mix. It's a real pain to disconnect all that stuff "jusin case".. But this morning the thought of an all mode V/U rig going up in smoke because of my complacency was a good wake up call.
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> -------Original Message-------
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> From: k8mhz@...
> Date: 8/12/2007 10:46:26 AM
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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3269. Rohn HBX Base, Anyone?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-13 12:14:14 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3269 Message: 3269

All:

A friendly local ham could use a base for his heavy duty HBX Rohn tower. This self-supporting (does not use guy wires) tower was moved from another location. That's why the base is missing. Would you have a suggestion for a base?

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3270. Weather Spotting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-13 12:17:09 UTC
From: wingerham
Topic: 3270 Message: 3270

I received this e-mail from the ham that writes the logging software I use. I thought this would be of interest.

Subject: [N3FJP_Software] WX Spotting Log 0.2 - BETA Testers Needed!

Hi All,

In addition to Amateur Radio, I've always been very interested in weather. I've had an idea for a while now (I think I may have mentioned it before) about a WX Spots server that would function very much like DX Spotting. It would give everyone the opportunity to monitor and post, real time weather information along the lines of SkyWarn protocols.

We continue to hear that with all the automated data available today, there is no substitute for real time observations during severe weather. On Monday July the 16th, we had a very minimal tornado touch down a couple miles from our home. The damage wasn't too bad, but it did wind up closing a major roadway for over a day due to trees and power lines down. Watching that process unfold on the news, it became obvious how necessary visual reports really are to quickly assess the extent of storm damage, and it got me thinking about
this idea again.

In a nutshell, here is the idea:

- Everyone (the clients) connect to a server, which relays real time observations back to
all clients

- The clients have the option to display all data, or screen by state or county

- Audio alerts can be specified by the user based on the location

- A messaging feature is available to allow for communication with other members of your
organization (and any other connected users).

I shared this idea on the N3FJP_Software_Users group a few weeks ago and the response was enthusiastic, so between the code that I have already written for the WOTA server and modules for the logging software, I've cobbled together the basic client and server to perform the described functions.

We've been beta testing for about two weeks, and I'd like to get more users on the server to give it a good run through. You won't

find it on the website yet, but if you have an interest in this project, please download the installation file by clicking on this link:

http://n3fjp.ky1v.com/WXSpot.exe

If you are involved in Skywarn or something similar, right now is a great opportunity to have the other members of your group to also give it a try since, while in BETA testing, reports are assumed to be fictitious. Everyone is encouraged to try sending reports and other features to get comfortable with the software. Please try all the features and let me know of any bugs that may come to light.

Since this project is a little different than my "regular" logging software, I have set up a separate e-mail group for this project:

Click to join WXSpots

WXSpots-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

After you subscribe, please send e-mail regarding this project to WXSpots@yahoogroups.com. One of the goals of this project is that support will be provided by the user community.

As always, thanks for your support and kind words, and in advance for trying out this program!

73, Scott
N3FJP
http://www.n3fjp.com/

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3272. Drive over mast stand?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-13 15:19:35 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3272 Message: 3272

Does anyone have a metal drive over mast stand they would like to part with or know of someone who can make one / two for a reasonable price?

tnx
Jeff - N8JSN

3274. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Drive over mast stand?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-13 20:56:44 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3272 Message: 3274

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Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Drive over mast stand?

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3276. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Rohn HBX Base, Anyone?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-13 21:28:12 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3269 Message: 3276

Bill check with acme antenna in muskegon the may have one or know where to get one john kc8uny
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3279. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Drive over mast stand?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-14 01:21:33 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3272 Message: 3279

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From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2007 6:20 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Drive over mast stand?

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2007 04:56
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Drive over mast stand?

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3281. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Drive over mast stand?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-14 03:35:58 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3272 Message: 3281

K, advise what you come up with on the list. I've had a few people email me off list telling me to keep them informed as to what I find..

J

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2007 11:10 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Drive over mast stand?

I don't know KC8YOE. The guy I know is Tom Bouwcamp, his dad used to be president of the Muskegon Motorcycle Club and was also a 'tin knocker'.

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3282. Re: Electrical Storm: LAC-4

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-14 03:43:03 UTC
From: Daniel B. Mills
Topic: 3246 Message: 3282

Hi Al,

Boy, you get up *early*.

Thanks for the note back. It's funny that I didn't even consider replacing the B-bug with a barrel connector until you mentioned it. Even then, I figured it had to be either that device, or maybe water in the fittings or in the coax. It was none of those things. I had just upgraded to Vista and I guess that changed my settings for the I/O ports in a way to cause the distortion. I haven't taken the time to check it out yet, I just unplugged the Aux cable - now I get good reports. (I did check out the RTTY programs earlier and got them to work. I thought I was ok. .. but then, there's been a lot of Window patching since then. They probably got reset somehow.)

Thanks again!

Dan

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Al Pepping" <kv8x@...> wrote:
>
> Good morning Dan,,
>
> Few things get me up this early in the AM, one is hamfests, the
> other is a good meteor shower. Unfortunately we had some ground like fog
> obscuring areas around the planet Mars, so I only got to see a couple good
> streaks. Times like this I wish I was in AZ miles away from light pollution
> About the LAC-4, I wonder how you tell if the gas discharge tubes are bad,
> Cushcraft doesn't give much info on them. I guess just take the unit out of
> line, or maybe measure the SWR on the line with it in, and see what happens.
> They do include a disclaimer that says "unit may not protect equipment from
> a direct lightning strike".. No kidding !! I have heard that direct
> strikes can cause perforations in coaxial lines like hundreds of little
> needle holes....or just blow the line into itty bitty chunks of molten

> plastic and copper. Also seen where it blows holes in concrete
walls. Not
> pretty. Maybe just a visual inspection of the discharge tube,
wonder if
> it looks like a spent flash bulb when it blows??
>
>

> KV8X
>
> -------Original Message-------
>
> From: Daniel B. Mills
> Date: 08/13/07 00:47:54
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Electrical Storm: LAC-4
>
> So.. I think I need to replace the my in-line discharge device (LAC-
> 4). It might be something else, though, too, like, water in the
> fittings or maybe a crack in the old coax. Today I got a couple bad
> reports. I can hear fine, but one loud stateside station couldn't
> make out anything but my call - he thought RF feedback. Later, a TG
> station gave me 59 with distortion. I don't have a replacement, but
I
> think this justifies ordering a new one. Or, maybe just a
replacement
> gas chamber. I've never taken one of them apart. Might try that.
>
> `Can't squak about it. It was only doing its job.
>
> --- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@> wrote:
> >
> > Well, I wasn't orginally....
> >
> > Upon hearing the first claps of thunder I went downstairs and put
> my antenna leads on the grounding block. Just as I got that done we
> had a 'wink' of a power loss. I also shut down my computer and
> turned off my power supply.
> >
> > I liked the A-10 reference. When I was at Howmet we made parts
for
> it and I got to be one of the first people in the country to see a
> video of it, or at least it's prototype, anyway.
> >
> >
> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: Al Pepping
> > To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> > Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2007 01:01
> > Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm

> >
> >
> > Hi Mark...
> >
> > You were better prepared than I. I still had the
> big tower up from yesterday's Ohio balloon launch, and equipment
> still attached. I wondered how come I didn't hear the storm roll
> in ?? When I replayed the animated radar history, I learned why.
> This cell didn't roll in from anywhere, hence no warning. This
storm
> cell popped up right on top of us...and blossomed into a full
fledged
> thunder storm in minutes. Liken it to a Warthog A-10....It's on top
> of you before you ever hear it coming. But there was no wind to
> speak of, just a lot of lightning. It mushroomed way too fast for
me
> to get anything disconnected or the tower lowered. I was lucky this
> time..... Nothing damaged, but I sure did a lot of sweating for an
> hour or so. Moral of the story???? Complacency and mother nature
> don't mix. It's a real pain to disconnect all that stuff "jusin
> case".. But this morning the thought of an all mode V/U rig going
> up in smoke because of my complacency was a good wake up call.
> >
> >
> KV8X
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> >
> > -------Original Message-------
> >
> > From: k8mhz@
> > Date: 8/12/2007 10:46:26 AM
> > To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> > Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm
> >
> >
> > Chris,
> >
> > I had my antennas disconnected and on the grounding
> block....call me chicken but the lightning was pretty intense here
> and I really didn't want to be near my metal rigs, solidly grounded
> or not.
> >
> > Did you get any hail? I don't ever recall hail the size we
> had last night (this morning) here. I wonder if it was just a local
> thing trying to make up for the fact that gravity hasn't brought my
> dipoles down yet. :)
> >
> > 73

> >
> > mhz
> >
> >
> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: Chris Schulte
> > To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> > Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2007 10:38
> > Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm
> >
> >
> >
> > Mark, I awoke around five this morning to the thunder and
> rain outside my window, and turned on the 146.82 repeater and they
> were in a green net. The only warnings that I heard about were a
> couple of special marine warnings.
> > 73,
> > Chris, w8cjs
> >
> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: k8mhz@
> > To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> > Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2007 10:29 AM
> > Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Last night's storm
> >
> >
> >
> > Greetings,
> >
> > Last night (or early morning, I don't recall the time) we
> had a wild hail storm here. I have a 1" hail stone in the freezer
as
> a souvenier.
> >
> > The funny thing is that my SAME radio never went off, or at
> least I didn't hear it go off. Were there any warnings issued?
> Usually the thing goes off when the sun is shining and it is merely
> humid, so I am surprised that I didn't hear it squawk last night.
> >
> > 73
> >
> > Mark K8MHZ
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> Change settings via the Web (Yahoo! ID required)
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> Ham radio
> Ham radio sales
> Ham radio outlet
> Yoga Resources
> on Yahoo! Groups
> Take the stress
> out of your life.
>

3283. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Drive over mast stand?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-14 14:58:57 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 3272 Message: 3283

This thread has loads of valid options in it Jeff.
Before you build - consider:

On Mon, 2007-08-13 at 11:19 -0400, Jeff's Lists wrote:
> Does anyone have a metal drive over mast stand
How about an option that is one more component in the fabrication?
Consider a 10ft tubular tower plus a (maybe?) 3ft by 5ft plywood base to
park on?
The tower will transport a little harder than the drive over base.
But it will get you 10ft higher before you mount the mast...
> they would like to part with or know of someone who can make one / two
> for a reasonable price?
The price should be *right*.
One of my ham friends is looking for a new home for the short no-guy
tower.
>
> tnx
> Jeff - N8JSN
>

73
de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

3284. OJ0B, Market Reef

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-14 18:58:50 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3284 Message: 3284

All:

The folks from Market Reef are on the air now. I just got a QSO with Martti, OH2BH at the microphone. He was listening in the General portion of twenty meters. This is a semi rare one.

Remember, you can also check the spots for the latest frequencies.

Photos and information at:

www.sm0w.com

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3285. MiQP Results, '07

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-15 11:05:54 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3285 Message: 3285

All:

Check out the results of the Michigan QSO Party. The scores are tallied and the QRM is noted. There are even photos of various winners and shacks.

http://www.miqp.org/MiQP_2007.htm

And, no, I didn't see W8ZHO in the list. We had tons of fun, though.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3286. Tool Max trunk sale this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-16 20:32:04 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3286 Message: 3286

All Hams

This Saturday August 18 at
Tool Max RADIO EXPO 2007 Parking Lot Sale
No Change to come and look

TRUNK SALES, $5 a spot

Old Cars and Stock Cars,
Air Bounce Room for the Kids,
Food and much more with all of us from West Michigan Hams
Stanley Bostitch Tool Repair Truck on sight to repair Construction Tools

New e mail address at Tool Max is toolmax@verizon.net or toolmax@...

We are going to be OPEN this Saturday.

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

New this week
Stocking Dealer for THE WIREMAN Inc

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock
Connectors in Stock
SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30

We are the only Dealer in Michigan for Jetstream Products Check out the items available
http://www.jetstream-usa.com/index.shtml
14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply (28Amp and 45Amp),Antennas, Switches, and lighting arresters are in.

Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
300 ohm twin lead 100Ft $10.00
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00

Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class New as of July 1 $20.95 Old General Study books (6) SALE $8.00 each
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

AL-80A Ameritron 1KW HF Amplifier $950
Bearcat BC 560XLT 16 Ch Scanner $40
Yaesu FT-890 HF Radio needs new Finals for transmit $225
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Johnson SWR Meter $2
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
DB 1015 10/15 meter High Gain Beam $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply 231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@verizon.net
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3287. Coffee Break, 8/18/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-17 12:59:08 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3287 Message: 3287

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday August 18, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3289. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-17 21:17:01 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 37 Message: 3289

> Greetings everyone,
>
> The Hiawatha ARA in Marquette celebrated its 75 anniversary on August 2,
> 2007. They began in 1932 as the Marquette Amateur Radio Assn. and the
> following year chose the new name of Hiawatha ARA of Marquette County.
> Their
> newsletter, The Standing Wave will be highlighting the major events of the
> club since its inception. The Michigan Section congratulates the Hiawatha
> ARA on this memorable event.
>
> Congratulations to the Kalamazoo ARC as they celebrate their 75th
> anniversary. What a wonderful milestone and we recognize them as being
> among
> the oldest continuously active radio clubs in Michigan. We wish them well
> as
> they honor their founders and supporters at a special ceremony August 18.
>
> This month we begin to afford more recognition for the efforts of
> ARES/RACES groups' communications activities in their respective
> communities.
> While this information is reported at
> http://www.mi-arpsc.org/Nets_and_Reports.htm, my feeling is that we need
> to
> keep the entire Section advised of how much actual time these devotees
> spend
> in support of this activity. As this is the first attempt at creating
> this
> report, please understand the format may change in the future. For now,
> we
> will list the counties who provided a report during the month with the
> total
> for all participants.
>
> ARES/RACES reports for July: Dist 1: Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham,
> Lenawee.
> Dist 2: Macomb, Oakland, St Clair, Washtenaw. Dist 3: Alcona, Bay,
> Lapeer,
> Saginaw. Dist 5: Berrien, Branch, St Joseph. Dist 6: Isabella, Kent,
> Mason,
> Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon. Dist 7, Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse,
> Otsego,
> Presque Isle. Dist 8: Alger, Dickinson, Houghton, Marquette, Menominee.
> Total operator-hours for July: 7,896.
>
> Equally, we are reporting activity for our Section and Local nets. Our

> thanks to all of these individuals who are regular net participants and
> make
> Michigan's NTS and local nets so effective. By the way, if your local net
> is
> not listed, please contact STM WB8RCR (wb8rcr@...) and provide him
> with
> a report so your group can take credit for all you do. The term
> "local net"
> does also include ARES/RACES nets.
>
> Michigan Nets reporting for July: MiTN, QMN, MACS, WMTN, UPN, TMMTN,
> SEMTN,
> GLETN, NLEUPN, Motor City, Hiawatha, Benzie County, MIARPSC, Branch
> County.
> Total Operator-hours for July: 2,512.
>
> Station Activity Reports (SAR) for July, 2007: WB9JSR 585, KC8WSE 422,
> K8KV
> 276, AB8SY 201, KD8AAD 113, K8AE 107, K8RDN 105, K8LJG 101, K8AMR 97,
> WB8RCR
> 44, W8RNQ 30, AB8WF 27, WD8USA 20, K8ZJU 13, KC8MLD 12, KD8BGQ 10, WA8OOH
> 6,
> KC8ZGB 4.
> Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHRs) for July, 2007: KD8BGQ 372,
> K8MFK
> 195, WU8Y 155, WB8RCR 155, WB9JSR 145, K8RDN 130, K8AMR 125, K8AE 110,
> KC8WSE
> 100, AB8SY 95, K8KV 80, K8ZJU 79, K8VFZ 67.
>
> SARs are reports of all the radiogram traffic you have handled in the
> past
> month. PSHRs include your net and public service activities for the
> month.
> PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR. You can access a
> simple
> reporting form at: http://www.mi-nts.org/PSHR_entry.shtml to provide your
> reports to WB8RCR.
>
> July Official Emergency Station reports came in from K8DD, KC8QNE,
> KC8ULE,
> KC8ZCF, N8HA, WB8WRB, and WU8Y. Your OES reports should be filed with
> WA8EFK. In all cases, reporting by radiogram is encouraged. Packet
> messages
> can be routed to wb8rcr@... and wa8efk@...
>
> 73,
> Dale WA8EFK
>
>
> ---

> ARRL Michigan Section
> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

3290. Double Spaceship Sightings

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-18 18:08:16 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3290 Message: 3290

All Hams FYI

Space Weather News for Aug. 18, 2007
http://spaceweather.com

DOUBLE SPACESHIP FLYBYS: Space shuttle Endeavour is scheduled to undock from the International Space Station on Monday, August 20th. If that happens as planned, sky watchers across North America may be able to witness
something rare and beautiful: a double-spaceship transit across the night sky. US cities favored for flybys on Aug. 20th or 21st include Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Las Vegas, New York and Phoenix. The space station and shuttle will appear as separate, bright points of light moving in tandem. Flyby times depend on where you live. Subscribers to Spaceweather PHONE (http://spaceweatherphone.com) will receive phone and email alerts when the pair are about to appear. Flyby timetables are also available from Heavens Above (http://heavens-above.com).

BONUS: The International Space Station is under construction, and with each new addition the sprawling complex becomes easier to see from the ground. To the naked eye, the space station now resembles a super-bright star gliding slowly across the sky. Backyard telescopes reveal much more: solar panels, laboratories and living modules, a robotic arm and docked supply vessels. Photos and videos are featured on this weekend's edition of http://spaceweather.com.

3291. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Double Spaceship Sightings

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-18 18:40:45 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3290 Message: 3291

We were able to see this one evening after a missing person call out. I'm telling you if you have the chance to do it then I would seriously recommend it.

3292. Thank YOU

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-19 11:56:56 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3292 Message: 3292

A big THANK YOU to all the attended the Tool Max first Annual Parking Lot Trunk Sale Radio Expo 2007 We think it was a BIG success and will plan one for next year. If anybody has any ideas for next year please let me know. I will post some pictures this week. If anybody took any more pictures please send them to me. Thanks again Tom KB8VEE

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan District 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
At the Store toolmax@...
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

3293. MUSKEGON-OCEANA-NEWAYGO RED CROSS AMATEUR RADIO UPDATE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-21 00:57:05 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 3293 Message: 3293

-----Original Message-----
From: RICHARD STRAIT [mailto:docstrait@...]
Sent: Sunday, August 19, 2007 9:36 PM
To: svanderhill@...
Subject: MUSKEGON-OCEANA-NEWAYGO RED CROSS AMATEUR RADIO UPDATE

Good day Steve.
I just wanted to let you know that our chapter's amateur radio station is now registered and validated with EchoLink. The chapter's amateur radio callsign is W8NVY.

Best Regards,
"Doc" Strait, KD8BGQ
Volunteer RTT Manager
Muskegon-Oceana-Newaygo Red Cross

3294. Looking for TNC's

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-22 02:18:57 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 3294 Message: 3294

Hello Everyone ...
I am looking for 2 tnc's to setup up stations on the DRG packet network one in Grand Haven at GHPS and one in Spring Lake at the SLEOC. they can be older models as long as they will go into kiss mode ... so if you have one sitting on the shelf collecting dust and would like to send it to a good home please send me a email at kb8odb@sbcglobal.net ... these are going on the air for all to use on the network so let me know if you are willing to donate to the stations or what you would need for it .... 73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

3295. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for TNC's

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-22 02:53:32 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3294 Message: 3295

If the computers they're being hooked up to have soundcards, you may not need TNCs. Since you mention putting them on the DRG network, I assume they will be running JNOS. This won't work for JNOS/DOS, but for JNOS/Linux you can just run 'soundmodem', then set up JNOS as if you had a KISS TNC on /dev/soundmodem0. This is how my station is set up.

I have some soundcards I could spare, both ISA and PCI flavors.

-Joe, N8FQ

On Wed, 22 Aug 2007 02:18:57 -0000
"Don Meyer - KB8ODB" <kb8odb@...> wrote:

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> I am looking for 2 tnc's to setup up stations on the DRG packet
> network one in Grand Haven at GHPS and one in Spring Lake at the SLEOC.
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> kb8odb@... ... these are going on the air for all to use on
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> or what you would need for it .... 73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

3296. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for TNC's

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-22 14:37:33 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 3294 Message: 3296

Your point is well taken Joe, but maybe a marginal application...

On these nodes, it is expected they
a) will support more radios than one
b) will also serve as router/firewall
c) starve for CPU cycles & interrupt response when audio is added to processor load at busy times.

It would be interesting to see if two(+) sound cards could be supported simultaneously, so perhaps we might work out a loan a bit later for the experiment? PCI real estate is available on the motherboard.

On Tue, 2007-08-21 at 22:53 -0400, Joe Veldhuis wrote:
> If the computers they're being hooked up to have soundcards, you may
> not need TNCs. Since you mention putting them on the DRG network, I
> assume they will be running JNOS. This won't work for JNOS/DOS, but
> for JNOS/Linux you can just run 'soundmodem', then set up JNOS as if
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> -Joe, N8FQ
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> "Don Meyer - KB8ODB" <kb8odb@...> wrote:
>
> > Hello Everyone ...
> > I am looking for 2 tnc's to setup up stations on the DRG packet
> > network one in Grand Haven at GHPS and one in Spring Lake at the
> SLEOC.
> > they can be older models as long as they will go into kiss mode ...
> so
> > if you have one sitting on the shelf collecting dust and would like
> to
> > send it to a good home please send me a email at
> > kb8odb@... ... these are going on the air for all to use
> on
> > the network so let me know if you are willing to donate to the
> stations
> > or what you would need for it .... 73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

>

73
de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

3298. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for TNC's

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-22 16:31:50 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 3294 Message: 3298

Two new shiny pennies Al?

Maybe I can raise you maybe two more...?
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Anyway - it used a broadcast grade sound card plus data compression built into the card so the processor could handle the stream fast enough. Still hard drive conflicts happened from time to time requiring defrag and other restrictions on use of the box. All-in-all it was a fine choice if we did not also want to stream RS-232 out of the box. Now we had a problem that restricted our ascii stream to about 900B on a 9600B link. The next years were a disappointing compromise...

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As a footnote:
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SO - are we up to 4Cents?

On Wed, 2007-08-22 at 11:00 -0400, Al Pepping wrote:
> Regarding two sound cards being supported at the same time, the answer
> is yes...and quite comfortably provided you have a processor capable
> of handling the data exchange effectively. Not much of an issue with
> the dual core micro's out there today. I do digital audio
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> That makes for a lot data. Two sound cards (or more) are often used
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> -------Original Message-------
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3299. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for TNC's

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-22 16:37:16 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3294 Message: 3299

Wouldn't Linux b e able to support the two cards a bit better because you can to a degree modify or write your own drivers for the sound cards? You could theoretically set one sound card driver for the standard interupt and the other driver for a different one could you not? For instance, if the linux system isn't currently and will never use a printer, couldn't you theoretically assign the second sound card to the irq for the printer and have it run the two devices that way?

Just a thought, keep in mind that I'm no where near versed in linux, I just have dabbled in it a bit, but that was my two cents worth, now we're up to six cents?
73,
Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: (Skip) K8RRA
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2007 12:31 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for TNC's

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3300. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for TNC's

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-22 18:15:02 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 3294 Message: 3300

Yes Chris - we can tailor to sound cards.

I'm not comfortable thinking audio would be better.
Sound processing is much more demanding than ascii processing.
It makes little difference what op sys is used for that consideration.
For example I had a 66mhz machine supporting 11 ascii terminals nicely.
That is many terminals on a really slow platform. That is also ancient
unix history that is still OK today?

The basic application is multiple ascii streams over tcp/ip and radio.
To use an audio link to one radio may work as Joe has demonstrated for
his use. I can confirm his site is pretty good to interface to from our
experience. Still - TNCs have some advantage in having things like
transmitter lock-out timers to avoid constant radio keying when the
computer locks up as it does from time to time. TNCs have a real-time
design well suited to the task.

Our consideration is not if sound cards could work, it is a choice of
what seems better after all the design details are put on the table. So
far the humble old TNC seems to hold favor.

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3301. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for TNC's

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-22 21:16:56 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3294 Message: 3301

I assume that the 600 MHz machines you are referring to here are the machines that will be set up for packet at the EOCs, rather than the ones running the Musical Fountain that you were talking about earlier. Anyway, that will be more than enough computing power to handle packet using multiple soundcards, while handling countless other tasks simultaneously. My JNOS box is a 166 MHz P-MMX laptop, which runs one instance of soundmodem for my 145.07 port (the 446.925 port uses a real TNC). At the same time, the same box also acts as my router, NTP server and mail filter. Load average over the last 24 hour period is less than 1 percent.

-Joe, N8FQ

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3302. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for TNC's

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-22 21:58:38 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3294 Message: 3302

All
I talked to Jim Wades K8SIW today, that put the DIGI at Grand Haven CD for the QMN net. He has no problem with a Freq. Change to support the MI DIGI group. Add a computer with JNOS and maybe change the Muskegon one at the Red Cross too. Make the System work so it can talk to Lansing.
Thanks for all you guys do.Tom KB8VEE DEC-6

----- Original Message -----
From: Joe Veldhuis
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2007 5:16 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for TNC's

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3303. Tool Max open this Saturday with FREE cookies 9AM-12PM

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-23 15:44:07 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3303 Message: 3303

We are going to be OPEN this Saturday 9AM-12PM with Cookies.

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

New this week

3 Icom Ic-V8 2 meter HT radios with extra batteries, headset with VOX,speaker/Mic,Battery case, and DTMF Decode unit. All Like NEW $210, $235,and $260
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J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
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300 ohm twin lead 50Ft $10.00
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RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
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Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95

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Bearcat BC 560XLT 16 Ch Scanner $40
Yaesu FT-890 HF Radio needs new Finals for transmit $225
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Johnson SWR Meter $2
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
DB 1015 10/15 meter High Gain Beam $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply 231 798-7898

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E Mail toolmax@verizon.net

3304. Coffee Break, 8/25/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-24 12:59:32 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3304 Message: 3304

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday August 25, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3305. Quite a bit of ham gear for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-24 14:43:02 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3305 Message: 3305

I LOST MY JOB!!! :(

I have no idea how long it's going to take to land another one but it's almost certainly going to be more than 2 weeks (took 6 years to get this one), so I need to come up with some cash to make the payments on my car. If anyone's looking for some gear to add to their shack, here's what I could part with:

* Yaesu FT-817 - $350
No shoulder strap, one tab of battery cover broken. When powered up after being shut off in memory mode, comes up in QMB mode, press V/M twice to straighten it out. Includes 3-piece 6/2/440 rubber duck antenna, good NiMH battery, and copy of manual.

* Yaesu FT-857 - $600
Been using it in my car lately, was using it at the base station before. Recently had factory repair for VHF parasitics. Has optional DSP and 0.5 ppm TCXO modules. TX opened for 60m operation via software. Includes CAT cable and homebrew remote head cable.

* SST T-4 HF antenna tuner - $20
Has 3 SO-239 jacks and a binding post for a wire antenna, and a directional power meter.

* Jetstream JTPS28 switching power supply - $50
5-way binding posts and cigarette lighter plug on front, wire terminals on back.

* Kenwood TM-201B - $40
45 watt 2 meter mobile rig. Includes microphone and manual. I removed the mic's plug at one point, so it needs to be soldered back on. PL is set at 94.8 for VFO mode, memory mode is set to something else and is configured via a diode array.

* Holux GR-213 GPS - $40
Magnet base (though I put it on my dash with velcro), connects to USB port, doesn't have a display of its own. SiRFstarIII chipset, supports WAAS. Plug this into your laptop and run Xastir or UI-View32 and you've got an APRS tracker.

* Western Digital 80GB IDE hard drive - $40
Bought brand new a week ago, never took it out of the OEM packaging. 8MB cache.

* Jetstream JTB1 (same as Comet/Diamond) 2m/70cm collinear vertical antenna - $70
17 feet tall! Fiberglass outer body, SO-239 connector at base. Had a little trouble with it on 440 but works GREAT on 2 meters.

* Create CLP5130-2N log periodic antenna - $250
SWR <2:1 from 105 to 1300 MHz continuous, thus this one antenna covers 2 meters, 222, 440, 902 and 1260. Manufacturer claims 10-12 dBd gain. Was going to use this as a satellite antenna.

* Dell Latitude CPx J650GT laptop with C-Dock 2 docking station - $400
650 MHz Pentium 3 CPU, drops to 500 MHz on battery power. Includes CD-RW/DVD-ROM drive, floppy drive, 802.11g WiFi card, USB2.0/Firewire card and one weak but usable Li-Ion

battery (holds a charge but only lasts about 90 minutes under load).

I also have quite a bit of miscellaneous radio and computer parts, so if you need some little, relatively common item, I just might have it. Make offers if the prices seem unreasonable.

-Joe, N8FQ

3307. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for TNC's

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-25 19:44:37 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 3294 Message: 3307

Maybe even two bits Al...:-)

The tried-and-true approach I am using is with jnos2 on a linux platform with a TNC to each radio. I'm eager to try out the multiple audio approach to radios -- even though I know I have some issues to build around like multi-TR controls. The CPU horsepower vs multi-track-audio decoding issue interests me.

MixW is new to me -- I'll look it over in detail prior to our test. There is a Linux/jnos/audio solution to a single radio up and running successfully on multi-sites, I don't know now how MixW plays with that approach.

SDR - I agree totally. The down side is this project can't get to SDR with the resources available... However: I'm tiring of the P-25/D-star/etc debates and am looking for someone to say "quit bitching about what doesn't get offered to purchase and apply your same energy to make it work on your SDR then share the proceeds with the rest of humanity using GPL". But then I'm maybe lighting a flame? I do hope SDR rekindles the experimentation aspect of ham radio...

Have you opted for Flex or another? We might want to abandon this thread for further off-topic stuff? Glad to see ya back on the air...

On Sat, 2007-08-25 at 12:00 -0400, Al Pepping wrote:
> Hi Skip....Sorry for the delay in response, we have been with out
> power and Internet for 2 days. I'd say we are up at least a dime !!
> I saw the musical fountain back in '93, on the 4th of July as I
> recall. I was impressed how the music was "in sync" with
> the lights. I surmised it was done with MIDI or similar system. 15
> years have given us a tremendous amount of new technology to play
> with. I like the M Audio cards. Albeit a bit pricey for a TNC
> application, they play well in the pro audio field.
>
> If you are interested in audio card TNC applications, have you tried
> the "MixW" program ?? I have used it for AX25 packet on 2 meters, and
> it works well.....as long as your puter is up and running. Which
> leads me to another area of hi tek radio application: SDR..... I
> can tell you one thing....once you have been down the SDR path, it's
> hard to regress. It is the wave (pun intended) of the future.
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> Al....KV8X
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de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

3308. Radio gear

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-25 21:26:47 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3308 Message: 3308

Well, the good stuff all sold the first night! I still have the following available:

* Jetstream JTB1 antenna (17 feet tall, covers 2m/70cm) $70
* Holux GR-213 USB GPS receiver $40
* SST T-4 antenna tuner $20

I also left a big box of tubes at Tool Max if anyone wants to look through it. There are some good 6LQ6's and other rare and expensive tubes in there for $4 a piece, as well as smaller ones like 12AX7's for $1 each.

-Joe, N8FQ

3310. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Box 'o tubes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-26 07:55:27 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3309 Message: 3310

There might be.

-Joe, N8FQ

On Sat, 25 Aug 2007 18:53:30 -0400
<k8mhz@...> wrote:

> Do you know if there are any 6HF5s in there?

3311. Fw: [WXSpots] Plan for 1.0 Release!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-26 15:36:25 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3311 Message: 3311

Hi, all.

Please give this a try if you are interested.

The more people who sign on and use it, the better.

For those of you on the blindhams list, it seems to work very well with Jaws.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

----- Original Message -----
From: <SNKDavis@...>
To: <WXSpots@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2007 10:10 AM
Subject: [WXSpots] Plan for 1.0 Release!

> Hi All,
>
> So far, everything looks good with version 0.4. There are only two minor
> agenda items - allow a single quote on the setup form and change the
> messaging
> form font to a true type font. Unless anything else comes to light, I
> plan
> on releasing version 1.0 before next Saturday.
>
> With that in mind, I'd REALLY appreciate it if you will get your SkyWarn
> group members to try out the program this week while we are still in
> BETA. I
> know that we will still have some user testing after 1.0 is released (and
> as
> long as there isn't a severe weather event going on that's fine), but I'd
> like
> to see the testing phase die some after 1.0's release.
>
> Also, for this idea to take hold, we really need to get enough users on
> the
> system for it to become useful. Please start spreading the word now in
> any
> way that you can. A couple of ideas come to mind:
>
> - Tell the members of your local SkyWarn / Amateur Radio group.
>
> - If you maintain a web page (or know someone who does), encourage them
> to
> add a link to _http://www.wxspots.com_ (http://www.wxspots.com) .

>
> - Spread the word on any e-mail groups that you may be a part of.
>
> - Spread the word to other weather enthusiasts. Remember, you don't have
> to
> be a ham to use WXSpots, and the additional eyes will make this service
> more
> valuable. It might also wind up bringing a few people into the Amateur
> Radio hobby. Weather clubs and weather station users groups come to
> mind, and
> I'm sure there are many other possibilities. Think outside the box!
>
> - Post to forums such as QRZ with text along the lines of:
>
> WXSpots, a new tool in the tool chest for SkyWarn operations and weather
> enthusiasts is now available! WXSpots is a free, Internet based system
> designed
> to quickly disseminate observed reports of severe weather.
>
> WXSpots is not intended to replace Amateur Radio. By it's vary nature of
> dependence on the Internet, WXSpots can't provide data from a severely
> affected
> area. On the other hand, WXSpots can quickly communicate data from those
> observers just outside it. It also provides the means to help monitor
> local
> severe weather as it unfolds with many more observers able to communicate
> what
> they are seeing.
>
> WXSpots features include
>
> - The ability to disseminate observations quickly and efficiently
> anywhere.
> - The ability to add the eyes of SkyWarn enthusiasts who aren't Amateur
> Radio Operators.
> - An automated, recorded record of recent observations.
> - The ability to keep tabs on current observations without necessarily
> being
> near a radio.
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> To learn more, please visit _www.wxspots.com_ (http://www.wxspots.com) ,
> and
> be sure to read through the FAQ page while you are there!
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> Any other suggestions for spreading the word are welcome and appreciated!
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> 73, Scott
> N3FJP
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> ********** Get a sneak peek of the all-new AOL
> at
> http://discover.aol.com/memed/aolcom30tour
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3312. GRAHamfest 2ØØ7, Saturday, September 8.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-27 02:17:57 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3312 Message: 3312

(ARRL Hamfest) Michigan (Lowell/Grand Rapids) ? Sat Sep 8, GRAHamfest 2007 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest). 8 AM to past Noon. Seller setup Fri eve and Sat 6AM. Spr: Grand Rapids ARA. Kent County Fairgrounds, Lowell. Hwy I-96 to exit #52, north 4 miles to fairgrounds. Adm: $6, K-12 students free. 8 ft reserved (by Sept 4) table $10, outside ?trunk sales? spaces no
add?l charge, ticket req. Friday overnight camping $10-$15. VE exams: 10AM all walk-ins (ARRL VEC). TI: 147.26+ (94.8 Hz) and 146.52 simplex. GRARA, PO Box 3282, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-3282. Jack Amelar NY8D grahamfest07@... evenings (616)897-6885
http://www.grahamfest.org

SUMMARY:

NAME: GRAHamfest 2007 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest)
DATE: Saturday, September 8, 2007
LOCATION: Kent County Fairgrounds, 225 S Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331
TIME: 8AM, seller setup Friday evening and Saturday 6AM. Ends past noon. Friday overnight camping $10 rustic, $15 w/ water, electric.
SPONSOR: Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA)
DIRECTIONS: Hwy I-96 exit #52. North 4 miles to fairgrounds
INFORMATION: http://www.grahamfest.org
CONTACT: Jack Amelar NY8D grahamfest07@... (616)897-6885
ADMISSION: $6, K-12 students free
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ticket required
VE EXAMS: 10AM all walk-ins. ARRL VEC.
SANCTION: ARRL approved hamfest.
TALK-IN: 147.26+ (94.8 Hz) and 146.52 simplex.
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3313. Fw: amateur Extra class

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-27 17:37:11 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3313 Message: 3313

The Holland Amateur Radio Club again offers a licensing class for Amateur Extra.

The class begins Monday September 24 and runs on the next 11 Monday nights. We'll meet from 7:15 until about 9:30 pm at the HARC training/tech center. The class fee is $20.

If you want to sign up and want a book ordered for you at a discount, ($18) contact Ed,
KF8EV
616-772-4811
eheyboer@...

73,
Ed, KF8EV

3315. Re: [WestMichiganHams] GFCI question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-28 02:36:08 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3314 Message: 3315

At one point the GFI in my closet (to which my air conditioner is connected) often would trip whenever I transmitted on 40 meters. Simply moving my radio seemed to alleviate the issue. This was long ago of course, back when I was using my coax-fed OCF dipole and had no meaningful ground whatsoever.

-Joe, N8FQ

On Mon, 27 Aug 2007 22:27:27 -0400
<k8mhz@...> wrote:

> Has anyone had any issues with GFCIs tripping while transmitting on an amateur radio? The subject was brought up on QRZ and I was wondering if anyone here has had the problem.
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ

3316. Re: [WestMichiganHams] GFCI question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-28 03:16:00 UTC
From: W8OKN Sean
Topic: 3314 Message: 3316

Yes, when I had a poor ground system. I also was interfering with the telephone.

W8OKN

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 10:27 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] GFCI question

Has anyone had any issues with GFCIs tripping while transmitting on an amateur radio? The subject was brought up on QRZ and I was wondering if anyone here has had the problem.

73

Mark K8MHZ

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3317. "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of Cadillac

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-28 15:05:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3317 Message: 3317

Anyone on this reflector have any info on the primitive rest stop along southbound US-131 a few miles south of MI-115 and just a few miles south of Cadillac? It has pit toilets, and (I think) a well with a hand pump, plus an observation platform several feet higher than the main pulloff.

It says it's a scenic viewpoint. I didn't have a GPS with me, so I don't know the elevation, but at the top, on the small observation platform, one can see several (many?) miles in all directions. Is it the high point in the lower peninsula, or something? It has a plaque dedicated to a long time administrator of the M-DOT, but no explanation of the geographical significance.

It might be a neat place for setting up field day, if someone knew whom to contact to get permission to stay overnight at the place.

73 de n8xx Hg

3318. Re: [WestMichiganHams] "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of Cadillac

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-28 16:58:17 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3317 Message: 3318

It's probably pretty close to the highest point in the lower peninsula, on top of Grove Hill. The 'summit' has several towers, including that of WWTV-9 (which, with anything better than rabbit ears, comes in perfect all summer here). I have long wanted to take some mobile gear up there and work a VHF/UHF contest some time, seems like a good place for it.

-Joe, N8FQ

On Tue, 28 Aug 2007 11:05:31 -0400
Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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3320. Re: "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of Cadillac

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-28 17:08:42 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 3317 Message: 3320

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote:
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Joe, I'm not clear on the above. Is Grove Hill where the rest stop is? Channel 9 is several miles from the rest stop...

Laryn K8TVZ

3321. Re: [WestMichiganHams] "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of Cadillac

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-28 17:38:53 UTC
From: W8OKN
Topic: 3317 Message: 3321

The area you describe seems quite a ways north of Cadillac. The are you're talking about is closer to Fife Lake? There is a dip just south of that rest area?

From the desk of W8OKN, northern Michigan

---- Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

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73 de n8xx Hg

3322. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of Cadillac

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-28 17:23:51 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3317 Message: 3322

The peak of Grove Hill is where the tower is.

-Joe, N8FQ

On Tue, 28 Aug 2007 17:08:42 -0000
"Laryn Lohman" <larynl@...> wrote:

> --- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote:
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3323. Re: [WestMichiganHams] "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of Cadillac

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-28 23:13:57 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 3317 Message: 3323

If you folks are looking for the best/highest places in Michigan to go to, look at where the high level rovers go:

http://www.geocities.com/wb8tgy/sites.html

The VHF/UHF rovers know where are the good sites are. Locally, Dave KF8QL and Bob K8DOG are the top dogs for West Michigan rovers. They do have fun.

Throw a Icom 7000 or a Yeasu 817/857 in the car, a small beam, and go to some of these sites and have fun.

73 Tom K8TB

3324. Cars for Cancer Special event station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-29 00:14:58 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3324 Message: 3324

This coming Monday (Labor Day) W8ZHO will be working a special event station from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Local time at the cars for cancer car show. The show is located at the St Thomas Church on Apple Avenue in Muskegon. We will be using the special event call sign K4C cars for cancer. Anyone wishing to operate or make a contact with the special event station are welcome. We will be operating on 14.267(20M), 7.267(40M) and the local 146.940 repeater. This is also a great car show they are expecting over 400 cars this year. QSL information is on the ARRL special event web site.

73s Hope to see you their.
Jim Meyers
KC8PCJ

3325. Re: "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of Cadillac

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-29 13:47:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3317 Message: 3325

According to Google Maps, the coordinates are 44.123380, -85.473910.

There is supposed to be some way on google maps or with google earth to get the Height above mean Sea Level (HAMSL) of the place, but I can't figure it out.

This place is about 15 miles south of Cadillac, along US131, and would be a typical rest stop if there were flush toilets and running water, but it has pit toilets and a hand pump for water. There are no TV towers in the immediate vicinity. If there were any towers within 10 miles I'd probably have noticed them, but I wasn't looking for them when we stopped.

I'll ask KF8QL if he's investigated the place. It is quite high compared to the surroundings, and I know that he goes out with antlers on his van during most VHF contests.

73 de ni8xx Hg

3326. Re: "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of Cadillac

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-29 13:53:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3317 Message: 3326

I forgot to post the link to google maps:

http://tinyurl.com/2wxmxm

There's an interchange at "20 mile road" and a very small town of
Tustin just to the east of the 20 mile road interchange.\

What would interest me most would be info on how to contact the
goverenmental entity from which I could gain permission to operate for
24 hours during a Field Day.

73 de n8xx Hg

3327. Re: [WestMichiganHams] "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of Cadillac

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-29 14:42:19 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3317 Message: 3327

I've stopped there before. I don't know about highest point in the LP, but I have often thought this would be a great location for a VHF contest. As far as how long one could operate there before being kicked out, I have no idea. MDOT has jurisdiction over highway rest areas. There are modern toilets down the hill in the main rest area parking area. If I were to do a VHF contest from there, I would do so in my motorhome.

73 Jack

Jack Amelar
1554 Lincoln Lake Ave NE
Lowell, MI 49331-9711
Home: (616)897-6885
Office: (616)493-8736
mailto:jamelar@...
Pager: (616)339-0802 mailto:6163390802@... or
http://www.arch.com/cgi-bin/wwwpreproc.cgi?PIN=6163390802

----- Message from n8xx@... ---------
Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 11:05:31 -0400
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Reply-To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of Cadillac
To: West Michigan Hams <westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com>

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----- End message from n8xx@... -----

3328. Re: "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of Cadillac

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-29 17:46:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3317 Message: 3328

Thanks! Just what I needed! This site has all the "high spots" in Michigan. The spot which I mentioned is at 1483', the site of the TV tower is 1700+ feet.

However, the site along US 131 is "Not really high, but a good view in most directions." It might be a good spot for a Field Day operation. I might drive up there during one of the ubiquitous QRP contests and test propagation before committing to an operation of Field Day.

73 de n8xx Hg

WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com wrote:
>
> 1g. Posted by: "K8TB" k8tb@...
> Subject= Re: "stop" along southbound US 131 just south of Cadillac
> Tue Aug 28, 2007 4:42 pm (PST)
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3329. Bill, AB8SC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-29 22:11:15 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 3329 Message: 3329

Hello, All:

I wanted everyone to know that Bill is currently recuperating from very serious eye surgery. He was experienced some vision problems, made an appointment with his regular physician because he thought it was blood pressure related. Turns out he had a detached retina and a cataract in the one eye that is not "legally blind". Two excellent surgeons later, he is at home and will be recuperating for at least two weeks. The surgeon injected a gas bubble to help hold the retina in place, so like the bubble in a carpenter's level, this necessitates that Bill keep his face/eyes pointed at the ground for the next 2 weeks. He's trying to figure out a way to hang upside down and talk to that microphone! If you'd like to call or send an e-mail that I would be glad to read to him, I know he would enjoy the contact. Needless to say, we are anxious, but very hopeful and feel that we landed in the right place - Grand Rapids Opthamology. (I think I spelled that correctly.)

73,
Linda, AB8QH & Bill, AB8SC
Fremont

3330. Anyone going to the Hamley Finfest, September 9?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-29 23:34:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3330 Message: 3330

I'd like to go to the Findlay Hamfest on Sunday, September 9, but don't want to drive alone. I'd prefer to ride with someone from the Greater Grand Rapids area.

I'd be happy to pay for gasoline for the trip.

As last resort, I could drive, but would like company to keep me awake. I'll be tied up for most of the previous day (Saturday, September 9) at the Grand Rapids Hamfest.

Please advise if you're going and if you have an extra space for a rider.

73 de n8xx Hg

3331. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Bill, AB8SC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-29 23:10:56 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3329 Message: 3331

Well, it's good to know that he got that taken care of. I have a lot of friends who had detached retinas and weren't able to get the treatment that they needed.

Pass along my best wishes for a speedy recovery.
Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: Linda
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2007 6:11 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Bill, AB8SC

Hello, All:

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Linda, AB8QH & Bill, AB8SC
Fremont

3332. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Bill, AB8SC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-30 03:15:42 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3329 Message: 3332

A long time ago I saw something on PBS were a lady had a temporary medical condition where she had to be flat on her back for several weeks.So that she could read,and or watch TV her husband,a real genius,(probably a ham) took a pair of prisms out of an old pair of binoculars and mounted them to a pair of eyeglass frames.Fact-fiction,or food for thought.

73 KD8CBJ

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3333. Benefit for KC8UWL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-30 14:49:58 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 3333 Message: 3333

All,
This announcement has been on our Wednesday night net for several weeks. I received a call from Ron's wife, Laura, today reminding me of the benefit for Ron and the family. Here's the announcement we have been running. "Amateur radio operator, Ron Minzey, KC8UWL, in need of a kidney and pancreas transplant. He will be going to Madison Wisconsin in the near future for the operation. A fundraising benefit will take place at Mick's Banquet Hall at the corner of Mill Iron and Broadway on August 31st from 6PM to 9PM".

In addition, Laura informed me today that there will be an auction at 7PM.

Many of you may know Ron from Skywarn or Seach and Rescue activities. Please consider this benefit as you plan your activites for the weekend.

Tom, N8YJT

3334. HAZMAT TRAINING

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-30 19:43:08 UTC
From: kc8azr
Topic: 3334 Message: 3334

HELLO FELLOW HAMS Iam looking for hazmat training for my employer
please advise THANKS KC8AZR JOHN FIELD EMAIL kc8azr@...

3337. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HAZMAT TRAINING

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-31 01:29:41 UTC
From: John Field
Topic: 3334 Message: 3337

IAM LOOKING for TRAINING for 2 people including me .
THANKS for info I will contact the fire chief .
--- k8mhz@... wrote:

> Are you looking for training for your employer to
> take, or are you looking for training for you to
> take at the request of your employer?
>
> One place to check would be the North Muskegon Fire
> Department. Ask to speak with the Chief who is also
> the Hazmat team leader.
>
> 73 and don't breath the carb cleaner!
>
> Mark K8MHZ
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: kc8azr
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2007 03:43
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] HAZMAT TRAINING
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> HELLO FELLOW HAMS Iam looking for hazmat training
> for my employer
> please advise THANKS KC8AZR JOHN FIELD EMAIL
> kc8azr@...
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http://smallbusiness.yahoo.com/webhosting

3338. Morley cleanup / GRAHamfest / Annual meeting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-31 02:40:35 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3338 Message: 3338

For Lowell Amateur Radio Club members and anyone else who have an interest:

Reminder, the next Morley tower receive site cleanup is this weekend, yes, Labor Day weekend. Some of us, like me, will be camping at the site for the weekend. If you want to camp there, electricity is available but you need to bring your own water. Cleanup on Saturday if you can make it just for the day. I'm heading up Friday, staying until Monday.

Most will be routine mowing and trimming, but there is one tree along the north guy wires that should be removed. Weather or not this is done on this trip depends if we get enough help. I?ll bring extra chow for Saturday help/visitors.

The Morley Tower is located on 155th Ave in Mecosta County, between 3 mile and 4 mile Roads,
East and North of Morley. For mapping purposes, use the address 3800 155th Ave, Morley, MI 49336. Hope you can make it.

And don?t forget the following Saturday, September 8, is GRAHamfest 2??7. LARC will have tables, bring something to sell, help at the table. http://www.grahamfest.org

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, is the LARC ANNUAL MEETING. This year a potluck at the club shack, 11535 E Fulton, Lowell, where the Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift Store is at. Thrift store closed on Sunday. All are Welcome. We'll have tables and chairs outside weather permitting, or inside if not. What time? I don't know, watch your e-mail.

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
E-mail: mailto:jamelar@...
Phone-Home: (616)897-6885
Cell: (616)558-8046
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3339. CALLING ALL HAMS!!! HELP!!!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-31 06:09:16 UTC
From: Frank
Topic: 3339 Message: 3339

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----- Original Message -----
From: "John" <john.n8jpr@...>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2007 7:31 PM
Subject: CALLING ALL HAMS!!! HELP!!!

> Hello everyone!
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> I am asking for some help cutting the weeds and sweeping in the radio
room
> at the repeater site in Moline
> on 144th ave. I will give directions if needed.
> We also could use a brush hog to help cut down some of the brush. and some
> clippers. Does anyone
> have one to use?
> I don't think this is going to be anymore then a couple of hours, as long
> as we get some good help.
> We are planning on meeting after the swap Sept. 8th or we could meet the
> next day(Sunday) on the 9th?
> Please advise if you can or can not!
> Thank you very much!
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> --
> 73's John (N8JPR)
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3340. Coffee Break, 9/1/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-31 12:58:54 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3340 Message: 3340

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday September 1, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3341. Tool Max Closed this Saturday and next Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-31 13:14:01 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3341 Message: 3341

We are going to be Closed this Saturday and next Saturday for the Labor day weekend and the Lowell Hamfest next week.

New this week

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
Connectors in Stock
SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30

We are the only Dealer in Michigan for Jetstream Products Check out the items available
http://www.jetstream-usa.com/index.shtml
14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply (28Amp and 45Amp),Antennas, Switches, and lighting arresters are in.

Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
300 ohm twin lead 50Ft $10.00
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

The only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class New as of July 1 $20.95
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

1 Radio Shack 30 Watt Amp for 2 meters $35
3 Icom Ic-V8 2 meter HT radios with extra batteries, headset with VOX,speaker/Mic,Battery case, and DTMF Decode unit. All Like NEW $210, $235,and $260

1 Icom IC-T90 2 meter/440 HT in box like NEW $290.00
1 Icom HS-51 Headset $20
95 Ft RG-8 9096 Coax Cable .45 per foot
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
AL-80A Ameritron 1KW HF Amplifier $850 New lower price
Bearcat BC 560XLT 16 Ch Scanner $30 New lower Price
Yaesu FT-890 HF Radio needs new Finals for transmit $225
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Johnson SWR Meter $2
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
DB 1015 10/15 meter High Gain Beam $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

From Tool Max Industrial Supply 231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3343. Errata, MiQRP Club spring, 09/03/08

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-08-31 18:51:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3343 Message: 3343

Sorry folks, I copied the wrong line of the info on the MiQRP club's sprint..... Correction follows......

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Michigan QRP Club Sprint, Labor Day CW Sprint - 2300Z 09/03/08 to 0300Z 09/04/08 - 1900 (EDT) Mon 09/03/07 to 2300 (EDT) Report is RST, SPC, MIQRP number or power. Logs within 30 days either written or text readable format to K8NWD. With the Spartan Sprint running during the last two hours, work them and I will sort out the numbers. Details at http://www.miqrp.org/contest.html. E-Mail Logs to: k8nwd at arrl.net (Change the "at" to @). Snail mail logs to: Tim Pepper, K8NWD, 4391 Clintonville Rd, Waterford, MI 48329

The Adventure Radio Society Spartan Sprint will be held on September 4 0100Z to 0300Z (GMT) or September 3, 9PM and end at 11PM EDT. Rules are at
http://www.arsqrp.com/ars/pages/spartan_sprints/ss_rules_new.html

Note that these two events overlap, and but we can sort out the QSO's and numbers.

These are not a "hard core" contests, so if you're not a hard core contester, come and join in the fun anyway. If for nothing else think of the skill development value. All members and visitors from around the world are welcome and encouraged to join in

3344. September VHF QSO Party, 9/8 - 9/9

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-01 05:52:36 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3344 Message: 3344

2007 September VHF QSO Party Rules

General Rules

Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees X 1 degree grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Foreign stations work W/VE amateurs only.

Date and Contest Period: The second full weekend of September. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday and ends 0300 UTC Monday (September 8-10, 2007).

Entry Categories:
3.1. Single Operator.
3.1.1. Low Power
3.1.2. High Power
3.1.3. See “General Rules for all ARRL Contests Above 50 MHz” page 106 in the November 1999 issue of QST for power limits for Single Operator entries.
3.2. Single Operator Portable.
3.3. Rover.
3.4. Multioperator.
3.5. Limited Multioperator.

Exchange: Grid-square locator (see April 1994 QST, p 86).
4.1. Exchange of grid square is required. Exchange of signal report is optional.

Scoring:
5.1. QSO points:
5.1.1. Count one point for each complete 50- or 144-MHz QSO.
5.1.2. Count two points for each 222- or 432-MHz QSO.
5.1.3. Count three points for each 902- or 1296-MHz QSO.
5.1.4. Count four points for each 2.3-GHz (or higher) QSO.
5.2. Multiplier: The total number of different grid squares worked per band. Each 2 degrees X 1 degree grid square counts as one multiplier on each band it is worked.
5.3. Final score: Multiply the total number of QSO points from all bands operated by the total number of multipliers for final score.
5.4. Rovers only: The final score consists of the total number of QSO points from all bands times the sum of unique multipliers (grid squares) worked per band (regardless of which grid square they were made in) plus one additional multiplier for every grid square activated (made a contact from).
5.4.1. Rovers are listed in the contest score listings under the Division from which the most QSOs were made.
5.4.2. Rovers who submit scores for the club competition must submit a separate summary sheet and log indicating QSOs and score if they make any contacts from outside of the club territory. The summary sheet should be clearly marked “for club competition only” and must be emailed separately to contests@...

Miscellaneous:
6.1. Stations may be worked for credit only once per band from any given grid square, regardless of mode. This does not prohibit working a station from more than one grid square with the same call sign (such as a Rover).
6.2. Only one signal per band (6, 2, 1 1/4, etc) at any given time is permitted, regardless of mode.
6.3. Multioperator stations may not include QSOs with their own operators except on frequencies higher than 2.3 GHz. Even then, a complete, different station (transmitter, receiver and antenna) must exist for each QSO made under these conditions.

Awards:
7.1. Certificates will be awarded in the following categories.
7.1.1. Top Single Operator High and Single Operator Low power in each ARRL/RAC Section.
7.1.2. Top Single Operator High and Single Operator Low power on each band (50, 144, 222, 432, 902, 1296 and 2304-and-up categories) in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Note: Since the highest score per band will be the award winner for that band, an entrant may win a certificate with additional single-band endorsements.) For example, if KA1RWY has the highest single-operator low-power all-band score in the CT Section and her 50- and 222-MHz scores are higher than any other CT single operator's, she will earn a certificate for being the single-operator Section leader and endorsements for 50 and 222 MHz.
7.1.3. Top Single Operator Portable in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Single Operator Portable entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
7.1.4. Top rover in each ARRL Division and Canada where significant effort or competition is evident. (Rover entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
7.1.5. Top multi-operator score in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
Top limited multi-operator in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Limited multi-operator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
7.1.6. Top scoring club in each club competition category will be awarded a gavel.
See "General Rules for all ARRL Contests" for club competition information.

Submission:
8.1. All submissions must be emailed to SeptemberVHF@arrl.org or postmarked no later than October 10, 2007. Paper logs should be mailed to Sept VHF QSO Party, ARRL Contest Branch, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Logs mailed or emailed after the submission deadline may be designated as check logs.
8.2. Stations that use computers to log must send the electronic log in the Cabrillo file format for entry into the results. Submitted electronic files must be in ASCII / text readable format. A paper printout of an electronically created log is not an acceptable substitute for the required log file.
8.3. Electronically submitted entries are considered signed.
8.4. Logs may be submitted via the special web applet at www.b4h.net/cabforms
8.5. All paper entries must include a fully completed summary sheet and a complete log of the contacts made.

Other:
9.1. See "General Rules for All ARRL Contests" and "General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands above 50 MHz (VHF)" November 2001 QST or at the Contest Branch Website at: http://www.arrl.org/contests

9.1.1For queries contact contests@arrl.org or (860) 594-0295.
9.3. Forms may be obtained by:
9.3.1. Downloading from the Internet at the Contest Branch Website:
http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms.
9.3.2. Sending an SASE to September VHF Form Request, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT
06111.

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3345. Upcoming Meteor Shower Can Be Boon for VHFers

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-01 06:07:48 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3345 Message: 3345

Upcoming Meteor Shower Can Be Boon for VHFers (Aug 28, 2007) -- VHFers, particularly those interested in meteor scatter, should be on the alert Saturday morning, September 1, for what could be a rare opportunity of excellent propagation. At 1137 UTC (+/$B!](B 20 minutes), the Earth's orbit will cross through the dust trail of long-period comet C/1911 N1 (Kiess), which is expected to provide a short but active two hour outburst of bright (-2 to +3 magnitude) meteors radiating from the constellation Auriga. Predicted rates for this particular Aurigids vary from around 100 meteors per hour to up to 1000. If high rates are achieved, the meteors could provide "open-band" conditions during the peak times. It might certainly be worth a look on 2 meters (or higher) during the hour leading up to the peak and through the peak time period. The meteor radiant is ideally placed for North Americans, so the more stations that are active, the more people can take advantage
of what might possibly happen in the sky on Saturday morning. If conditions turn out to be excellent, the best mode for information exchange will be on SSB, keeping calls and transmissions very short and exchanging minimal information, such as signal reports or grids. As usual, the best frequency on 2 meters will likely be 144.200 MHz, with stations spreading out from there if conditions warrant. More information on this rare event can be found here. -- Information provided by Steve McDonald, VE7SL

Strange Lights: The 2007 Aurigid Meteor Shower08.08.2007

August 8, 2007: Will they come, or will they not? That is the question.
On Sept. 1, 2007, a flurry of bright and oddly-colored meteors might$B!=(Bemphasis on might--come streaming out of the constellation Auriga, putting on a beautiful early morning show for sky watchers in western North America: sky map.
Right: An early morning meteor over Italy in Nov. 2006. This is what an Aurigid might look like. Photo credit: Antonio Finazzi.
The source of the putative shower is Comet Kiess (C/1911 N1), a mysterious "long-period comet" that has visited the inner solar system only twice in the past two thousand years. In 83 BC, give or take a few centuries, Comet Kiess swung by the sun and laid down a trail of dusty debris that has been drifting toward Earth's orbit ever since. On Sept. 1, 2007, the dusty trail and Earth will meet.
But will a shower actually materialize? The answer lies in the unknown contents of the debris stream.
"We have so little experience with ancient debris from long-period comets," notes Bill Cooke of NASA's Meteoroid Environment Office (MEO) at the Marshall Space Flight Center. "Almost anything could happen$B!=(Bfrom a fizzle to a beautiful meteor shower."
Astronomers were first alerted seven years ago to the possibility of a shower by Finnish astronomer Esko Lyytinen and Peter Jenniskens of the SETI Institute in Mountain View, CA$B!=(Bboth are accomplished meteor forecasters who study the dynamics of cometary dust trails. Jenniskens has since teamed with Jeremie Vaubaillon of Caltech to refine the forecast using a debris stream model developed by Vaubaillon.
"We expect the outburst to peak at 11:36 UT (4:36 a.m. PDT) +/- 20 minutes on Sept. 1st," says Jenniskens. "The whole event should last about 2 hours and be visible from California, Oregon, Hawaii and the eastern Pacific Ocean."

Above: Earth at the time of the shower's predicted peak. Darkness favors sky watchers west of the Rocky Mountains. [Larger image]
An independent model of the debris stream calculated by Danielle Moser, a colleague of Cooke at the MEO, predicts a peak time of 11:26 UT. "That's in good agreement with Jenniskens and Vaubaillon," says Cooke. "However, our model predicts a mostly empty stream and a very weak shower."
"Personally, I think the meteor rate will reach 100 per hour at best," notes Vaubaillon, "but some colleagues are more optimistic, so, suspense, suspense!!!"
Earth has had at least three encounters with the debris stream in the past century$B!=(Bin 1935, 1986, and 1994. Unfortunately, few people were outdoors paying attention. The best observed encounter was in 1994 when veteran meteor watchers Bob Lunsford and George Zay of southern California witnessed a number of bright blue-green meteors emerging from Auriga. The brief shower was remarkable both for its conspicuous lack of faint meteors and for the vivid colors--characteristics that may be repeated on Sept. 1st.

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Meteors from long-period comets are of special interest for two reasons:
#1 -- Long period comets almost always take us by surprise. They linger in the outer solar system, hiding in the dark for thousands or millions of years, until their slow orbits turn them sunward and--in they plunge! Because of this surprise factor, long period comets pose a unique impact threat. Jenniskens and others are keen to study meteor showers from long period comets because the showers could be a "tell" that a comet is out there, and the orbit of the meteoroids can reveal where.
#2 -- Meteors from long period comets may be very primitive. Consider the following: Most meteor showers (e.g., the Perseids and Leonids) are caused by short period comets, which pass through the inner solar system every few decades or, at most, centuries. Their icy surfaces are frequently heated and vaporized by intense sunlight, and the comet dust they produce is correspondingly fresh. Long period comets, on the other hand, are rarely sun-blasted, and their surfaces may retain ancient substances formed by billions of years of cosmic ray exposure in the outer solar system. Flakes from this "pristine crust" may produce odd colors when they hit Earth's atmosphere.
Is that why the Aurigid meteors of 1994 were blue-green? Were they bits of pristine crust from Comet Kiess? Again, no one knows.
Jenniskens notes that another meteor outburst, the alpha Monocerotids of 1995, also thought to hail from an unknown long-period comet, was strange: "The alpha-Monocerotids penetrated 5 km deeper in the atmosphere than other meteors of similar size and speed and they had [an unusually] low content of sodium."
Right: Flight path of Jenniskens' airborne Aurigid observing campaign. [More]
To get to the bottom of some of these mysteries, Jenniskens and colleagues from the NASA Ames Research Center, Utah State University, the USAF Academy and elsewhere will board two private jets to observe the Aurigids from the clear air of 45,000 feet. They'll use spectrometers, cameras and telescopes to measure the velocity, penetration, and chemical composition of incoming meteoroids.
Bill Cooke of the MEO won't be on board, but he wishes the flyers well. "If this shower actually happens, they data they collect may tell us new things about an important population of meteoroids in the solar system. Plus, it would be a good show for people on the ground."
Sept. 1, 2007: The answers await.

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3346. New Weather Software, and it's Free!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-01 21:39:57 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 3346 Message: 3346

K8AJ and myself use the N3FJP logging software. As such, I am subscribed to his forum on Yahoo. He made this announcement:
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Hi All,

As you may remember, a couple of months ago I floated the idea for a program on the N3FJP_Software_
Users group that would function much like DX Spotting, except that the reports would be for observed severe weather. The response was very enthusiastic, and literally hundreds of hams and weather enthusiasts joined the WXSpots development e-mail reflector. In fact, during the beta development period, we have already had more than 850 users create login accounts!

After a couple months of hard work and lots of great suggestions from the beta development team, we are ready to move out of beta, and version 1.0 is now ready for download!

As a quick recap, WXSpots is software that runs on your PC and connects to a server. All reports of severe weather are relayed to everyone connected. Reports can be screened by State, County or a list of Counties. WXSpots is a tool in the tool chest for SkyWarn operations and those interested in severe weather observations. By it’s very nature of dependence on the Internet, it can't provide data from a severely affected area. On the other hand, WXSpots can quickly communicate data from those observers just outside it. It also provides the means to help monitor local severe weather as it unfolds with many more observers able to communicate what they are seeing.

WXSpots provides:
The ability to disseminate observations quickly and efficiently anywhere.

The ability to add the eyes of SkyWarn enthusiasts who aren't Amateur Radio Operators.

An automated, historical record of recent observations.

Audio alerts that can be specified by the user based on location.

A messaging feature to allow for communication with other members of your organization (and other connected users).

WXSpots software is free. For more information and a link to download the software, please visit www.wxspots.com.

I hope that you enjoy the software!

73, Scott
N3FJP
http://www.n3fjp.com/
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I have no idea if this software is even worth the time loading it up,
but I figured there sure are a lot of hams in West Michigan who are into
severe weather, so this might be intersting software to play with.
73, de Tom K8TB

3347. K4C Cars for cancer spoecial event Station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-02 18:31:24 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3347 Message: 3347

Monday (Labor Day) W8ZHO will be working a special event station from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Local time at the cars for cancer car show. The show is located at the St Thomas Church on Apple Avenue in Muskegon. We will be using the special event call sign K4C cars for cancer. Anyone wishing to operate or make a contact with the special event station are welcome. We will be operating on 14.267(20M), 7.267(40M) and the local 146.940 repeater. This is also a great car show they are expecting over 400 cars this year. QSL information is on the ARRL special event web site.

The event is sponsored by the Different Strokes Car Club and Knights of Columbus
All proceeds from this event go to the Hackley Cancer Center.

73s Hope to see you their.
Jim Meyers
KC8PCJ

3348. K$C cars for cance

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-03 20:08:56 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3348 Message: 3348

I would like to say thanks to all that showed up at the Cars for Cancer Car show special event station K4C / W8ZHO. A special Thanks Tom W8AMZ, Jon AB8RD, Bill AB8SC, Linda AB8QH for help operating at the special event station. I would also like to thank the following People for suppling materials and equipment for the station set up,
Tom W8AMZ 20M equipment and canopy, KV8X for the generator, K8MHZ antenna equipment, AB8RD gas for generator (that I forgot) Barney KC8LLN hand out materials and the members of the Club W8ZHO for their support in this event. I hope I didn't miss anybody. Being the first special event station I have operated, I learned a few things and had a great time.

It was an excellant event had to be close to 400 cars & trucks on display. We made 9 contacts on 2M 146.940 repeater, 35 contacts on 20M 14.267 and 34 contacts on 40M 14.267. 78 contacts total in 5 hours. Not bad for a first try and not the best band conditions. But had a lot of fun.

73s to all
Jim
KC8PCJ.

3349. Re: [MCECS] K4C cars for cancer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-03 20:24:27 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3349 Message: 3349

In my hast to get this e-mail out I misspelled the Call sign and the work cancer.Sorry bout that. I try to do a better job next time

73s Jim

\KC8PCJ

3350. Re: K$C cars for cance

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-03 21:36:16 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3348 Message: 3350

Jim:

Thanks for a wonderful event. A great effort. Fun, too!

Bill, AB8SC

3351. Re: [LowellARC] LARC Annual meeting (Swap)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-04 04:54:32 UTC
From: Frank
Topic: 3351 Message: 3351

If you are in dout of your radio operation. bring it by our booth and i will test it for you,,, to make sure it is up to your spec's.... you don't have to purchase a radio at the swap just bring any radio you have and wondering if it works or not...Frank

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jack Amelar" <jamelar@...>
To: "Lowell ARC reflector" <larc@...>
Sent: Monday, September 03, 2007 8:58 PM
Subject: [LowellARC] LARC Annual meeting

> ----------
> Meets are every second Saturday at 10am
> 9AM Social gathering. Talk-in will be 145.270 - 94.8 PL or 147.42 simplex
> ----------
> The "annual meeting" and potluck will take place at the club shack at the Flat River
> Outreach Ministries building, 11535 E Fulton (HWY M-21), on SUNDAY, September 9, 1:30 PM.
> Eats and election of officers will take place as well as a short meeting. All are welcome.
> The Sunday date is to avoid conflict with the hamfest on Saturday the 8th.
>
> Speaking of hamfest, LARC and ARGYL will have tables. Yes, you can bring some display stuff
> to sell on the table. You are also encouraged to spend a little time at the table.
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> 73 Jack NY8D
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3352. MAARC Meeting - September 6 - KB8TYJ

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-04 14:01:17 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 3352 Message: 3352

Hello:

This Thursday, September 6, KB8TYJ, Tom Behler, will give the program for the monthly club meeting. The topic of his program will be aids and adaptive technology for blind amateur radio operators. Tom, who is visually impaired, is Mecosta County's Emergency Coordinator and RACES officer (Tom, please correct me for any incorrect information). We're looking forward to hearing about the advanced technology in use for this particular segment of the amateur radio community. You know where we live: 2888 Scenic Drive, Muskegon,Michigan. He will be having dinner with members at the Red Rooster, also on Scenic Drive, north of the clubhouse location, beginning at between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. - ya'all come on down and eat with us.

73,
Linda, AB8QH
Vice Prez, MAARC

3353. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of Cadillac

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-04 16:11:36 UTC
From: Frank
Topic: 3317 Message: 3353

I think you are referring to the Scenic look south of route 115 on
southbound 131 it is not a rest stop per say the road sign say its a Scenic
outlook i was by there friday after noon

----- Original Message -----
From: "Hank Greeb" <n8xx@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2007 8:47 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of
Cadillac

According to Google Maps, the coordinates are 44.123380, -85.473910.

There is supposed to be some way on google maps or with google earth to
get the Height above mean Sea Level (HAMSL) of the place, but I can't
figure it out.

This place is about 15 miles south of Cadillac, along US131, and would
be a typical rest stop if there were flush toilets and running water,
but it has pit toilets and a hand pump for water. There are no TV
towers in the immediate vicinity. If there were any towers within 10
miles I'd probably have noticed them, but I wasn't looking for them
when we stopped.

I'll ask KF8QL if he's investigated the place. It is quite high
compared to the surroundings, and I know that he goes out with antlers
on his van during most VHF contests.

73 de ni8xx Hg

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3354. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: "stop" along southbound US-131 just south of Cadillac

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-04 16:22:40 UTC
From: Frank
Topic: 3317 Message: 3354

it is north of tustin exit which it Marion Rd/20 mile Rd Best i can make out
from google earth
the Area is not very clear if you zoom in to close

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when we stopped.

I'll ask KF8QL if he's investigated the place. It is quite high
compared to the surroundings, and I know that he goes out with antlers
on his van during most VHF contests.

73 de ni8xx Hg

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3355. Fw: [KC-RACES] cycling classic

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-04 16:58:21 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3355 Message: 3355

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Date: 2007-09-04 19:19:27 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3357 Message: 3357

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3359. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: [KC-RACES] cycling classic

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-04 22:23:01 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3355 Message: 3359

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3360. New IRA link in Mackinaw City

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-04 21:59:13 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3360 Message: 3360

All
Please pass on to All Hams. Thanks Tom KB8VEE

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-04 23:07:57 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3352 Message: 3361

All is correct, Linda, and my XYL (Sue, KC8IFP) and I look forward to meeting everyone Thursday night.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

----- Original Message -----
From: "Linda" <linda_rosenthal@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2007 10:01 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] MAARC Meeting - September 6 - KB8TYJ

Hello:

This Thursday, September 6, KB8TYJ, Tom Behler, will give the program for the monthly club meeting. The topic of his program will be aids and adaptive technology for blind amateur radio operators. Tom, who is visually impaired, is Mecosta County's Emergency Coordinator and RACES officer (Tom, please correct me for any incorrect information). We're looking forward to hearing about the advanced technology in use for this particular segment of the amateur radio community. You know where we live: 2888 Scenic Drive, Muskegon,Michigan. He will be having dinner with members at the Red Rooster, also on Scenic Drive, north of the clubhouse location, beginning at between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. - ya'all come on down and eat with us.

73,
Linda, AB8QH
Vice Prez, MAARC

3363. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: [KC-RACES] cycling classic

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-05 17:11:00 UTC
From: Frank
Topic: 3355 Message: 3363

My condolances! also Jeff

Look in your radio menu there is an option called split then there is another option to set the split
Sorry for being so vague but menus and menu option vary from one radio to another.... Frank

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Thanks for the info. The 1 meg split may be hard for some to program into their radios as the new ones have .600 as a default and you have to work around that. Good info to know ahead of time.

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3364. Re: New IRA link in Mackinaw City

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-05 17:13:46 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 3360 Message: 3364

That's timely - the Mackinac Rendezvouz happens later this month on Mackinac Island, September 21-23rd, to be exact. That event will involve about 1200+ Boy Scouts and adult leaders roaming the Straits State Park/Mackinac Island area. Hams involved in the Rendezvouz have been encouraged to pack 2 meters along to communicate during the event. With this new IRA link, we can surely show them what ham radio can do and look forward to saying hello from the island to hams all over the state during the event.

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3366. 2 Cycle Engine Question

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Date: 2007-09-05 19:22:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3366 Message: 3366

Anyone in this reflector who is an expert at 2 cycle engines? I've a rather fl*key one on a small generator.

I bought a Eastern Tools and Equipment 1.2 KW generator a few months before Field Day, 2006. It has a 63 cc 2 cycle engine, which used to run nicely on 50/1 gasoline/oil ratio. It ran for 24 hours straight during Field Day 2006, even though the manual said it shouldn't be run for more than 4 hours without allowing to cool off. Then, I ran it for 12 hours straight for the Ohio QSO party in August 2006.

I tried it for FYBO 2007 in Hell, Michigan, but it wouldn't start. I figured it was just too cold (-2?F when I first tried to start it), so we went to plan B and used commercial power, mainly for heat for the operator..

In May I tried to fire it up, and it wouldn't run. So, I took the sp*rk plug out, and noticed that it was crudded up. Replacement worked fine for 24 hours of Field Day 2007, again almost completely without rest.

I fired it up about a month ago, prior to the Ohio QSO party, and it ran for about 30 minutes with nary a bleep. So, I ran it dry (it has a fuel shutoff valve). I took it to Ohio for the Ohio QSO party a couple weeks ago, and it wouldn't run - the thing didn't seem to get fuel regularly, or it wasn't firing very well. So, went to plan B, using a 400' extension cord from Generator A, and brought the thing home.

Today I took out the sp*rk plug. It was really dirty - partially burned oil I drained out all the gasoline I could from the tank, thinking that it might be olde gasoline. The gasoline would have been only 2 months olde, anyway, but, whattheheck. I bought another sp*rk plug, but it runs in the same ragged fashion as during the OQP. It seems to like to run at around 4000 RPM+, but not like to run at 3600 RPM. I forced it to run for about 15 minutes by holding the throttle at about 4000 RPM, but it never settled down when I let the governor do its work.

I can't access Eastern Tools web site, it times out, so I don't know if they have any hints there.

Ideas? Suggestions? The next time I'll probably use this is during FYBO 2008, so I have some time for fiddling.

Private replies are cordially invited, unless your info might be useful to the assembled multitude.

73 de n8xx Hg

3369. Re: 2 Cycle Engine Question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-06 02:41:32 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 3366 Message: 3369

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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> "even though the manual said it shouldn't be run
> for more than 4 hours without allowing to cool off. "
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> Hmm....
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> That may be part of the problem. At the very least you have pretty
much violated the warranty.

Good info there Mark. But this 4 hour <cooling off> period has me puzzled. A small engine like this will get to it's final operating temperature in what--5, 10, even stretching, 15 minutes max? So, why the sudden need to allow the engine to cool off if it's been running for 3.75 hours at it's normal temp? (rhetorical question I suppose)

Pretty much the same thing if the reason for this cooldown period is for the generator section.

>Look at it this way, if 2 strokes were as reliable as they were fast,
>cars and trucks would use them.

Sidenote-- Detroit Diesels were, maybe still are, 2 cycle. With normal crankcase oil, of course.

Sorry, guess I didn't contribute to the answer Hank is looking for, but I had to bring it up anyway...

Laryn K8TVZ

3371. Re: 2 Cycle Engine Question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-06 04:34:05 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 3366 Message: 3371

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> "So, why the sudden need to allow the engine to cool off if it's been running
> for 3.75 hours at it's normal temp?"
> In any event knowing that most people will run them for more than 4 hours it is a way to get out of the warranty. Like they would honor it anyway.

A very likely, plausible reason.

> 2 stroke Diesels rock! Bear in mind they are built to handle a compression ratio of greater than 16:1 and diesel fuel is a lubricant in itself, not a corrosive solvent like gasoline. Comparing a Detroit Diesel 2 stroke to a 65cc 2 stroke gasoline burner made in a communist country is like comparing a Cadillac SRX to a Yugo.

Agreed. Just was bringing to light for others on the list the fact that 2 stroke doesn't always mean small, cheap, and light. The very largest Diesel engine made to date is a 14 cylinder inline putting out 109,000 hp, 5,600,000 lb./ft. torque, and displacing 1,500,000 cu. in., and it's a 2 stroke.

Back to topic, is there hope for Hank's?

> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ

Laryn K8TVZ

3372. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 2 Cycle Engine Question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-06 05:54:35 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 3366 Message: 3372

One reason we won't see 2 stoker's for cars and trucks is because is maybe they put out too much polution.

Laryn Lohman <larynl@...> wrote:
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Yahoo! oneSearch: Finally, mobile search that gives answers, not web links.

3374. FY 2008 Emergency Management & Homeland Security Training Opportunities

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-06 14:44:33 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 3374 Message: 3374

The Michigan State Police - Emergency Management & Homeland Security Training Center (EMHSTC) is pleased to announce the FY 2008 Training Course Information is currently available online at www.michigan.gov/emhsd-training. Registrations are now being accepted for all of the training courses.

Additional information regarding the training courses can be found on our website. Please add our website to your list of Favorities for future reference.

If you have any questions please call 517-322-6515 or e-mail schneids@....

Thank you for your continued support of the EMHSTC and we look forward to meeting your training needs for FY 2008!

James R. Porcello, Manager
Emergency Management & Homeland Security Training Center

3375. GRARA Monthly Meeting, 9/7/2007, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-06 22:27:10 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3375 Message: 3375

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

GRARA Monthly Meeting
Friday September 7, 2007
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(This event repeats every month on the first Friday until Friday November 9, 2007.)
Location: Red Cross, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE, Grand Rapuids
Street: 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City State Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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3376. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Lids on 146.52

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-06 23:28:25 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 3365 Message: 3376

I hate to tell you I told you so but that is exactly why I do not monitor 652 at all because of local chatter that can be better served by moving off the call frequency after contact is made to an another simplex FREQ of which there is plenty of open spaces to go to- the exception being working a band opening and exchange of signal reports then terminate the contact or emergencies or directions to a motorist. Many do not listen because of this guy and a few chronic abusers (and you know who you are, and I know who you are) of 652 while not illegal is NOT good amateur practice! I am not suprised at all as to what happened! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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3377. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Lids on 146.52

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-07 00:52:24 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 3365 Message: 3377

I too have heard the abuse, Mark, and you Joesph.

On Thu, 2007-09-06 at 19:28 -0400, wd8usa@... wrote:
> I hate to tell you I told you so but that is exactly why I do not
> monitor 652 at all
I'm sad that we(?) would consider losing the right(?) to meet on 652 due to abuse by fellow hams. My experience is like Marks, and so are my resources -- I don't have power to override their squelch. I especially don't have the "bully pulpit" to override selective hearing if squelch is appropriately set.

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> which there is plenty of open spaces to go to- the exception being
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> the contact or emergencies or directions to a motorist. Many do not
> listen because of this guy and a few chronic abusers
As a new ham in 1959 I found lids on 40m and 15m code segments. As an old ham I find lids as you chronicle. I guess it may be human nature. On the other hand, we belong to a (more-or-less) self policing group of people who have the means to educate and enforce appropriate use of the spectrum we have been granted.

In fact, I'm tempted to ask you (USA) as Red Cross Comm Chair, to coordinate the rest of us in this effort to reclaim 625 from local lids. OK - I won't..

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> illegal is NOT good amateur practice! I am not suprised at all as to
> what happened! DE WD8USA ...-.-
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>
I favor a couple of things - on the air.

First, I will take the opportunity to break in to the rag chew and discuss how their use is inappropriate and is disadvantaging us who want to guard 652 for its purpose as you have described so well. I don't know when there will be an opportunity for travel reasons.

Second, when I get their ear I will pass on this reflector to them so the opportunity is at hand to keep an eye on the pulse of the neighborhood.

My basic thought is:
There are more of *us* than there are of *them* on the bands. It seems worth being proactive at preserving our practices until our practices no longer serve our needs - then changing them in concert with the

majority.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it. I wonder if you guys here on WMH will join me?

73
de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

3378. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Lids on 146.52

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-07 01:53:15 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 3365 Message: 3378

You bet Skip-Great idea! Perhaps now I might return to the call FREQ! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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3379. Video/sound link for SET in Spring Lake

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-07 02:02:56 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 3379 Message: 3379

Hello Everyone ... I am looking for ideas for a video sound link for use in Spring Lake for the SET table top on Sept 18 .. I have some ideas I am trying out but am thinking why recreate the wheel if someone has something they know works ... there is a wireless network setup at the EOC and projectors for computers ... Just what program to us and what else I would need .... so I through this out here on WMHs to see what other ideas are out there.... 73 Don Meyer KB8ODB

3383. K4C Cars for Cancer results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-07 02:37:55 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3383 Message: 3383

The Cars for cancer car show had over 400 cars on display and raised $9000.00 for the Hackley Cancer Center..

GRRRREEAATT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Again Thanks to everyone that helped with the special event station.

3385. RE: [WestMichiganHams] GRARA Monthly Meeting, 9/7/2007, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-07 13:21:07 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3375 Message: 3385

THIS MONTH'S MEETING will actually take place at the Kent County Fairgrounds in Lowell, following the pot luck dinner. That's TONIGHT, Friday, Septmber 7. Potluck at 7, meeting follows.

AND OF COURSE, GRAHAMFEST 2???7 the next day http://www.grahamfest.org http://www.w8dc.org

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2007 5:27 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] GRARA Monthly Meeting, 9/7/2007, 6:30 pm

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group

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3386. Re: K4C Cars for Cancer results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-07 14:12:39 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 3383 Message: 3386

As we worked from this event, I couldn't help but think of our friends, both ham and non-hams who have lost their lives to the scourge of cancer. Bill and I were both delighted to have a part. Next year, Jim, as I mentioned to you on the .82 yesterday, we need to find a ham with a sweet old car and a mobile rig to go with it. It'd be a great way to draw some folks in to check out our hobby.

Linda, AB8QH

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3387. Tool Max closed to go to Lowell Hamfest

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-07 14:15:08 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3387 Message: 3387

We are going to be Closed this Saturday for the Lowell Hamfest.See you there.

New this week

Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
Connectors in Stock
SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30

We are the only Dealer in Michigan for Jetstream Products Check out the items available
http://www.jetstream-usa.com/index.shtml
14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply (28Amp and 45Amp),Antennas, Switches, and lighting arresters are in.

Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's
300 ohm twin lead 50Ft $10.00
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
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1 Radio Shack 30 Watt Amp for 2 meters $35
95 Ft RG-8 9096 Coax Cable .45 per foot

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75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
AL-80A Ameritron 1KW HF Amplifier $850 New lower price
Bearcat BC 560XLT 16 Ch Scanner $30 New lower Price
Yaesu FT-890 HF Radio needs new Finals for transmit $225
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Johnson SWR Meter $2
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
DB 1015 10/15 meter High Gain Beam $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

From Tool Max Industrial Supply 231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3388. Re: 2 Cycle Engine Question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-07 15:12:15 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3366 Message: 3388

Mark:

Thanks for the sermon. I often need more than one sermon per week to keep me on the straight and narrow.

1. Did I say I didn't realize that I was taking a risk operating the thing for more than one tank full of gasoline without shutting it down? I've take a few statistics courses over my years as an enginner, and know how to calculate probability. It turns out that 4 to 5 hours is typical length of time it takes to empty the 1 gallon fuel tank, and it's highly recommended that the engine be shut down and allowed to cool for 10 minutes minimum before refilling.
2. I've discovered that the thing is running way too rich. It gums up a sp*rk plug in 24 to 36 hours. Nothing changed between the last time it ran and now, but something may have vibrated loose. The next item on my list is to take the screw out, clean out the seat, and adjust the mixture screw to manufacturers specs.
3. There doesn't seem to be an adjustment for the float and its valve, but I've run copious quantites of gumout through the carburetor. It appears clean when I take it apart.
3. I haven't found my compression gage, but have done a "manual test" of compression, by rotating the engine slowly and noting increasing resistance until top dead center. If I hold it at top dead center I can hear a slight "hiss" from the compressed air getting past the rings.
4. I'm purchasing a platinum tipped plug, which should be less prone to crudding up.
5. I did a "decarbonizing" routine which was suggested for occasional maintenance item.
6. Folks on a boating reflector tell me there's a synethetic 2 cycle oil which burns more completely and lubricates better than a petroleum based product. I'll buy some of it - though I've used Stihl 2 cycle oil for years in my Stihl lawn and garden equipment.

As far a purchasing a Honda generator, I can buy 5 ETQ generators for the price of one Honda. If they run for a couple years and I have to throw them away, there's no great loss. The Honda is quieter, but if it generates even S-1 hash on any ham band between 1.8 MHz and daylight it's a pile of junque. I tolerate zero RFI from a generator in the field. One can carry on a conversation at normal speech levels 20 feet from the ETQ generator, which is good enough for me. Sound level is specified as 60 dB when 3 ft from the generator, vs 43 dB for the Honda. It's a bit heavier than the Honda, but light enough to be able to lug it around in my trunk.

Folks in China can make reliable equipment, if the importer (like ETQ) demands it, tests enough samples, etc. Parts are as available as the importer desires. ETQ has a reasonably complete stock of all commonly needed replacement parts for this and there larger household and industrial generators. There's two service "hot line" sites for questions, right here in the Untied States. The technicians seem to be very competent. If I can't figure out why the thing is running rich, they'll sell me a replacement carburetor for a reasonable price.

The Japanese were generally considered purveyors of junk in the 60's and earlier. Honda automobiles used a 600 cc motorcycle engine, prone to breakdown when subjected to US driving conditions. Other parts of Hondas broke down. A fellow called Deming couldn't sell US manufacturers on quality, so he moved to Japan, where Honda and other Japanese manufacturers welcomed him. Quality improved dramatically, and the rest is history.

Again, thanks for the sermon.

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. Our adopted son, born in Korea, my take offense at your ethnic joke "'velly funny joke, round-eye!'" His father doesn't appreciate it very much either.

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> 2 strokes have no lubrication other than the oil in the fuel. The first thing I would check is the compression. It also sounds like it either has been running too rich or using a poor brand of 2 cycle oil. You WERE using 2 cycle oil, weren't you? If the plugs got that dirty there is a good chance the ring grooves also got that dirty and you may have stuck a ring. If you overheated it by running it too long you may have even melted one or burned a small hole in the piston, although smoking a piston usually creates a spark plug with a burned off electrode and is gray or white in color, not black.
>
> When you say 'crudded up' exactly what were you seeing? 2 strokes will collect two kinds of 'crud'. One is from the oil not getting burned completely and the plug will have a kind of grainy oil soaked look to it, the other is a black sooty look from the air/fuel mixture being too rich. Quite commonly there can be both at the same time as a rich mixture also puts too much oil into the combustion chamber. Be advised that a too rich mixture can overheat an engine because

the 'crud' can also collect on the top of the piston, increase the compression ratio and cause pre-ignition. The next step is the piston crud hitting the cylinder head and bending the connecting rod and/or crankshaft, pretty much killing the engine.
>
> If you do a compression check and it is too low, a stuck or broken ring, a blown head gasket, loose head bolts or a hole in the piston is the culprit. If it is higher than normal deposits on the top of the piston, although not near as likely as lack of compression, are probably the culprit.
>
> When I was racing 2 stroke dirt bikes we had to tear the engines down all the time and repair them because of the way they are lubricated using an oil/fuel mixture. Look at it this way, if 2 strokes were as reliable as they were fast, cars and trucks would use them. Since they have fewer parts (no valves or valve train) they are often sold cheaply to unsuspecting consumers. Even with dirt bikes 2 strokes are getting fewer and farther between as the 4 strokes are getting faster and lighter and are much more reliable.
>
> If by some chance you have a damaged engine and with an even slimmer chance you can get it fixed somewhere the next step is to figure out how to either fix the carb or adjust it so the engine is not running too rich.
>
> You just may have to bit the bullet and buy a new $129 dollar generator to replace your old one. :)
>
> I saw one of these things for sale at Hornier's traveling tool show (NEVER buy anything there!) and the label with the starting procedure had misspelled word on it. Yep, THAT's a sure sign of a dependable piece of equipment!
>
> The only 2 stroke generators I have ever seen that were reliable were Hondas and they are not cheap. Like the man says, 'you get what you pay for'. The manual recommended not running the engine for more than 4 hours at a time for a reason. You may have learned what the reason was the hard way. (Are you sure the manual didn't say not to run it for 4 hours total? That may have explained the single use gas cap.)
>
> Sorry to be the bearer of bad news and as such, please don't shoot the messenger.
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>
> PS Don't expect to find parts for the engine anywhere in this hemisphere. I am quite sure the engine was made in a sweat shop in

China somewhere by slave labor and the suggestion of replacement parts is a 'velly funny joke, round-eye!'

3389. Petition for the respect of calling frequencies

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-07 21:20:46 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3389 Message: 3389

Much thought over the last few days has gone into possible solutions to the ongoing problem of abuse of calling frequencies, especially 146.52. Some progress has been made towards convincing the offenders to change their ways, but others are more stubborn, perhaps believing that only one or two individuals have a problem with what they are doing.

Anyway, read this initial draft petition for the respect of calling frequencies, and if you agree with it, sign it.
http://www.electroblog.com:8090/callfreq_petition/index.php

For those of you who, like me, don't think that electronic signatures are worth anything, a paper version will be available at the GRAHamfest tomorrow to sign in person.

-Joe, N8FQ

3391. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: K4C Cars for Cancer results

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-07 23:50:25 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3383 Message: 3391

While I didnt get to participate I did pass the info out to several of my email lists.

A thought / suggestion would be how about talking to the sponsors about adding a contest for ham's for best radio install?

----- Original Message -----
From: Linda
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2007 10:12 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: K4C Cars for Cancer results

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3392. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 2 Cycle Engine Question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-08 02:55:47 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 3366 Message: 3392

Hello .... I have worked on many 2 cycle engines and they all have said to let them cool off after 4 hours of running then they said to refill them with gas and start again this was to make sure the thing did not blow when you were filling them with gas ... one toro snowblower engine we ran for 2 weeks straight with no problems just to see if it would and them we gave up it was still running ... we did find one thing out with the engines that were on an automatic speed control and that was they needed to be held on idle and the idle jet ajusted so it was not flooding it out ... if you didn't get that set right it would flood or load up on exceleration and high speed .... this was on snowblowers and lawn mowers but they are much the same motors ....if you still have a problem I would try a carb kit ... hope this helps and for my back ground I worked for Robbins Road Hardware for 8 years repairing small engines for a liveing .... 73 Don

k8mhz@... wrote:
----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2007 11:12
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: 2 Cycle Engine Question

Mark:

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The pleasure was all mine. Please remember to put something in the collection plate when it comes around. Folding money please, if possible.

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thing for more than one tank full of gasoline without shutting it
down? I've take a few statistics courses over my years as an
enginner, and know how to calculate probability.
And you can't even spell engineer correctly? (Sorry, that was too much to resist!)
It turns out that 4
to 5 hours is typical length of time it takes to empty the 1 gallon
fuel tank, and it's highly recommended that the engine be shut down
and allowed to cool for 10 minutes minimum before refilling.
2. I've discovered that the thing is running way too rich. It gums
up a sp*rk plug in 24 to 36 hours. Nothing changed between the last
time it ran and now, but something may have vibrated loose. The next
item on my list is to take the screw out, clean out the seat, and
adjust the mixture screw to manufacturers specs.
You may also want to try a 'hotter' spark plug if you can't get the carb to cooperate but do so carefully. Only move up one step at a time and check the plug after a short time of running the engine as too hot of a plug can burn a hole in the piston.

3. There doesn't seem to be an adjustment for the float and its
valve, but I've run copious quantites of gumout through the

carburetor. It appears clean when I take it apart.
That may be by design. Engineers over the years have found that certain adjustments are better left as pre-sets to prevent loosening of the adjustments. Also, pre-sets are cheaper to manufacture.

3. I haven't found my compression gage, but have done a "manual test" of compression, by rotating the engine slowly and noting increasing resistance until top dead center. If I hold it at top dead center I can hear a slight "hiss" from the compressed air getting past the rings.
Are you sure it's the rings? 2 strokes like to blow head gaskets. Also, rings are not a perfect seal and will leak when moving slowly. 2 strokes don't have as many rings as 4 strokes and don't hold static compression anywhere near the rate a 4 stroke will.

4. I'm purchasing a platinum tipped plug, which should be less prone to crudding up.
Actually it won't. All platinum does is resist oxidation which makes them last longer when the air/fuel mixture is OK. In fact, they can be harmful when the engine runs too lean as they keep firing longer in high oxygen atmospheres and where a normal plug would fail before a hole is burned in the piston, a platinum plug won't.

5. I did a "decarbonizing" routine which was suggested for occasional maintenance item.
Yeah, but what you are describing indicates a problem. Likely, as you suggest, the engine is running to rich.

6. Folks on a boating reflector tell me there's a synethetic 2 cycle oil which burns more completely and lubricates better than a petroleum based product. I'll buy some of it - though I've used Stihl 2 cycle oil for years in my Stihl lawn and garden equipment.
That may help. Especially if there is no means to get the carb adjusted properly. I know by experience racing motorcycles that oil choice is very important. We used to use 'Blendzall' which is a vegetable based oil.

As far a purchasing a Honda generator, I can buy 5 ETQ generators for the price of one Honda. If they run for a couple years and I have to throw them away, there's no great loss. The Honda is quieter, but if it generates even S-1 hash on any ham band between 1.8 MHz and daylight it's a pile of junque. I tolerate zero RFI from a generator in the field. One can carry on a conversation at normal speech levels 20 feet from the ETQ generator, which is good enough for me. Sound level is specified as 60 dB when 3 ft from the generator, vs 43 dB for the Honda. It's a bit heavier than the Honda, but light enough to be able to lug it around in my trunk.
Good points, perhaps, but not to an environmentalist! The RFI issue would be most important to me as well.

Folks in China can make reliable equipment, if the importer (like ETQ) demands it, tests enough samples, etc. Parts are as available as the importer desires. ETQ has a reasonably complete stock of all commonly needed replacement parts for this and there larger household and industrial generators. There's two service "hot line" sites for

questions, right here in the Untied States. The technicians seem to
be very competent. If I can't figure out why the thing is running
rich, they'll sell me a replacement carburetor for a reasonable price.
Do a compression test first. If you can't find a compression tester I have one in my tool box. I would be happy to come over and do a quick check for you. I am in Muskegon and I think you are in GR so we aren't too far away. I find myself in GR from time to time. Sometimes I wonder how, but that is an entirely different story.

The Japanese were generally considered purveyors of junk in the 60's
and earlier. Honda automobiles used a 600 cc motorcycle engine,
prone to breakdown when subjected to US driving conditions. Other
parts of Hondas broke down. A fellow called Deming couldn't sell US
manufacturers on quality, so he moved to Japan, where Honda and other
Japanese manufacturers welcomed him. Quality improved dramatically,
and the rest is history.
Whilst you have somewhat of a point there, I find it hard to compare China to Japan. I am admittedly prejudiced against the Chinese for more reasons than the quality of their imported products. Probably for reasons not fit for discussion on this reflector.

Again, thanks for the sermon.
Don't forget about the collection plate!

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. Our adopted son, born in Korea, my take offense at your ethnic
joke "'velly funny joke, round-eye!'" His father doesn't appreciate
it very much either.
OK, I do apologize. Koley was born in Guatemala so I understand completely. I don't remember the origin of 'round-eye' but if memory serves me correctly it was from an oriental's response in a movie to something stupid an American did. The term was derogatory for the American, not the Oriental.

73

Mark K8MHZ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> "even though the manual said it shouldn't be run
> for more than 4 hours without allowing to cool off. "
>
> Hmm....
>
> That may be part of the problem. At the very least you have pretty
much violated the warranty.
>
> 2 strokes have no lubrication other than the oil in the fuel. The
first thing I would check is the compression. It also sounds like it
either has been running too rich or using a poor brand of 2 cycle
oil. You WERE using 2 cycle oil, weren't you? If the plugs got that
dirty there is a good chance the ring grooves also got that dirty and
you may have stuck a ring. If you overheated it by running it too

long you may have even melted one or burned a small hole in the piston, although smoking a piston usually creates a spark plug with a burned off electrode and is gray or white in color, not black.
>
> When you say 'crudded up' exactly what were you seeing? 2 strokes will collect two kinds of 'crud'. One is from the oil not getting burned completely and the plug will have a kind of grainy oil soaked look to it, the other is a black sooty look from the air/fuel mixture being too rich. Quite commonly there can be both at the same time as a rich mixture also puts too much oil into the combustion chamber. Be advised that a too rich mixture can overheat an engine because the 'crud' can also collect on the top of the piston, increase the compression ratio and cause pre-ignition. The next step is the piston crud hitting the cylinder head and bending the connecting rod and/or crankshaft, pretty much killing the engine.
>
> If you do a compression check and it is too low, a stuck or broken ring, a blown head gasket, loose head bolts or a hole in the piston is the culprit. If it is higher than normal deposits on the top of the piston, although not near as likely as lack of compression, are probably the culprit.
>
> When I was racing 2 stroke dirt bikes we had to tear the engines down all the time and repair them because of the way they are lubricated using an oil/fuel mixture. Look at it this way, if 2 strokes were as reliable as they were fast, cars and trucks would use them. Since they have fewer parts (no valves or valve train) they are often sold cheaply to unsuspecting consumers. Even with dirt bikes 2 strokes are getting fewer and farther between as the 4 strokes are getting faster and lighter and are much more reliable.
>
> If by some chance you have a damaged engine and with an even slimmer chance you can get it fixed somewhere the next step is to figure out how to either fix the carb or adjust it so the engine is not running too rich.
>
> You just may have to bit the bullet and buy a new $129 dollar generator to replace your old one. :)
>
> I saw one of these things for sale at Hornier's traveling tool show (NEVER buy anything there!) and the label with the starting procedure had misspelled word on it. Yep, THAT's a sure sign of a dependable piece of equipment!
>
> The only 2 stroke generators I have ever seen that were reliable were Hondas and they are not cheap. Like the man says, 'you get what you pay for'. The manual recommended not running the engine for more than 4 hours at a time for a reason. You may have learned what the reason was the hard way. (Are you sure the manual didn't say not to run it for 4 hours total? That may have explained the single use gas

cap.)
>
> Sorry to be the bearer of bad news and as such, please don't shoot
the messenger.
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>
> PS Don't expect to find parts for the engine anywhere in this
hemisphere. I am quite sure the engine was made in a sweat shop in
China somewhere by slave labor and the suggestion of replacement
parts is a 'velly funny joke, round-eye!'

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3394. extra extra book

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-09 20:49:32 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 3394 Message: 3394
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3395. Re: [WestMichiganHams] extra extra book

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-09 20:55:13 UTC
From: lesandjudyp4@aol.com
Topic: 3394 Message: 3395

Tim

I have a copy of both the ARRL and Gordon West manuals. You can borrow
either or both. Let me know if you're interested.

Les
KD8FXC

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3396. Re: [WestMichiganHams] extra extra book

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-09 22:08:36 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3394 Message: 3396

Tim
I have W5YI books at Tool Max for Sale.Tom KB8VEE

----- Original Message -----
From: Tim Deater
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, September 09, 2007 4:49 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] extra extra book

Does anyone aroudn have a copy of the ARRL extra class liscence manual I may borrow or buy? I am hoping to study up and upgrade at the Holland ham fair in October.

Thanks!
73
Tim
KC8MSE

3397. Re: [WestMichiganHams] extra extra book

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-09 22:09:28 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3394 Message: 3397

Les
I sold your radio and have a check for you. Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: lesandjudyp4@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, September 09, 2007 4:55 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] extra extra book

Tim

I have a copy of both the ARRL and Gordon West manuals. You can borrow either or both. Let me know if you're interested.

Les
KD8FXC

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3399. Would like the call

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-10 00:47:00 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 3399 Message: 3399

Hello Everyone . From watching the commits and personal emails I have received plus monitoring the 146.52 calling frequency there is a problem with the respect of the gentleman's agreement on frequency use. I find this really bad coming from one of them that has his call on a Grand Rapids repeater and has digital nodes on frequencies we as gentleman stay way from as to not interrupt his fun in the hobby . I find it irresponsible that a ham would operate in a way that could possibly cause another ham harm or possibly there life when with just a turn of a dial they would clear the frequency and make 146.52 clear for calling and available for other hams to monitor. I am sure that if we went on the output frequency of that repeater and talked simplex when the repeater was not transmitting he would find it most annoying even if it was not interfering with the operation of the repeater. I would like to know the calls of the hams that are doing this just so I can make sure they are not hams I am associating myself with as if they are this way on abusing the calling frequency I would not trust them in other things I do as a ham, so if you here a ham on 146.52 just chatting and not moving off to another frequency please drop me a simple email with there callif you would please.

73 Don Meyer - KB8ODB
kb8odb@sbcglobal.net

3400. RE: [WestMichiganHams] 146.52

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-10 05:40:04 UTC
From: Shawn Price
Topic: 3398 Message: 3400

Hi Mark! This is Shawn KB8UFI. I just wanted you to know that I will also and even more so will be monitoring 6.52 simplex as well and will be very intent on doing my best in helping anybody that is in need of any help when they call on the frequency. I feel that all hams should be absolutely aware of their responsibility in letting any station break in when they want to.I also wanted to let you know that it was a very good day when I met you at the testing.I had a ball their.

Shawn KB8UFI

-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of k8mhz@...
Sent: Sunday, September 09, 2007 8:33 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] 146.52

I had a nice conversation with Ed, WA8ZXZ on the phone today. He seems to be a very nice gentleman. We discussed the situation with the '52 and he said that the reason he was on there was because that has been a stand by of his for 20 years or so. He said that he always allows stations to break in and make a call and that the comment about the squelch was in jest and I have no reason to doubt him. He also said that he did not hear me try to break in. That may have been due to the station he was talking to not allowing time to listen which Ed says he tries to keep people from doing. He also said that he will try to be more cognitive about people wanting to use the frequency for a calling frequency. In one of his e-mails he did mention that he was going to change his stand by frequency. I replied that standing by on the '52 was not the issue, it was the long winded ragchews that prevented people from making calls that was the problem.

I guess some progress has been made but I still think, like others that have e-mailed me, that the frequency should not be used for general chit chat. Be aware that the assignment of 146.52 as a calling frequency is not covered in the FCC rules, instead it was originated in 1972 by an article in QST magazine.

The e-mails I have received concerning the issue have been very interesting. The lion's share have been in support of the assignment with those not in support ranging from cordial disagreement, like Ed's, to those resorting to name calling and vulgarity like the ones I received from W8ER, a ham not in Michigan that decided to take up the cause on Ed's behalf. Those e-mails also contained false accusations of me promoting violence and attempting to ruin the 2 meter band for my own personal purposes.

Also, the petition that Joe had linked to the site was vandalized by someone putting mocking comments on it along with fake call signs. Their IP address was logged when they did it and was found to be easy to trace. It came from Grand Rapids....imagine that. The person that did it knows who he is and so do we. The comments and call signs have since been deleted.

Anyway, I thought it to be prudent to mention my conversations with Ed and not to vilify him as his use of the '52 is in no way malicious and he seems to be interested in trying to make things work out.

73

Mark K8MHZ

3401. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 146.52

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-10 12:19:58 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 3398 Message: 3401

Since the heightened awareness of 652 I have found it a delight to monitor and will do so much more now. Thanks everyone for a proactive response-We are all the stronger for it! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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3406. LST 325

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-12 21:00:30 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3406 Message: 3406

We have LST 325 in IL on 7.265

3407. help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-12 23:49:06 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1081 Message: 3407

hello to all we are looking for help on sat sept 22 in spring lake for a 5k run we will be meeting at the spring lake Eoc at 9:15 for positions on the route and need to be in place by 9:40 the race starts at 10:00 if you can help let me know tnx John KC8UNY

3408. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Frequency

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-12 23:19:36 UTC
From: Shawn Price
Topic: 3404 Message: 3408

Thank you very much for the frequency lists, I appreciate this very much. Shawn KB8UFI
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:11 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Frequency

No, not the movie.

Below is a list of frequencies suggested (by the ARRL I believe, but I am not exactly sure who came up with the list) in order to minimize interference on the 2 meter FM band. The repeater frequencies all consist of a .600 MHz split and the simplex frequencies are separated by .150 MHz. They are labeled as channels but I have never heard them referred to as such on the air. There is resistance by some amateurs to refer to frequencies as channels as we are very frequency agile which differentiates us in some respect to users of Part 95 radios which are required to operate on FCC designated channels. As such, when suggesting a move to a different frequency it is best to designate the move by frequency, not by channel. I have included the channels because that is the way I found the list and it does serve to help keep it in order.

The repeater channels are used by nearly all repeaters in the US. The ones that vary from the list are usually in areas that have many repeaters and require deviation from the list in order to exist. With newer radios having the ability to store 200 or more frequencies in their memories it is possible to put the entire list in memory with plenty of room for additional frequencies. Once that is achieved, scanning the list should be able to locate any repeater in use which is especially handy when traveling in areas where we don't know which frequencies the local repeaters may be on. Once the scan stops on a repeater frequency in use, don't forget to use the tone scan feature to discover the PL tone of the repeater, if used. The frequencies listed for repeaters are for the output with the input being .600 MHz above or below the output. 'Minus' indicates that the input is below, and 'plus' indicates that the input is above.

It seems to be good operating procedure to use the suggested simplex frequencies as well. If a contact is made on the calling frequency moving up or down 10 kc may not be sufficient to ensure that we don't interfere with the calling frequency whereas moving up or down 15 should suffice.

The channels are sorted by frequency in this list and there are two groups of simplex and repeater frequencies. (There is also a space between the plus and minus offset which occurs as 147.000 MHz.

As you can see, there are 24 possible simplex frequencies listed (not 40 as I stated before, sorry!) separated so that 24 simultaneous conversations could occur with little chance of interfering with each other. There are also 74 repeater pairs.

In Muskegon we refer to 147.435 as 'ARES Simplex'. I have seen the SAR frequency list and it does not follow the list below. Bear in mind that SAR operations have different

requirements than casual use and the SAR list was probably set up in order to serve their particular practice. If any of us are on a frequency listed below and hear some splatter it may be due to an SAR frequency in use between the listed frequencies. If that happens PLEASE move away from the SAR frequency in order not to interfere with them. There is plenty of room to do so and interference with an ongoing SAR activity could hamper their efforts. I can't stress enough that we should give SAR priority over casual use for obvious reasons.

If anyone has the SAR frequency list I think it would be prudent to post it here so we can avoid using the SAR frequencies and those adjacent to them for chit chatting. 73, Mark K8MHZ

145.110 _ minus __ Channel 1
145.130 _ minus __ Channel 2
145.150 _ minus __ Channel 3
145.170 _ minus __ Channel 4
145.190 _ minus __ Channel 5
145.210 _ minus __ Channel 6
145.230 _ minus __ Channel 7
145.250 _ minus __ Channel 8
145.270 _ minus __ Channel 9
145.290 _ minus __ Channel 10
145.310 _ minus __ Channel 11
145.330 _ minus __ Channel 12
145.350 _ minus __ Channel 13
145.370 _ minus __ Channel 14
145.390 _ minus __ Channel 15
145.410 _ minus __ Channel 16
145.430 _ minus __ Channel 17
145.450 _ minus __ Channel 18
145.470 _ minus __ Channel 19
145.490 _ minus __ Channel 20

146.400 Simplex_ Channel 21 (May be a repeater input in some areas.)
146.415 Simplex_ Channel 22
146.430 Simplex_ Channel 23
146.445 Simplex_ Channel 24
146.460 Simplex_ Channel 25
146.475 Simplex_ Channel 26
146.490 Simplex_ Channel 27
146.505 Simplex_ Channel 28
146.520 Simplex_ Channel 29 *National Simplex Calling Frequency*
146.535 Simplex_ Channel 30
146.550 Simplex_ Channel 31
146.565 Simplex_ Channel 32
146.580 Simplex_ Channel 33

146.610 minus __ Channel 34
146.625 minus __ Channel 35
146.640 minus __ Channel 36
146.655 minus __ Channel 37
146.670 minus __ Channel 38

146.685 minus __ Channel 39
146.700 minus __ Channel 40
146.715 minus __ Channel 41
146.730 minus __ Channel 42
146.745 minus __ Channel 43
146.760 minus __ Channel 44
146.775 minus __ Channel 45
146.790 minus __ Channel 46
146.805 minus __ Channel 47
146.820 minus __ Channel 48
146.835 minus __ Channel 49
146.850 minus __ Channel 50
146.865 minus __ Channel 51
146.880 minus __ Channel 52
146.895 minus __ Channel 53
146.910 minus __ Channel 54
146.925 minus __ Channel 55
146.940 minus __ Channel 56
146.955 minus __ Channel 57
146.970 minus __ Channel 58
146.985 minus __ Channel 59
147.000 minus __ Channel 60

147.000 plus ___ Channel 61
147.015 plus ___ Channel 62
147.030 plus ___ Channel 63
147.045 plus ___ Channel 64
147.060 plus ___ Channel 65
147.075 plus ___ Channel 66
147.090 plus ___ Channel 67
147.105 plus ___ Channel 68
147.120 plus ___ Channel 69
147.135 plus ___ Channel 70
147.150 plus ___ Channel 71
147.165 plus ___ Channel 72
147.180 plus ___ Channel 73
147.195 plus ___ Channel 74
147.210 plus ___ Channel 75
147.225 plus ___ Channel 76
147.240 plus ___ Channel 77
147.255 plus ___ Channel 78
147.270 plus ___ Channel 79
147.285 plus ___ Channel 80
147.300 plus ___ Channel 81
147.315 plus ___ Channel 82
147.330 plus ___ Channel 83
147.345 plus ___ Channel 84
147.360 plus ___ Channel 85
147.375 plus ___ Channel 86
147.390 plus ___ Channel 87

147.420 Simplex_ Channel 88
147.435 Simplex_ Channel 89
147.450 Simplex_ Channel 90
147.465 Simplex_ Channel 91
147.480 Simplex_ Channel 92
147.495 Simplex_ Channel 93
147.510 Simplex_ Channel 94
147.525 Simplex_ Channel 95
147.540 Simplex_ Channel 96
147.555 Simplex_ Channel 97
147.570 Simplex_ Channel 98

3409. Re: Frequency

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-13 00:58:49 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 3404 Message: 3409

Mark, as far as the repeater frequencies between 146.000 and 148.000 mc. in Michigan, you probably realize that they are spaced at 20 kc., not 15 kc. So the frequency table as listed would not apply here...

Laryn K8TVZ

3412. Re: Frequency

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-13 02:23:24 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 3404 Message: 3412

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Layrn,
>
> Can you give me an example?
>
> Thanks,
>
> Mark K8MHZ

Sure Mark, Grand Rapids 147.26, Kalamazoo 147.04.....

I refer you to:

<http://www.miarc.com/bandplan.html#_144.000_-_148.000>

and

<http://www.miarc.com/freq/144_rptr.html>

I can't remember when Michigan changed to 20 kc. spacing. Maybe late 80s or early 90s?? I'd have to research that.

Laryn K8TVZ

3415. Coffee Break, 9/14/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-13 12:58:39 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3415 Message: 3415

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Friday September 14, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
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3417. Whatever Happened To The Electronics Hobbyist?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-13 23:01:06 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3417 Message: 3417

http://www.elecdesign.com/Articles/Print.cfm?ArticleID=15076

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http://answers.yahoo.com/dir/?link=list&sid=396545433

3418. Tool Max Open this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-14 14:54:19 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3418 Message: 3418

We will be open this Saturday 9AM-12PM

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

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Johnson SWR Meter $2
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
DB 1015 10/15 meter High Gain Beam $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

From Tool Max Industrial Supply 231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3419. Re: Bill, AB8SC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-15 14:34:01 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3329 Message: 3419

All:

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It has been two weeks since the surgery. The bubble is slowly being reabsorbed. That bubble is encouraging my retina to reattach to the back of the eye.

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The doctor expects full recovery if I can start seeing stuff in another week or two. I'm hopeful.

Thanks to everyone for your support and understanding.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3422. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Bill, AB8SC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-15 16:39:04 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3329 Message: 3422

Your sense of humor is just wrong Mark. *laughs*

I've heard some really dry jokes, but that one almost takes the cake.
73,
Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 12:13 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Bill, AB8SC

Hey Bill,

I was wondering if you have found your VHF/UHF coverage to have been compromised since your operation. Being 'line of sight' and all. :)

73 and get well soon!

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 10:34
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Bill, AB8SC

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Version: 7.5.487 / Virus Database: 269.13.19/1008 - Release Date: 9/14/2007 8:59 AM

3423. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Bill, AB8SC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-15 17:02:03 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3329 Message: 3423

Hang in there, Bill, and it was a pleasure meeting with, and doing the program presentation for, you and your club two Thursdays ago.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

----- Original Message -----
From: "Bill" <bill_fries@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 10:34 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Bill, AB8SC

All:

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3424. Fw: [Amdx] OT: FS/Inventory of Closed Antique Radio Restoration Shop

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-15 20:52:07 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3424 Message: 3424

A long shot, but perhaps someone here might be interested...

-Joe, N8FQ

Begin forwarded message:

Date: Sat, 15 Sep 2007 14:45:56 -0500
From: Curtis Sadowski <curtis_sadowski@...>
To: A list for TV and FM Dxers <tvfmdx@...>
Cc: amdx@...
Subject: [Amdx] OT: FS/Inventory of Closed Antique Radio Restoration Shop

Friends,
While walking down to the Chinese restaurant in town to buy lunch, I noticed that the French Lace Antique Shop had a going out of business sign in the window. Their name is a slight misnomer, the man who owns it did radio restoration work, and is interested in liquidating his entire stock on hand for a slight amount. For $5000 he will sell you 200 antique radios (some real honeys in that lot, I tell ya!), 20,000 radio tubes (most NOS), an extensive amount of test gear and a large number of repair manuals and schmatics. Here is the contact information for anyone interested in this:

Jerry and Della Stanley,
French Lace Antiques
120 N. Market Street
Paxton, Illinois 60957

Tel. 217 379-4140
Email: phonoman1960@...
Website: www.frenchlace.com .

Feel free to pass this onto other lists or anyone else, Jerry needs to vacate the building now. BTW, Downtown Paxton does have a number of empty stores downtown which the buyer can rent for storage while working out what to do with the stuff.
Curtis Sadowski
Paxton, Illinois

3425. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Bill, AB8SC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-17 00:06:48 UTC
From: FSK
Topic: 3329 Message: 3425

Good Luck Also From Belding Bill.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 11:08 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Bill, AB8SC

Good Luck Bill!

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 10:34
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Bill, AB8SC

All:

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Checked by AVG Free Edition.

Version: 7.5.487 / Virus Database: 269.13.21/1010 - Release Date: 9/15/2007 7:54 PM

3426. Ann Arbor ARISS Contact Monday, 9/17

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-17 05:19:59 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3426 Message: 3426

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: John <yp671@...>
To: frrl@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, September 16, 2007 10:38:36 PM
Subject: [frrl] ARISS Contact Monday

An International Space Station Expedition 15 ARISS school contact has
been planned with participants at Mitchell Elementary School, Ann
Arbor, Michigan USA on 17 Sep. The event is scheduled to begin at
approximately 13:39 UTC.

The contact will be a direct between stations NA1SS and N0EFT. The
contact should be audible in most of eastern North America. Interested
parties are invited to listen in on the 145.80 MHz downlink. In
addition, the audio should be available via IRLP and EchoLink. The
participants are expected to conduct the conversation in English.

Mitchell Elementary school is a NASA Explorer School located in Ann
Arbor, Michigan. Our science and math programs integrate units that
are related to NASA projects. The radio contact with the space station
will enhance and increase the relevance of our students' academic
activities. The experience will help enable our students to see
themselves as future scientists or astronauts.

73,

John - AG9D

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to amazing places on Yahoo! Travel.
http://travel.yahoo.com/

3428. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-17 14:47:57 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3427 Message: 3428

This could be taken a step further, how about sending morse code over FM frequencies. I.e. finding a simplex channel, or over a repeater for that matter and runnign code practice. Is this legal or no? Especially when the sending station identifys in morse code.

Now I'm guilty of this as well as other hams out there, but it does beg the question of just how legal is sending morse code over fm?

73,
Chris, w8cjs
Web site,
http://www.w8cjs.com
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2007 10:43 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

My question concerns FM repeaters that ID only in Morse Code by sending audible tones using the FM mode.

97.119 (b) outlines the way a station may ID.

(1) By a CW emission

(2) By a phone emission in the English language

(3) By an RTTY emission when the comms are RTTY

(4) By an image emission when the comms are images.

CW and Morse Code are not synonymous. CW is a specific emission type with certain standards and is not FM. Morse Code transmitted by audio tones using FM is still FM, not CW.

Given the above, is it legal to only transmit a station ID in Morse Code using FM carried audio tones? If the repeaters did switch to a true CW emission when transmitting their ID would an FM receiver be able to 'hear' it sufficiently to make the ID legible?

Of course, if the repeater ID's by phone at the required intervals, the addition of an audio Morse identifier is allowed. But if not does the Morse identifier satisfy the ID requirements of 97.119 (b)?

Inquiring minds want to know.....

73

Mark K8MHZ

3429. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-17 15:27:50 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 3427 Message: 3429

Talk about splitting hairs.

Part 97.119(b)... is typical of many regulations that the FCC has in amateur radio and other services, (like broadcasting), where many of the rules are ambiguous, and the FCC relies on peoples common sense.

You make the argument that CW is not Morse. Correct. You could use the American Telegraph code to key your radio, and it would be CW. I will guarantee you that if you find a repeater that has "morse" only ID'ing, and you call Detroit to complain, that someone there will silently wish you had never called. There are several other "loosely" written rules in Part 97, and worrying about about CW vs Code vs MCW, well, glad someone else has the time to worry.

Quite frankly, I find voice ID's on repeaters to be obnoxious. Good ol MCW works for me, and when I put up the 145.41 repeater in Grand Rapids, even though it had the GR area's first ACC RC-850, I resisted the temptation to use the voice ID. It sounded really nice.

A good clean MCW ID every 9.5 minutes shows a class operation.

Additionally, I know of repeaters that DO use MCW to ID, but they are more than 20 WPM. That is illegal, per the rules. Do I care? Nope, I have grandchildren to spoil

Tom, "I don't suffer insanity, I enjoy every minute of it, " K8TB

k8mhz@... wrote:

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> Inquiring minds want to know.....
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>

3430. Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-17 18:09:37 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 3427 Message: 3430

97.305 MCW is an allowed emission in the 144.1-148 mc. band and the entire 70cm band.

Laryn K8TVZ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Chris Schulte" <w8cjs@...> wrote:
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: k8mhz@...
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> Sent: Monday, September 17, 2007 10:43 AM
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question
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3434. Fw: Question About Lightning For All You Florida Hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-17 23:29:49 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3434 Message: 3434

I saw this post on another list and thought that yall might find some of the
advice in it a bit funny.
73,
Chris, w8cjs
Web site,
http://www.w8cjs.com
----- Original Message -----
From: "Phil Scovell" <phil.scovell@...>
To: <BLIND-HAMS@...>
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2007 7:20 PM
Subject: Fw: Question About Lightning For All You Florida Hams

>I forgot to check. This went to Ron but I thought the list should read it,
> too. A word to the wise, sort of speak.
>
> Phil.
> K0NX
>
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Phil Scovell" <phil.scovell@...>
> To: "Ron Canazzi" <aa2vm@...>
> Sent: Monday, September 17, 2007 4:12 PM
> Subject: Re: Question About Lightning For All You Florida Hams
>
>
>> Ron,
>>
>> tell him to put up a 250 foot tower but just not to fly any kites in
>> Florida. By the way, according to the show I watched on cable the other
>> night, Castle Rock, Colorado has more lightning strikes than any town in
>> America. I live 25 miles from there and lightning can easily arc 20 to
>> 30
>> miles and kill a person. there are 20 million cloud to ground lightning
>> strikes in the United States each year and only 100 people worldwide are
>> stuck and I believe they said only 4 per year are killed. Most people,
>> according to this program are killed by lightning by talking on the
>> phone,
>> too. So tell your friend to have his phone disconnected and to throw it
>> away.
>>
>> Phil.
>> K0NX
>>
>>

>>
>> ----- Original Message -----
>> From: "Ron Canazzi" <aa2vm@...>
>> To: <BLIND-HAMS@...>
>> Sent: Monday, September 17, 2007 3:52 PM
>> Subject: Question About Lightning For All You Florida Hams
>>
>>
>> > Hi List,
>> >
>> > Well, here's the deal. An old (I think they used to call this type of
>> > migrant) Snowbird friend of mine (years ago) just moved to Florida in
>> 2006.
>> > He was a ham radio operator up here in my neck of the woods--Western
>> > New
>> > York State. He claims he is afraid to put up an elaborate outdoor
> antenna
>> > system of any type because of the greatly increased risk of lightning
>> > strikes in Florida. He says that he has found that Florida is the
>> > 'Lightning Capitol of the World' and that he is supported by the
> neighbors
>> > in his area who agree with him.
>> >
>> > This whole scenario seems a bit odd to me--since I have talked to
> numerous
>> > Florida hams who never mention this fact. I have recently asked 2 of
> them
>> > about the situation and neither of them seems to believe that the risk
> is
>> > that much worse than anywhere else. My friend lives on the Gulf coast.
>> >
>> > What do any of you Florida hams think of these claims?
>> >
>> > The Scourge Of Authoritarianism Is Intellectualism
>> >
>>

3435. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-18 00:58:58 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 3427 Message: 3435

OK, it's legal when the rule was promulgated and ham license required code and code was widely understood. How about now (or in future rules) that code is no longer required? You notice neither French nor Mandarin Chinese are approved languages for signing, I'll bet CW, MCW, and the like will fall from favor as fewer (aaarg I hope to *not* see that day) hams speak English in code.

Certainly you are considering why we want to divide the band up into segments - someday by bandwidth. Various modes of modulation don't coexist nicely. Simply - When you are set up to transmit voice on SSB it is hard to converse with packet or digital encoded voice streams. Therefore we set them apart on separate frequencies and ask them to sign in their own mode (mostly). You also think in terms of the conflict between Bathrobe Net and SSTV?

Your original question is well put Mark. Perhaps the simplest practice is to sign in a mode that is understood, and be ready to change practices as our world changes... Like the band plan that puts calling frequencies on record, it seem unlikely that FCC will micro manage this aspect beyond being understood?

We could take this one step further with your approval? Consider the technology that would stream a 1200B digital CALL, GPS location, and something like the MAC number from TCP/IP to identify the hardware, plus whatever tones to open the remote receiver, at the first moment after you press the TR switch followed by your voice. If it would interrupt and repeat this each 9.5 minutes plus at the moment when you release the TR switch, maybe the requirement to sign could be satisfied and we would be relieved of this overhead responsibility? The technology exists now [this is a solution waiting for a problem], but I'm willing to bet the above paradigm will meet more opposition than government mandated ID chips worn under our skin.

It is a happy thing to see you dive deeper into ham licence than memorization of the right answers...

On Mon, 2007-09-17 at 17:28 -0400, k8mhz@... wrote:
> Yes, it is legal.
>

73
de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

3436. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-18 00:04:30 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 37 Message: 3436

All
Please pass on to your groups of all Hams. Thanks Tom KB8VEE DEC-6

Greetings everyone,

Roger Edwards WB8WJV has served as our Assistant Section Manager since August of 1997. After ten years in the position (and three of those where he
has begged to resign), your SM has finally and reluctantly relented to Roger's request. Roger is one of those people who is involved in his community and has the ability to really make things happen. He has been a most valuable asset to the Michigan ARRL Section. Fortunately for all, he will remain active in his home town of Caro and with amateur radio in Tuscola
County. Roger, thanks for everything.
The IRA link repeater system has a new repeater on-line in Mackinaw City, Michigan operating on 146.84 MHz with a 103.5 CTCSS on receive and transmit.
WB8DEL, W8HVG, W8BCI and KC8GXO installed it on September 1. It is located about seven miles south of Mackinaw City. Initial tests indicate that it will extend the IRA link system coverage to Sault Ste. Marie and most of the
eastern half of the Upper Peninsula. It will provide handie-talkie coverage
in the area around the Mackinac Bridge and Mackinac Island. Although there are a few minor technical issues still to be worked on involving audio frequency tailoring and link RF signal level, the new repeater is working very well. The Mackinaw City link repeater should be a tremendous adjunct to
the IRA link system communications capability providing users with enhanced emergency communications, opportunities to meet new hams, make new friends, and learn new things about Michigan.
The Annual election results for the Midland Amateur Radio Club:
President:
KC8ITI, Vice Pres: KB8SOE, Sectary: KC8MUD, Treasurer: N8CGP.
Congratulations to these newly elected officers.
Congratulations to Sam K8SN. Sam has been awarded the Pillars of Society Award by the Michigan DX Assn. for his many years of advancing emergency communications in the western Michigan area.
As you read this, the final preparations are being made for our ARRL Great
Lakes Division Convention in Independence, Ohio. This major event is scheduled for September 21 & 22. The banquet Keynote speaker will be ARRL President Joel Harrison W5ZN. Seminar Topics include DX, EMCOMM, ARDF and AMSAT. The seminar speakers include W3UR, K8MFO, K8YSE, K4UEE, K2DCD,

WA6EZV
and WB4GCS. Check your QST for September, page 92 for details or visit the Convention web page http://www.2007gldc.com/ for all of the latest updates.
A gathering of the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong will follow the banquet. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with the people who are the pacesetters of ham radio, I hope I will see you there.
We are beginning to emphasize more of our local and club net activities. If your ARES/RACES group or club has a regular net that handles traffic, you
can report that activity to WB8RCR and we will be pleased to post the participation in the Monthly Section News.

And now, some comments from John WB8RCR our SEC/STM:

SET is coming soon. Be sure to mark October 6th on your calendar. Last year we learned a lot by having a lot of simplex operation. Although most emergency operation tends to be local, we sometimes need longer distance communications. HF conditions are often poor from many parts of the state to
the SEOC, so this year we want to emphasize other VHF paths. We are asking every county to route messages to the SEOC through their nearest VHF traffic
net, as well as to the SM via packet. For many of you, this will require organizing some help from adjacent counties. This will help you be prepared for the possible pitfalls should you need to do this in a real incident.
There may be some more exciting developments about SET yet to come. Keep an
eye on the SET page which can be reached by clicking on the SET link on the "Events" page of the mi-arpsc site, or by clicking on 2007 SET on the left menu of the mi-nts site. I will also post any news on the MIARPSC Yahoo group. The direct link is <http://www.mi-nts.org/txtblk.php?topic=6001>.
On August 24, the NWS confirmed six tornado touchdowns across the state. A
number of programs activated, most were clear by late in the evening. I was
particularly impressed by the response from areas that were not affected. Kent proactively offered help to Eaton, who, as it turns out, were able to handle the problem themselves. Genesee, the hardest hit, had 120 volunteers
on scene with another 60 standing by. ARES programs from all over the state responded, and Greg Allinger, the DEC for District 3 asked me to pass along a
big thank you to those that participated, and those that stood by in case they were needed.
The incident did point out to me a weakness we have. When we have an event
that may require assistance from outside the affected area, information can be quite sketchy. Generally, the EC is tied up and even if communication circuits are available, probably isn't interested in giving updates to those

from outside. I would urge you to contact your DEC any time you are activated. If you can't reach your DEC, contact me. As s minimum, we will be starting to identify who might have the skills and capacity to help should
it be needed. More and more ECs are paying attention to E-Team, so if at all
possible, please keep your SitRep up to date there. Normally this would be an EC job, but you can't always schedule a disaster for when your EC is in town, so everyone should be aware of where to go for help. Emcomm organizations are a little bit "upside-down". The DEC is there to help the EC, and the SEC is there to help the DEC. You shouldn't be afraid to contact
your section officials; it's our job to support you, not the other way around.
Unfortunately, we won't be able to organize an EC meeting before SET, but I
would like to have one shortly after. Right now I am thinking of October 27
in Lansing. This will give us an opportunity to share learnings from SET, and ideas for next year's event. Following the SET please share with your EC
anything you felt could be improved, or which worked particularly well, so (s)he can be prepared to share that with the other ECs in Lansing. The date
and location isn't cast in concrete yet, so if you can think of a better time
or venue, please share it with me. Enough rambling for this month, I'll try to keep you all posted on what is happening, both here, and on the MIARPSC group.

73 de WB8RCR

Michigan Nets reporting for August: MiTN, MACS, WMTN, UPN, TMMTN, SEMTN, GLETN, NLEUPN, Hiawatha, Benzie County, MIARPSC, and Branch County. Total Operator-hours for August: 1,758.
Station Activity Reports (SAR) for August, 2007: WB9JSR 668, KC8WSE 251, K8KV 233, K8LJG 151, AB8SY 98, K8AMR 69, W8RNQ 43, WB8RCR 31, AB8WF 27, KC8MLD 17, KD8BGQ 16, WD8USA 14, K8ZJU 9, KC8BMV 4.
Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHR) for August, 2007: KD8BGQ 383, WB8RCR 341, K8MFK 265, WB9JSR 145, K8ZJU 108, WD8USA 105, KC8WSE 100, K8AMR 90, K8RDN 86, K8KV 80, AB8SY 80, K8VFZ 63.
SARs are reports of all the radiogram traffic you have handled in the past
month. PSHRs include your net and public service activities for the month. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR. You can access a simple
reporting form at: http://www.mi-nts.org/PSHR_entry.shtml to provide your reports to WB8RCR.

July Official Emergency Station reports came in from K8COP, WB8WRB, and WU8Y. Your OES reports should be filed with WA8EFK. In all cases,

reporting
by radiogram is encouraged. Packet messages can be routed to
wb8rcr@... and wa8efk@...

73 until next month,
Dale WA8EFK

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
wa8efk@...

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being sent to you.
- webmaster@...

3439. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-17 23:11:16 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3427 Message: 3439

Well, my two cents worth is that it's fine. I checked once with the ARRL before starting A 12-week CW practice class on our local 2-meter repeater that was going to use modulated CW on FM, and they said it'd be fine. ... Of course, I intersperced the CW lessons with my own spoken audio teaching, and that included verbally saying my own call for ID. Our repeater also ID's in both CW and phone, so I think I was ok, but your question, Mark, is sure an interesting one.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

----- Original Message -----
From: "Chris Schulte" <w8cjs@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2007 10:47 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

This could be taken a step further, how about sending morse code over FM frequencies. I.e. finding a simplex channel, or over a repeater for that matter and runnign code practice. Is this legal or no? Especially when the sending station identifys in morse code.

Now I'm guilty of this as well as other hams out there, but it does beg the question of just how legal is sending morse code over fm?

73,
Chris, w8cjs
Web site,
http://www.w8cjs.com
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2007 10:43 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

My question concerns FM repeaters that ID only in Morse Code by sending audible tones using the FM mode.

97.119 (b) outlines the way a station may ID.

(1) By a CW emission

(2) By a phone emission in the English language

(3) By an RTTY emission when the comms are RTTY

(4) By an image emission when the comms are images.

CW and Morse Code are not synonymous. CW is a specific emission type with certain standards and is not FM. Morse Code transmitted by audio tones using FM is still FM, not CW.

Given the above, is it legal to only transmit a station ID in Morse Code using FM carried audio tones? If the repeaters did switch to a true CW emission when transmitting their ID would an FM receiver be able to 'hear' it sufficiently to make the ID legible?

Of course, if the repeater ID's by phone at the required intervals, the addition of an audio Morse identifier is allowed. But if not does the Morse identifier satisfy the ID requirements of 97.119 (b)?

Inquiring minds want to know.....

73

Mark K8MHZ

3440. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-18 13:16:29 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3427 Message: 3440
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

[Attachment content not displayed]

3442. FYI russia RK3DXW

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-18 14:20:26 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3442 Message: 3442

RK3DXW is 59 and calling CQ on 14.1834
10:19 am Michigan time

3444. How he did this without laughing is beyond me

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-18 16:38:13 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3444 Message: 3444

This was from the same list that had the lightning discussion that I posted
a part of yesterday. The audio isn't the greatest in the file, but it is
quite amusing. I guarantee you won't be disappointed that you listened to
it.
http://www.redwhiteandblue.org/echurch/lesson.mp3
73,
Chris, w8cjs
Web site,
http://www.w8cjs.com

3446. Re: [WestMichiganHams] How he did this without laughing is beyond me

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-18 23:02:24 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3444 Message: 3446

Chris:

I can't get the link you sent to work.

Perhaps it's something on my end.

Could you send it again directly to:

kb8tyj@...

Thanks, and 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

----- Original Message -----
From: "Chris Schulte" <w8cjs@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 12:38 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] How he did this without laughing is beyond me

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> a part of yesterday. The audio isn't the greatest in the file, but it is
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> Chris, w8cjs
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3447. Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-19 12:45:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3427 Message: 3447

Has the wording changed? F2 (International morse code sent via audio modulation of a FM station) is legal on all the repeater bands, and repeaters have been identifying with F2 for as long as they have existed. Commercial repeaters often ID with F2.

Methinks thee seeketh an answer to a tempest in the teapot.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
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> sending audible tones using the FM mode.
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> 97.119 (b) outlines the way a station may ID.
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> (3) By an RTTY emission when the comms are RTTY
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> CW and Morse Code are not synonymous. CW is a specific emission
> type with certain standards and is not FM. Morse Code transmitted
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> the addition of an audio Morse identifier is allowed. But if not
> does the Morse identifier satisfy the ID requirements of 97.119 (b)?
>
> Inquiring minds want to know.....
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ

3449. help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-19 22:24:26 UTC
From: John T Fischer
Topic: 1081 Message: 3449

hello to all we are looking for help on sat sept 22 in spring lake for a 5k run we will be meeting at the spring lake Eoc at 9:15 for positions on the route and need to be in place by 9:40 the race starts at 10:00 if you can help let me know tnx John KC8UNY

3450. help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-19 22:18:51 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1081 Message: 3450

hello to all we are looking for help on sat sept 22 in spring lake for a 5k run we will be meeting at the spring lake Eoc at 9:15 for positions on the route and need to be in place by 9:40 the race starts at 10:00 if you can help let me know tnx John KC8UNY

3451. Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-19 22:51:59 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 3427 Message: 3451

Comments woven.....

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> As far as 'repeater bands' the FCC does not designate any.

97.205(b) Repeaters are allowed only on the 10m and shorter bands, so technically (since we are being so here), in the context of Hank's reply, there are repeater bands. (Except, for example, 144.0-144.5 mc. and 145.5-145.8 mc.)

> The band plan is voluntary. On 2 meters the only thing that Part 97
>dictates is that CW is allowed band wide, CW only is allowed on 144.0
>- 144.1, and phone, image, RTTY, data, test and MCW are allowed from
>144.1 - 148.0. (97.305 (a) and (c), table). Now, since 97.305 (a)
>allows CW emissions on any frequency and (c) covers MCW, it seems
>that there is indeed a distinction between the two. Emisson types,
>such as CW are in three character designations (J2A, J2B) and MCW (I
>quote A,C,D,F,G,H or R as the first symbol, 2 as the second symbol; A
>or B as the third symbol) are three symbols. That is found in 97.3
>which supports that CW and MCW are not the same thing.

> If you could point me to a section of Part 97 that allows
>repeaters to ID in MCW I sure would appreciate it. Nothing in
>97.205 (repeater stations) mentions such an allowance.

No allowance needed. Is it prohibited? No.

Where is the specific allowance for IRLP, Echolink, SSTV, et. al.? Those modes are not defined in the rules. At least I haven't found them. The point is, we hams do not need specific permission from Part 97 to do something.

The first remote base in the Southern Calif. area got put up in the mid 1950s - first on a garage repeater, then on a mountaintop. The remote control was a rotary telephone dial pulsing an audio oscillator. Nobody asked "is it legal?" They just did it.

I can read the rules, and I will interpret them in their best sense. If I want to do something not specifically blessed in the rules, but can find nothing in Part 97 that says I can't do it, then I will proceed. Amateurs are known to be self-regulating, and, yes, using common sense when interpreting Part 97 is a part of that attribute.

Part 97 was written to allow experimentation and innovation. No other service is allowed those freedoms. Part 97 is the ONLY section in the FCC rules that say "You can't do X". Every other section - GMRS,

Public Safety, CB, Aircraft, etc. all say "You can only do X". That is why MCW is allowed on repeaters.

Laryn K8TVZ

3453. Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-20 01:19:32 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 3427 Message: 3453

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Hello Laryn,
>
> Your points are good, indeed.
>
> My question is not if MCW is legal to use or not, as surely it is. My question is whether or not the use of MCW ONLY satisfies the requirement of legal identification. So far, it seems that it is not due to the distinction between that emission and the voice or CW requirement I have posted here.

Mark, comments woven...

97.3(c)(5) [Definitions] Phone. Speech and other sound emissions having designators with A, C, D, F, G, H, J or R as the first symbol; 1, 2 or 3 as the second symbol; E as the third symbol. Also speech emissions having B as the first symbol; 7, 8 or 9 as the second symbol; E as the third symbol. MCW for the purpose of performing the station identification procedure, or for providing telegraphy practice interspersed with speech. Incidental tones for the purpose of selective calling or alerting or to control the level of a demodulated signal may also be considered phone.

97.119(b)(2) [Station Identification] By a phone emission in the English language. Use of a phonetic alphabet as an aid for correct station identification is encouraged;

In the Phone definition above , it is clear that a <phone emission> includes more than just spoken words, and indeed includes MCW. Logically, an ID "By a phone emission in the English language" includes permission to use MCW, since MCW is defined as a phone emission. A phone emission using Morse characters in the English language to ID a station then should be/is fine. (Sorry if that all sounds a bit like redundant doubletalk).

>
> I understand what you are indicating as far as 'repeater bands' is concerned and you are correct. I was thinking in terms of the segmentation of such as far as simplex vs. repeaters. Some repeaters use the generally accepted bandplan's simplex frequencies, the notorious 147.435 in Los Angeles comes to mind.
>
> You are also correct about Part 97 not being exclusive as you illustrated by SSTV, IRLP, etc. That does not address my initial question about MCW ONLY being a legal form of ID and that is not just

for repeaters.

See my comments above. :)

>
> Thanks for your willingness to help address this issue and taking the time to do so. Part 97 is a bear to understand.

>We also have Part 90 to deal with as well, specifically 90.207 and
>90.209 as we are bound to ALL the requirements of CFR 47. That is
>where the emission types and allowed bandwidth are outlined.
>Fortunately Part 90 is much easier to understand.

>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ

Laryn K8TVZ

3455. Steak Fry,,,Steak Fry....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-20 03:38:19 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 3455 Message: 3455

Attn: Everybody

Join us Saturday Oct. 6 at the clubhouse for a good old-fashioned Steak Fry. That's a New York Strip steak, Baked potato, salad and beverage for only $7.00....As I said ONLY $7.00. Feel free to bring a desert to pass if you like. There will be a discount for kids of course.

Hope to see you there.

3456. Kent County 2007 ARRL ARES Simulated Emergency Test information

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-20 03:52:06 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3456 Message: 3456

Please forward this to all amateur radio operators interested in participating. All are invited residents of Kent County or not!

2007 Simulated Emergency Test

October 6 8AM - 5PM

The ARRL Simulated Emergency Test is a nationwide exercise in emergency communications, administered by ARRL Field Organization Leaders including Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators, Section Emergency Coordinators and Net Managers. Many other Section Leaders like the Section Manager and the Section Traffic Manager may have a hand in planning the exercises and/or reviewing the results. Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), National Traffic System (NTS), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and other public-service oriented groups can be involved. The SET weekend gives communicators the opportunity to focus on the emergency-communications capability within your community while interacting with NTS nets

How to Join the SET

To participate in this year's emergency test, contact your Kent County ARRL emergency coordinator @ jnawrot@... if your interested in participating. Whether you're a new licensee or an experienced radio amateur, the SET is a golden opportunity to learn or practice useful skills in traffic handling, net operation and emergency communications protocols and management.

Purpose of SET

1. To find out the strengths and weaknesses of ARES, NTS, RACES and other groups in providing emergency communications.
2. To provide a public demonstration--to served agencies such as the American Red Cross, the emergency management agency and through the news media--of the value to the public that Amateur Radio provides, particularly in time of need.
3. To help radio amateurs gain experience in communications using standard procedures and a variety of modes under simulated-emergency conditions.

Important info

1. We will have a training program during the normal ARES / RACES meeting on September 27th at 7:00 PM at KCSD 701 Ball Ave NE

2. All Amateurs are invited to participate in the SET but need to register beforehand @ http://www.kcraces.net/signup/set.php we will update

people from this list letting them know where to go and what to do.

3. The event will happen October 6th from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

4. You can participate in the event as much as you want

3457. Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-20 12:55:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3427 Message: 3457

Mark:

Again, methinks thee splitteth hairs. You just can't "let go" of a particular idea, and seem to delight in continuing an otherwise dead argument. IF (and I can't emphasize "IF" strongly enough using ASCII text), if using F2 to send Morse code ID's were not sufficient to ID a voice repeater, then many repeaters have been operating illegally since the early 70's, if not before. Prior to digital voice recorders, most repeaters ID's ONLY with Morse code using F2 emission. Zero, zilch, none, NADA of them have received a pink ticket from the Friendly Candy Company for non compliance with the ID requirements. A few received notices if they didn't ID at all, but that's a totally different situation. Doesn't this tell you something?

A similar situation existed in the 80's and 90's with Packet Radio. Some folks insisted that a packet digipeater had to ID with CW. Indeed, some of the early TNC's had code written into them so that CW could be sent using unmodulated carrier of a FM rig. To do so required digging into the radio and installing a CW keying circuit. I don't remember details, but this was a "hot button" item with some of the "legalistic" hams within Packet Radio. Within a few months (less than a couple years if memory serves correct), the FCC clarified the interpretation of regs so that the digipeater could, unambiguously, ID using AX.25. I don't recall if the interpretation was written into the law, but I do know that the "so called requirement" was dropped. I was heavily into packet networking at the time, was aware of the "so called requirement" and I was amongst the 99.44% of the hams who operated packet used AX.25 for ID even before the "clarification."

73 de n8xx Hg

k8mhz@... wrote:

> 1d. Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question
> Posted by: "k8mhz@..." k8mhz@... k8mhz
> Date: Wed Sep 19, 2007 4:21 pm ((PDT))
>
> Hello Laryn,
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> Your points are good, indeed.
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> My question is not if MCW is legal to use or not, as surely it is. My question is whether or not the use of MCW ONLY satisfies the requirement of legal identification. So far, it seems that it is not due to the distinction between that emission and the voice or CW requirement I have posted here.
>

> <snip>

3458. Coffee Break, 9/21/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-20 13:01:06 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3458 Message: 3458

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Friday September 21, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3460. SSTV image server/repeater user manual rev.4

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-20 18:27:21 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3460 Message: 3460

Quite a bit has changed since I posted the last revision of the manual in early February, so here's an updated version:

http://www.electroblog.com:8090/sstvwx.pdf

This describes the image options that have been added since the last edition of the manual, and gives detailed instructions on how to use the new repeater mode. Feel free to give it a shot.

For those who can't or don't want to download and read the manual, here's a summary of important facts:

* The system runs on 445.125 MHz FM from a tower in northern Holland (intersection of 136th and Butternut)
* Use a DTMF pad to command it:
- 11: NWS local radar
- 15: Local radar with storm icons and lightning
- 20: NWS regional radar (MI/WI/IL/IN/OH)
- 30: Watches and warnings
- 31: Satellite image
- 70: Activate repeater mode for 1 hour (disables DTMF commands)
* To use the repeater:
- Send a 1750 Hz tone for a second
- After the repeater sends a 'K' to acknowledge, send your image
- Image will be retransmitted after a short delay

-Joe, N8FQ

3461. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-20 21:01:51 UTC
From: stapeljb79@aol.com
Topic: 3427 Message: 3461

Sorry to disagree with you N8XX, if there is still a conversation going on with no clear answer, the issue is anything but dead. I am a new ham and enjoy any and all information I can get on any topic. Having learned how much Ham's pride themselves in being as precise and detail minded as possible, I'm surprised that anybody would complain about splitting hairs. :-). I think these types of topics and conversations are fantastic and I look forward to more questions like this. I've learned quite a bit from the wealth of knowledge all the hams here on the group have provided. And I thank EVERYBODY!!

Jeff Stapel
KD8FXA

********** See what's new at http://www.aol.com

3462. Coffee Break, 9/22/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-21 12:56:59 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3462 Message: 3462

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday September 22, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

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3463. Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-21 13:59:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3463 Message: 3463

KD8FXA de n8xx:

The "clear answer" to me was that folks (including me) have been legally operating repeaters using only F2 emission for ID for years. The most salient point was that none of them were cited before that. I was a trustee of a repeater for years, so I know of what I speak.

This conversation led K8TVZ to do the research, rather than just pointing to the particular rule about ID. Apparently the rules have had the provision about F2 being a voice mode (or equivalent wording) for years. Most folks just follow convention was that F2 was an okay substitute for the "CW or Voice" emission in the part of the ID rules, without researching the definition of "Voice". Laryn K8TVZ, who actually read the rules in 97.3(c)(5) is to be commended.

As for teaching, when I run into a question with which I'm unfamiliar, I tell the students of my ignorance, and either ask the assembled multitude, and/or look up the answer later. I never claim to be a "know it all" expert.

This might be a lesson to us all. If we don't understand something, read the overall context, not just a fragment.

But, it's a free country, and folks who like to comment without doing research can continue to expound.

73 de n8xx Hg

stapeljb79@... wrote:

> 1c. Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question
> Posted by: "stapeljb79@..." stapeljb79@... vinnierock79
> Date: Thu Sep 20, 2007 2:06 pm ((PDT))
>
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> KD8FXA

3464. Tool Max Open this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-21 16:09:53 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3418 Message: 3464

We will be open this Saturday 9AM-12PM

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
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B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Johnson SWR Meter $2
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
DB 1015 10/15 meter High Gain Beam $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light Taking orders $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
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1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
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The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 just north of the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant (Now tore down) in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.For more information call me at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 9:00AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

From Tool Max Industrial Supply 231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3466. Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-21 18:53:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3463 Message: 3466

Mark,

In my profession, I'm personally liable and the company for which I work is corporately liable, for any intentional mistook in design, fabrication, and even use (sometimes misuse) of the specification and processes which I design. That does not mean that I must be an expert in every aspect of the work, just that I must use my knowlege and practical judgement in design, and to know when to ask for help. I do not worry about every niggle, but I am concerned about the overall integrity of the processes which I design. I ask a safety engineer to work with me to make sure there are no obvious design flaws which could create a safety problem. I do not ask the general public in an open forum. The civil and criminal penalties in my profession are rather severe.

When something is so common as to become a defacto standard, it is frequently used, and has and will stand up in court if something goes awry which is totally unexpected.

My point is that, since F2 (Morse Code sent via audio over a FM carrier) was and is so common of a way to ID a repeater, then there MUST be a regulation or a FCC decision which supports its use. Due diligence by K8TVZ was the type of research that would have prevented a lengthy discourse on the subject by folks (like you and me) who aren't willing to do the research. The messages betwee your question and K8TVZ's answer, were just idle chatter. For my part, I ask forgiveness from the assembled multitude for contributing to this idle chatter.

73 de n8xx Hg
Henry R. Greeb
Professional Engineer, Ohio

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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> Mark K8MHZ

3467. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-21 20:55:54 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3463 Message: 3467

Guys before this goes any further it is time to end this thread it is beginning to sound like the yellow light episode . KC8UNY John
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 2:10 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

Hank,

Here are a few reasons I don't accept "people have been doing it for years and no one has been cited" to indicate legality.

1) Kerchunking a repeater and not IDing. Do you know anyone that has been cited for doing it? Is it legal? No.

2) The use of a cross band repeater that does not correctly ID on both frequencies it transmits on. Same questions. Same answer.

3) The use of tactical call signs without using the operator's FCC assigned call to ID at the end of an exchange and/or every ten minutes. Again, same questions, and again, same answer.

4) Not related to amateur radio, but related to the FCC, making contacts on the 11 meter band in excess of 50 kilometers is also illegal and yet I know of no one that has ever been cited for it. That does not make it legal.

In all four cases I can't think of a single citation ever issued but I do know for sure that all four are illegal. The difference is that in all four of the above instances I can point out the exact FCC regulation being violated. The lack of issuance of a citation does not negate their illegality. In the case of our discussion of MCW for ID I could not locate the exact rules. Laryn either knew which section made it legal or found it where I did not think to look. Yes, he is to be commended for his efforts or knowledge as are any of us that don't rely upon unquestioned convention to guide us.

In the above 4 examples, people follow convention and in each one of those examples are operating illegally by doing so.

As for not being an expert, and not seeking to be one while assuming the role of a teacher, I feel that such practice is doing a disservice to the students and to the art in which they will become licensed to perform. Sadly, I am going against convention when I seek expertise but as you have seen, convention shall not by my guide nor my teacher. I prefer to lead rather than follow.

Bear in mind that in my profession, I must be an expert at what I do. As a licensed electrician if I am not an expert at my trade and make a mistake, other experts will be called in because of my failure. The experts I speak of are firefighters, EMTs and in a

worst case scenario, medical examiners. I prefer to carry my pursuit of expertise into amateur radio and pass my knowledge on to my students, and on to those reading discussions here on this reflector.

Is it not a common complaint among amateurs with tenure that the tests are too easy and that the newer members of our craft do not exhibit the same level of expertise that those in the past have shown? Is the situation getting worse, or is it getting better? I feel it is prudent to do my part to correct this issue by teaching above and beyond the answers to the tests, which are published with no explanation yet provide the unwashed a means to get a license and operate on our bands. Many complain, few take steps to correct.

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----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: West Michigan Hams
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 09:59
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

KD8FXA de n8xx:

The "clear answer" to me was that folks (including me) have been legally operating repeaters using only F2 emission for ID for years. The most salient point was that none of them were cited before that. I was a trustee of a repeater for years, so I know of what I speak.

This conversation led K8TVZ to do the research, rather than just pointing to the particular rule about ID. Apparently the rules have had the provision about F2 being a voice mode (or equivalent wording) for years. Most folks just follow convention was that F2 was an okay substitute for the "CW or Voice" emission in the part of the ID rules, without researching the definition of "Voice". Laryn K8TVZ, who actually read the rules in 97.3(c)(5) is to be commended.

As for teaching, when I run into a question with which I'm unfamiliar, I tell the students of my ignorance, and either ask the assembled multitude, and/or look up the answer later. I never claim to be a "know it all" expert.

This might be a lesson to us all. If we don't understand something,
read the overall context, not just a fragment.

But, it's a free country, and folks who like to comment without doing
research can continue to expound.

73 de n8xx Hg

stapeljb79@...m wrote:

> 1c. Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code - A legal question
> Posted by: "stapeljb79@..." stapeljb79@... vinnierock79
> Date: Thu Sep 20, 2007 2:06 pm ((PDT))
>
> Sorry to disagree with you N8XX, if there is still a conversation going on with no clear answer, the issue is anything but dead. I am a new ham and enjoy any and all information I can get on any topic. Having learned how much Ham's pride themselves in being as precise and detail minded as possible, I'm surprised that anybody would complain about splitting hairs. :-). I think these types of topics and conversations are fantastic and I look forward to more questions like this. I've learned quite a bit from the wealth of knowledge all the hams here on the group have provided. And I thank EVERYBODY!!
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> Jeff Stapel
> KD8FXA

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3468. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-21 20:14:00 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 3463 Message: 3468

k8mhz@... wrote:
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Tom K8TB

3469. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-21 21:43:51 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3463 Message: 3469

I don't think the horse can be beat much dead than it is.....

3471. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-21 22:14:56 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3463 Message: 3471

Correction: much nmore dead

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 5:43 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

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3475. drive over mast stand revisted

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-21 22:36:24 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3463 Message: 3475

A few months back someone possibly Mark mentioned he knew someone who could make the drive over mast stand?

During one of our sar teams trainings in the past few weeks they showed up with one. (which I thought was cool since we are the ones who trained them for the ham thing)

http://picasaweb.google.com/kcraces/K9OneTrainingAtMilleniumPark/photo#5108605807603574210

Apparently the leader works for GM and someone made it for them. I keep asking when GM is going to put this out at my local dealer but they do not see that happening. So I'm still in the market for a couple if you know anyone who can help pass the info on to me.

Jeff - N8JSN

3476. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-21 22:47:19 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3463 Message: 3476

No but the fingers just don't want to do what they are told.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 6:30 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

Long day Jim?

:)

mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 06:14
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

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Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 5:43 PM
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3477. Used Icom ICw32A for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-22 01:02:14 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3477 Message: 3477

Hello, everyone.

First of all, I want to say that if the following post is inappropriate for this list, please advise, and I'll not do it again. It just seems like this list is full of knowledgeable and friendly hams who might be able to help out.

I have for sale a used Icom ICW32A dual-band HT. The HT was purchased in March of 1998 for approximately $300.

The HT still transmits, and has a great receiver front end.

There are two problems with the radio that I believe someone with a bit of technological knowhow could fix, and if the problems could be fixed, this would be a perfectly good HT for someone to use.

The problems are as follows:

1. The conections on the jack panel on the top of the radio have become loose, so that the plugs for the mic, power supply, etc., do not make a sound electrical connection. and

2. The internal speaker in the radio itself has become muffled. This second problem is particularly surprising to me, since I have never dropped the radio, or done anything that should make this happen.

In all honesty, the above problems are not the reason I wish to sell the radio. My main reason for wanting to sell this radio is that I am a blind ham, and the radio simply is not the most "user friendly" radio to program. Quite simply, I'd rather put my money into buying a new more "user friendly" HT, rather than paying the costs to get the ICw32A fixed.

I have the original box, manual, and all other accessories that came with the radio when it was ordered back in 1998. I also will throw in the extra alkaline battery case for no additional charge.

I am asking $100 for the entire package, and that'll include shipping. And, this price is negotiable.

I am interested in fairness here, and would like to see this HT get repaired and go to someone who could use it.

If you have any interest in this at all, or if you have further questions, please e-mail me privately at:

kb8tyj@...

or call me at (231) 592-9854.

Thanks very much, and 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

3478. AP Story -- Looking for Comments

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-22 01:12:41 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 3478 Message: 3478

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NWS Changes Severe Weather Alerts

Sep 18 03:16 PM US/Eastern
By JAY REEVES
Associated Press Writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) - The National Weather Service is revamping the way it has issued severe weather warnings for decades with a new system designed to mark a geographic bull's eye where a storm will hit.

The system, which goes into effect Oct. 1, switches from alerts based on county lines to notices aimed at specific communities, weather service officials said Tuesday. Using radar and computer modeling programs, the system is meant to predict the moment a storm will hit a community or even a certain crossroads.

Known as storm-based warnings, the new alerts could reduce a warning area from thousands of square miles to a few hundred square miles, experts said.

"A storm-based warning focuses on a storm itself and the geographic area that might be affected by it," said Eli Jacks, a meteorologist at weather service headquarters in suburban Washington. "We can really reduce the number of people being warned by reducing that geographic area."

The new system will initially be limited to warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, floods and marine hazards. Later, it will be expanded to include other threats like extreme heat, Jacks said.

Tornado forecasting began in the late 1940s, and the government started issuing weather warnings in the 1950s based on a network of storm spotters with radios and telephones. Warnings generally have been issued on a county-by-county basis ever since.

Under the new system, the weather service plans to issue warnings for specific storms and alert people who might be in the path. On a radar map, the warned areas appear as highlighted polygons rather than entire counties; forecasters will refer to commonly known landmarks like rivers and roads in written announcements.

Officials say the system also will make it easier to send weather warnings through cell phones and other handheld devices.

Some weather experts are concerned that radar has its limits and a fast-moving storm can change direction, suddenly taking aim at an area not mentioned in the storm warning. But Jacks said the system will be able to keep up with abrupt changes.

A report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted the new system would save $100 million annually, mainly by cutting back on unneeded business closings and the amount of time people spend huddled in closets or basements during warnings.

"I think that is a very conservative estimate. It could be substantially more," said Daniel Sutter, who calculated the savings and is an associate economics professor at the University of Texas-Pan American.

The new warnings have worked well during trials in Indiana, said Dave Tucek, who coordinates severe weather warning in the agency's Indianapolis office.

"I think it has been a good system," said Tucek. "The idea behind it ... is that there is no reason to warn the northern end of a county about something that is in the southern end of a county."

The president of the Alabama Skywarn Foundation, Brian Peters, said the new system already is being used in some weather service warnings, which name a county being placed under alert and then specify a certain area that's particularly at risk.

But, he said, highlighting too narrow an area for a warning could be hazardous since storms can change direction, and radar has its limits. An undetected tilt in a twister could send it toward an area that was not under a warning if alert boxes are too small.

"That's what worries me, giving people a false sense of security," said Peters, a meteorologist with WBMA-TV in Birmingham who previously worked as the weather service's warning coordinator for Alabama.

Jacks said new warnings will be issued as storms move.

"You can issue as many storm-based warnings as you need," he said.

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3479. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-22 02:33:41 UTC
From: FSK
Topic: 3463 Message: 3479

Thank you, Tom!!!
----- Original Message -----
From: K8TB
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 4:14 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

k8mhz@... wrote:
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3480. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeaters that ID in Morse Code

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-22 02:39:42 UTC
From: FSK
Topic: 3463 Message: 3480

Please can we move to another subject, i think we beat thuis with a stick, enough THANK YOU!!!

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From: K8TB
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 4:14 PM
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3481. The ARRL Letter, Vol 26, No 38 (Friday, September 21, 2007)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-22 03:29:13 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3481 Message: 3481

********** The ARRL Letter Vol. 26, No. 38 September 21, 2007
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==> GET READY FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL ARRL ON-LINE AUCTION!

The Second Annual ARRL On-Line Auction kicks off October 24, running until November 2 on the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/auction>. This is your chance to pick up one-of-a-kind Amateur Radio items. To see what the Auction will offer this year, be sure to check out the Auction preview that begins October 17. Last year, the Auction attracted more than 4300 bidders from 36 countries. While the majority of buyers were from the USA, Canada and the UK, there were buyers from Australia, Malaysia, Grenada and Tanzania.

According to ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, "Last year's on-line auction was our first and it was a great success. When the bidding ended, we realized that we had sold 104 items and we had raised just over $37,000." Proceeds from the auction benefit ARRL education programs including activities to license new hams, strengthen Amateur Radio's emergency service training, offer continuing technical and operating education, as well as creating instructional materials.

This year's auction will include many products tested by the ARRL Lab for QST Product Review. These items include an ICOM IC-7800, a Ten-Tec Omni VII, a Palstar Auto Antenna Tuner, an MJF 974H Balanced Antenna Tuner and a Heil Traveler Headset. There will be many vintage items offered, including the antique transmitter featured in John Dilks' "Old Radio" column in the November 2007 issue of QST. Also, returning by popular demand will be five ARRL Lab unique "junque" boxes.

==> IARU REGION 2 CONFERENCE COMPLETES ITS WORK IN BRASILIA

Completing a week that included lengthy committee meetings and a half-day tour of Brazil's capital city, the delegates to the 16th IARU Region 2 General Assembly in Brasilia met in Plenary assembly on Friday, September 14 to complete their work. Members of the ARRL's delegation included President Joel Harrison, W5ZN; Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, and husband Carter, N3AO; CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ; Southeastern Division Director Frank Butler, W4RH; Chief Technology Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, and Technical Relations Specialist Jon Siverling, WB3ERA.

Committee A, which deals with administrative matters, was chaired by Norma Leiva, HR2NL, of Honduras; the ARRL's Siverling served as secretary and interpreter. This committee presented the first report of the Conference and made a number of recommendations for Conference action, all of which were adopted. They include:

The establishment of a Region 2 Relief Fund with an initial transfer of $5000 from the general reserve of Region 2; additional contributions will be solicited. The Fund will be administered by the Executive Committee and will be available solely to assist Region 2 Member-Societies whose club stations and buildings, including antenna systems, are damaged by natural disaster.

The Executive Committee will develop a conference call process for Region 2 that includes objectives, action plans, due dates and score cards in order to improve communication among the Member-Societies and the Executive Committee

An offer by Radio Club Argentino to be responsible for the Spanish translation of the IARU Region 2 electronic bulletin was accepted.

Terms of reference for the Amateur Radio in Education Project that was adopted by the 15th General Assembly in 2004 were revised slightly to simplify the grant application process and encourage applications.

The Conference recognized Wolf Baron, TI2BY, of San Jose, Costa Rica, for his outstanding service to Amateur Radio by conducting on-the-air training on Sunday mornings for more than five years.

Several recommendations from the Region 2 Working Group on Emergency Communications were adopted. These include establishing an Emergency Communications Committee that will be responsible to the Executive Committee for carrying out planning, training and the maintenance of equipment and personnel inventories for emergency assistance deployment.

The Conference next received the report of Committee B/C, a combined technical and operational committee dealing with both HF and VHF/UHF matters. This committee was chaired by Ramon Santoyo, XE1KK, of Mexico City, Mexico; the ARRL's Rinaldo, served as secretary. The Plenary adopted all of the Committee's recommendations, including: A new Region 2 band plan for 160-10 meters was adopted, effective January 1, 2008. The new plan is modeled on one adopted previously by IARU Region 1, with regional differences taken into account; steps were taken to try to reduce interference to national emergency Nets, including establishing an inventory of such Nets and calling their importance to the attention of the radio amateur community; and an IARU Region 2 Diploma was approved, with some details remaining to be worked out by the Executive Committee.

The next report was from the Finance Committee, Committee D, chaired by Treasurer Noel Donawa, 9Y4NED, of Trinidad and Tobago. The Plenary accepted two recommendations from Committee D. The first is an effort to reach out to Member-Societies that have fallen behind in meeting their dues obligations to Region 2; they will be offered the opportunity to pay their back dues through 2006 at a 25 percent discount if they do so by January 15, 2008. The Plenary also directed the Executive Committee to study the existing dues structure, along with options and alternatives, and to report to the next General Assembly.

The Conference accepted the offer of the Club de Radio Aficionados de El Salvador (CRAS) to host the 17th General Assembly in 2010.

The Conference's last order of business was the election of officers and other Executive Committee members for the next three years. Rod Stafford, W6ROD, declined to stand for re-election as President but will remain a Director. Moving to the office of President is Secretary Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AMH, of Venezuela. Dario Jurado, HP1DJ, of Panama was re-elected Vice President, and Donawa was re-elected Treasurer and Director. Santoyo was newly elected as Secretary and joins the Executive Committee for the first time. The other Directors were re-elected: Daniel A. Lamoureux, VE2KA, of Canada; Pedro Rodriguez, CO2RP, of Cuba; Marco Tulio Gudiel, TG9AGD, of Guatemala; Gustavo de Faria Franco, PT2ADM, of Brazil, and Ron Szama, LU2AH, of Argentina. A provision of the Bylaws was amended to permit the Executive Committee to consist of 10 members rather than the customary nine.

The conferees expressed their deep appreciation to LABRE, host of the 16th General Assembly, for its outstanding hospitality. Forty delegates

and observers representing 18 countries in the Americas -- 11 in person, seven via proxy -- attended the Conference.

==> ARRL DAKOTA DIVISION VICE DIRECTOR TO RESIGN AS OF OCTOBER 1

Dakota Division Vice Director Twila Greenheck, N0JPH, announced her resignation effective Monday, October 1, due to family responsibilities; her term expires in 2008. She plans to continue serving the League as an ARRL Education Advisor and consultant to the Board of Directors' ad hoc Scouting Committee.

"Being part of the ARRL Board Family has been an incredible experience that I will always remember and cherish. The opportunity to serve with Director Jay Bellows representing the amateurs in the Dakota Division has surely been an honor," Greenheck said.

Bellows said, "Twila has been a joy to work with over the past eight years. From the first time I met her to the present she has been a tireless and effective advocate of increased ARRL efforts to reach out to youth and strengthen education in Amateur Radio. I look forward to her continued service to the League, especially as a member of the ARRL's Educational Advisory Group."

ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, will appoint a replacement.

==> ARRL ROANOKE DIVISION DIRECTOR TO BE FETED BY RADIO CLUB OF AMERICA

The Radio Club of America (RCA) has named ARRL Roanoke Division Director Dennis Bodson, PhD, PE, W4PWF, of Arlington, Virginia, as the recipient of the Sarnoff Citation. The award is given to recognize significant contributions to the advancement of electronic communications. Barry Goldwater, K7UGA (SK), was the first recipient of the Sarnoff Citation in 1973.

"I was shocked when I heard that I would receive the Sarnoff Citation," Bodson said. "I find it difficult to believe that I'll be on the dais with Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD." Bodson, Cronkite and QST and QEX author John S. "Jack" Belrose, PhD, VE2CV, are to receive the RCA's Armstrong Medal, the RCA's foremost achievement award and named for its first recipient, Major Edwin Armstrong, at the RCA's Annual Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting and Technical Symposium on November 16 in New York City. Andy Rooney of CBS's "60 Minutes" will be the keynote speaker.

Bodson, who is retired -- "Retired means different things to different people. I work, but on different things," he said -- displays an energy level that hardly anyone can match. Bodson is retired as chief of the Technology and Standards Division of the National Communications System (NCS) in 1998. In October 2005, he became a member of the executive staff of the Institute for Defense and Homeland Security where he is director of Telecommunications and Sensor Systems. Bodson is an ARRL Life Member and a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

"Fifteen years ago, I had the opportunity [to serve on the ARRL Board of Directors]. I knew the former Division Director, and he suggested, 'get involved and run for Vice Director.' I was elected to that, and when he retired, I moved up to Director. I have enjoyed it, but everything comes to a change. I still have this year and two more years, and then I'll decide whether to run for re-election," Bodson said. He also is Vice President of the Arlington (Virginia) Amateur Radio Club (AARC).

Born in Washington, DC, Bodson always wanted to be an electrical engineer. He earned a BEE in 1961 and an MEE in 1963, both from The Catholic University of America in Washington. From 1963-1966, he served as an officer in the US Air Force assigned to the National Security Agency. From 1966-1969, he was with Vitro Laboratories, Atlantic Research Corporation and the US Army Materiel Command where he was engaged in research and development and systems engineering.

In 1970, Bodson began his long career with NCS, an interagency group of 23 federal departments and agencies managed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). While at NCS, Bodson continued his formal education and earned a Master's in public administration in 1976 from the University of Southern California's Washington Center for Public Affairs, and completed his PhD in electrical engineering in 1985 from California Western University. In recognition of his accomplishments in federal service, in 1999 Dennis received the IEEE's Charles Proteus Steinmetz Award. According to the IEEE's Web site, the award is "presented to an individual for exceptional contributions to the development and/or advancement of standards in the field of electrical and electronics engineering."

IEEE has seen a lot of Bodson since his beginning days as a student engineer. "My major professor said, 'Become active in your professional society.' I took him at heart and did so and never regretted it," he said. After retiring from NCS, Bodson increased his IEEE involvement, and by 2000, he was chairman of the IEEE Vehicular Technology Society (VTS) Standards Committee, reflecting his work on standards at NCS. He was a senior editor for the VTS quarterly bulletin, "News Digest," and later became its editor. "I became editor because we needed to do something, but then we got a real editor, Dr James Irvine. We went from a bulletin to a 60 page magazine," he said. Bodson is a Life Fellow of IEEE, where new Fellowships are limited to no more than one-tenth of one percent of the membership per year, making elevation to the status of Fellow in IEEE a particularly high distinction.

Soon after his retirement from NCS, Bodson served as president of the IEEE Engineering Management Society (EMS). For his service to EMS, he was given the EMS Engineering Manager of the Year Award. The IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA) bestowed on Bodson the IEEE-SA Distinguished Service Award in 2002. Bodson was then was elected President of VTS, where he continues on its board of governors as Junior Past President.

Bodson has written more than 60 technical articles and has published four books. He joined RCA in 1976, became a Fellow in 1981 and became an RCA Life Member in 1996.

The RCA banquet is open to members, non-members and guests. Registration is required; registration forms can be downloaded here <http://homeeverestkc.net/dbishop13322/registration_form/registration_form.doc>. To learn more about the Radio Club of America and their awards, please visit the RCA Web site <http://www.radioclubofamerica.org/>. The ARRL thanks RCA Fellow and ARRL Life Member Don Bishop, W0WO, for this information.

==> ARRL CONTINUES TO DEAL WITH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OVER PAVE PAWS SITES

The ARRL participated in a teleconference call on Wednesday, September 19, with the Department of Defense (DoD) regarding Amateur Radio repeaters interfering with the Air Force's PAVE Paws radar system.

According to ARRL Regulatory Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, "The DoD acknowledges that it has seen changes at some repeater sites, but not all of them." He said the DoD has revisited the Massachusetts repeaters, located near Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod, to "remeasure the numbers. Some Massachusetts repeater owners have volunteered to completely turn off their systems and some others have made changes, but more is needed at both PAVE Paws radar sites."

The DoD, Henderson continued, has identified additional sources of interference in Massachusetts. "This was not really unexpected and is part of what has become an ongoing project. The ARRL will begin working with these repeater owners as soon as the DoD provides us with specific information," he said.

In California, where more than 100 repeaters are being scrutinized by the DoD, Henderson said the majority of repeaters have not been mitigated: "The Air Force has not had a chance to revisit Beale Air Force Base for new measurements, but it will be happening soon."

Reports have circulated that a number of California repeater owners have decided to take no further action about mitigating the interference unless they receive official notice from the Federal Communications Commission. "If these reports are true," Henderson said, "it is unfortunate. The FCC has stayed abreast of the discussions between the League and the DoD, and they are prepared to act appropriately if they are contacted by the DoD."

He continued: "The DoD has indicated they are willing to allow the ARRL to continue its attempts to mitigate the interference; however, they have expressed a sense of urgency that this must come to a conclusion. Those waiting for FCC action may find it coming sooner rather than later."

==> FCC AMATEUR RADIO ENFORCEMENT CORRESPONDENCE POSTED

On August 23, the FCC's Enforcement Bureau released new Amateur Radio enforcement actions. Todd C. Browne, KD0PA; Keith W. Coad, KW2C; Santos

J. Rodriguez Colon, KP4DC; Jerry L. Counsellor, WE5JC; Pablo Diaz-Alequin, KP4MC, and Donald B. Flowers, NC4DF, all received letters from the Commission concerning their vanity call signs. These amateurs received their vanity call signs by stating they were former holders of these call signs, but the FCC can find no documentation substantiating their claims.

Robert C. Moldenhauer, W9CQ, also received a letter concerning his vanity call sign that he requested as a "close relative" of the former holder of that call sign. The FCC told Moldenhauer they can find no documentation of his claim.

Steve L. Wingate, K6TXH, received notice from the Commission that the recordings he had requested concerning complaints alleging his lack of station control and deliberate interference had been sent to him. Wingate was also granted an additional 30 days to respond to Commission correspondence.

The FCC Enforcement Bureau now posts Amateur Radio enforcement-related correspondence and documents -- with some exceptions -- on its own Web site <http://www.fcc.gov/eb/AmateurActions/Welcome.html>. Direct all questions concerning the Amateur Radio Service Enforcement Actions Web postings via e-mail only to Riley Hollingsworth <fccham@...> in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division.

==>SOLAR UPDATE

Tad "All for the Love of Sun(spots)" Cook, K7RA, this week reports: Fifteen days in a row with no sunspots, but this may change soon. Take a look at sunspot numbers compared to solar flux for the current third quarter of 2007 <http://www.sec.noaa.gov/ftpdir/indices/quar_DSD.txt>. Notice that when there are zero sunspots, the solar flux (the amount of energy we receive from the Sun at a wavelength of 10.7 cm or 2800 MHz) is always below 70. Recently, the flux value has been below 70, and for some time now the US Air Force has predicted a slight rise in solar flux to 70 for today, September 21. You can see those predictions here <http://sec.noaa.gov/ftpmenu/forecasts/45DF.html>. If we examine predictions from early September on that page, note they show a return to 70 solar flux for September 17; later forecasts show it creeping out to September 18, then 19 and finally for yesterday, the prediction for today is 70. We also see the return of sunspot group 970 set for September 21-23 in September 21 Solar Region Summary <http://www.sec.noaa.gov/ftpmenu/forecasts/SRS.html>. It would be great to have at least one sunspot when fall returns. The official autumnal equinox is this weekend, September 23 at 0951 UTC. Sunspot numbers for September 13-19 were 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 and 0 with a mean of 0. The 10.7 cm flux was 66.4, 66.8, 67.7, 67, 66.9, 66.5 and 66.8 with a mean of 66.9. Estimated planetary A indices were 2, 4, 4, 2, 2, 3 and 4 with a mean of 3. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 1, 3, 3, 2, 1, 2 and 2 with a mean of 2. For more information concerning radio propagation, visit the ARRL Technical Information Service Propagation page

<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html>.

==>IN BRIEF:

* This weekend on the radio: This weekend, the NCCC Sprint (CW) is September 21, while the AGCW VHF/UHF Contest is September 22. The Scandinavian Activity Contest (SSB) and CIS DX Contest are September 22-23. The SKCC Weekend Sprint is September 23 and the 222 MHz Fall Sprint is September 25. Next week, look for the ARRL EME Competition on September 29-30. The NCCC Sprint (CW) is September 28. On September 29-30, look for the CQ Worldwide DX Contest (RTTY), CQIR - Ireland Calling, the Texas QSO Party, FISTS Coast to Coast Contest and the UBA ON Contest (CW). The ARS Spartan Sprint is October 2. The YLRL Anniversary Party (CW) is October 2-4, the German Telegraphy Contest and the 432 MHz Fall Sprint are October 3. The SARL 80 Meter QSO Party is October 4. See the ARRL Contest Branch page <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>, the ARRL Contester's Rate Sheet <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rate-sheet/> and the WA7BNM Contest Calendar <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/index.html> for more info.

* ARRL Continuing Education Course Registration: Registration remains open through Sunday, October 7, 2007 for these online courses beginning on Friday October 19, 2007: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 2 (EC-002); Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 3 (EC-003R2); Antenna Modeling (EC-004); HF Digital Communications (EC-005); VHF/UHF - Life Beyond the Repeater (EC-008), and Radio Frequency Propagation (EC-011). To learn more, visit the CCE Course Listing page <http://www.arrl.org/cce/courses.html> or contact the Continuing Education Program Coordinator <cce@...>.

* Carl Gardenias, WU6D, Files Appeal with ARRL Executive Committee: Carl Gardenias, WU6D, who was disqualified last week as a candidate in the race for Director of the ARRL Southwestern Division, filed an appeal with the ARRL Executive Committee on Monday, September 17. Gardenias was disqualified by the League's Ethics and Elections Committee for not acting promptly in response to communications from that committee requesting he correct misinformation sent out on his behalf concerning other candidates. The Executive Board is currently considering Gardenias' appeal.

* ICOM Returns as November Sweepstakes Principal Awards Sponsor: ICOM has generously agreed to serve for a third year as principal awards sponsor for the 2007 ARRL November Sweepstakes. The Amateur Radio equipment manufacturer's first such sponsorship was for the 2005 events. The 2007 CW Sweeps takes place November 3-4, while the phone Sweeps is November 17-18. Under its agreement with ARRL, ICOM will be the principal sponsor for nearly 150 unsponsored contest plaques that recognize various levels of operating achievement in the popular annual competition. "Competitive operating events are the proving grounds for equipment, operators and antenna systems," said ARRL Membership and

Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N. "ICOM Amateur Radio Products National Sales Manager Ray Novak, N9JA, and ICOM recognize the importance of these testing grounds, as well as the high levels of achievement in contests that deserve to have 'some wood on the wall.' The Amateur Radio industry has been terrific in supporting many contests and activities run by ARRL, and we know first hand that participants appreciate the attention and devotion shown to these pursuits." Patton predicts nearly 3000 entries will be received for the November Sweepstakes this fall.

* Thomas B. J. Atkins, VE3CDM (SK): Former ARRL Canadian Division Director and IARU Region 2 President Tom Atkins, VE3CDM, passed away Tuesday, September 18. He was 81. Atkins was the last Director of the ARRL's Canadian Division before the Canadian Radio Relay League (CRRL), a predecessor to the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), began to operate independently in 1988. He served as ARRL Director from September 20, 1982 to January 1, 1988. Atkins also served as President of IARU Region 2 for two three-year terms, 1995-2001, after holding every other office in Region 2 -- Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President -- in succession between 1983 and 1995. He also served on the IARU Administrative Council and as an IARU Expert Consultant

* ARRL Receives MARS Call Sign: The ARRL now has a new Emergency Communications tool in its toolbox -- MARS call sign AAN1ARL. According to W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, "The call sign was requested to reflect both the holder of the license (ARRL) and the various MARS services (Army, Air Force and Navy)." The MARS station will be housed at W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station. ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCD, said, "The establishment of an ARMY MARS call sign for W1AW begins a relationship with the Military Affiliate Radio System and the ARRL. Our two organizations are working toward the near-term establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding. Additionally, the League and MARS will utilize each other's personnel and technical capabilities to further enhance our emergency preparedness and response capabilities." The MARS program consists of licensed Amateur Radio operators who are interested in military communications on a local, national and international basis as an adjunct to normal communications. MARS has a long and proud history of providing worldwide auxiliary emergency communications during times of need. The combined three service MARS programs (Army, Air Force, and Navy-Marine Corps) volunteer force of more than 5000 dedicated and skilled Amateur Radio operators is the backbone of the MARS program. There are Army MARS stations in Japan, Korea, Hawaii, Panama, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Alaska, Central America, Africa, Germany and the continental United States. MARS responders operate on specially assigned military radio frequencies in voice, teletype and packet modes of communications.

* North Carolina Ham Celebrates 100th Birthday: Harry Mills, K4HU, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, celebrated his 100th birthday September 19. In 1922, when Mills was first licensed, there was no Federal

Communications Commission; communications were regulated under the Department of Commerce with Herbert Hoover as Secretary of Commerce. Mills has been a member of the League since February 1, 1936 - more than 71 years; he is also a member of QCWA. Still active on the air, Mills can be heard twice weekly checking into the AM net on 3810 kHz, as well as the Chapter 76 QCWA SSB net on Saturday mornings on 3930 kHz. Mills credits a crystal receiver project from the Boy Scout handbook in 1919 for his interest in wireless and radio. ARRL Membership Manager Katie Breen, W1KRB, passed along birthday wishes: "On behalf of the Board, Staff and 152,000 members of ARRL -- we all wish a hearty Happy Birthday to Harry, K4HU. It's not too often that we have the opportunity to wish a Happy Birthday to someone who has been a member for 71 years -- yes, 71 years! I knew when I started here that we have thousands of dedicated members, but Harry exemplifies our long-time members. We are so pleased for Harry and wish him a very Happy 100th Birthday." -- Tnx John Dilks, K2TQN, and Harold Kinley, WA4GIB

* L. B. Cebik, W4RNL, Wins August QST Cover Plaque Award: The winner of the QST Cover Plaque Award for August is L. B. Cebik, W4RNL, for his article "A Short Boom, Wideband 3 Element Yagi for 6 Meters." Congratulations, L. B.! The winner of the QST Cover Plaque award -- given to the author or authors of the best article in each issue -- is determined by a vote of ARRL members on the QST Cover Plaque Poll Web page <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/qstvote.html>. Cast a ballot for your favorite article in the September issue by Sunday, September 30.

* Hams Named to Key NASA Positions: Veteran astronaut Ellen Ochoa, KB5TZZ, has been named Deputy Director of NASA's Johnson Space Center. Ochoa has served as Director of Flight Crew Operations at Johnson. She will succeed Bob Cabana, KC5HBV, who was named Director of NASA's Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. Ochoa and Cabana have each flown in space four times. Ochoa flew on space shuttle missions STS-56 on Discovery in 1993, STS-66 on Atlantis in 1994, STS-96 on Discovery in 1999 and STS-110 on Atlantis in 2002, logging a total of 978 hours in space. She became Deputy Director of Flight Crew Operations at Johnson in December 2002 and Director of Flight Crew Operations in September 2006. Cabana has logged more than 1010 hours in space. He served as pilot on STS-41 in 1990 and STS-53 in 1992, both on Discovery. He was mission commander on STS-65 on Columbia in 1994 and STS-88 on Endeavour in 1998, the first International Space Station assembly mission. "Having friends in high places is always a good thing," said ARRL ARISS Program Manager Rosalie White, K1STO. "It is a great thing for the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station program to have Ellen and Bob in these high-level positions at important NASA facilities. They are familiar with Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment (SAREX) and ARISS; recalling good experiences the two programs have provided students over the years can be very helpful to the future of Amateur Radio in space."

* Oklahoma Hams Assist with Accident Scene: On September 8, Myrna Cobb, KE5IAD, of Bethany, Oklahoma, and Victor Stillman, KE5LQU, of Edmond, Oklahoma, were driving home from an ARES exercise and talking with

friends on the K5EOK EARS repeater in Edmond. As they were talking, a car about 150 yards ahead of them on the highway started hydroplaning. The car skidded into a tractor-trailer, causing caused both vehicles to wreck. Still on the radio, Cobb and Stillman told Frankie Tassone, KE5KQL, about the accident, giving him the accident details. Tassone then contacted the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Cobb and Stillman were able to immediately respond when they pulled up on the scene. Stillman, a volunteer fire fighter and EMT, supplied first aid to the victims while Cobb directed traffic, keeping the scene clear for more than 20 minutes before the Highway Patrol arrived. - Tnx Mark D. Conklin, N7XYO

* Dayton ARA Looking to Honor Silent Keys: If you know of a ham who has died in service during the conflicts in Afghanistan or Iraq, the Dayton Amateur Radio Association would like to honor them. DARA is looking to publish a memorial page in the Hamvention 2008 program listing these SKs, with their name, call sign, branch of service, rank and unit. For more information, please contact Ed Collins, N8NUY <n8nuy@...>.

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Date: 2007-09-22 13:42:56 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3478 Message: 3482

Jim:

In my opinion, this is probably a good thing, although I do echo the concern of some that making warning areas too narrow could bring problems if a storm suddenly changes direction or characteristics. I've always been an advocate of thinking that suggests more warning is better than not enough.

I did ask Mike Heathfield from the NWS Grand Rapids office whether this would affect how our current public alert warning radios work, and he indicated there'd be no basic change. In other words, the radio would be activated for Mecosta County, even if the warning specifically only covered the eastern end of the county. Obviously, we'll see as time progresses, but this is where I think things stand now.

Will be interested in what others have to say.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

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NWS Changes Severe Weather Alerts

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) - The National Weather Service is revamping the way it has issued severe weather warnings for decades with a new system designed to mark a geographic bull's eye where a storm will hit.

The system, which goes into effect Oct. 1, switches from alerts based on county lines to notices aimed at specific communities, weather service officials said Tuesday. Using radar and computer modeling programs, the system is meant to predict the moment a storm will hit a community or even a certain crossroads.

Known as storm-based warnings, the new alerts could reduce a warning area from thousands of square miles to a few hundred square miles, experts said.

"A storm-based warning focuses on a storm itself and the geographic area that might be affected by it," said Eli Jacks, a meteorologist at weather service headquarters in suburban Washington. "We can really reduce the number of people being warned by reducing that geographic area."

The new system will initially be limited to warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, floods and marine hazards. Later, it will be expanded to include other threats like extreme heat, Jacks said.

Tornado forecasting began in the late 1940s, and the government started issuing weather warnings in the 1950s based on a network of storm spotters with radios and telephones. Warnings generally have been issued on a county-by-county basis ever since.

Under the new system, the weather service plans to issue warnings for specific storms and alert people who might be in the path. On a radar map, the warned areas appear as highlighted polygons rather than entire counties; forecasters will refer to commonly known landmarks like rivers and roads in written announcements.

Officials say the system also will make it easier to send weather warnings through cell phones and other handheld devices.

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3484. Re: AP Story -- Looking for Comments

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-22 18:07:20 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 3478 Message: 3484

Back in 1999 when I got my first SAME radio, it was my understanding that the NWS can subdivide each county into 9 possible segments from which they tone out alerts. In other words, whatever the FIPS code happens to be for any given county, one of the digits within that code can be changed from 1-9 which will alert a county but then only those radios for those who have them subprogrammed for their given location; Muskegon County then i.e. Norton Shores, Fruitport Township, Whitehall, ect. They have then never fully utilized to its potential the SAME purpose of the system's design until now if they were to start going this route which it doesn't sound like they will if they still plan to tone an entire county.

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "T Behler" <tbehler@...> wrote:
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> Jim:
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> In my opinion, this is probably a good thing, although I do echo the concern
> of some that making warning areas too narrow could bring problems if a storm
> suddenly changes direction or characteristics. I've always been an advocate
> of thinking that suggests more warning is better than not enough.
>
> I did ask Mike Heathfield from the NWS Grand Rapids office whether this
> would affect how our current public alert warning radios work, and he
> indicated there'd be no basic change. In other words, the radio would be
> activated for Mecosta County, even if the warning specifically only covered
> the eastern end of the county. Obviously, we'll see as time progresses, but
> this is where I think things stand now.
>
> Will be interested in what others have to say.
>
> 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Jim, K8COP" <jimk8cop@...>

> To: <WxMesg@yahoogroups.com>;
<WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>; "Vance
> Stringham" <n8ugv@...>; "Shawn M. Grabinski" <cdsmg1@...>;
> <MCARES@yahoogroups.com>; "lori reames" <kc8mdb@...>; "Jim
> VanBendegom" <jvanbendegom@...>; "Jeffrey Nawrot" <jnawrot@...>;
> "JeffNawrot@kcraces" <jeffnawrot@...>; "Dan Stout"
> <stoutda@...>; <dale.wms1@...>;
> <muskegoncountyskywarn@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 9:12 PM
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] AP Story -- Looking for Comments
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> NWS Changes Severe Weather Alerts
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> Sep 18 03:16 PM US/Eastern
> By JAY REEVES
> Associated Press Writer
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3486. Re: Bill, AB8SC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-22 22:12:00 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3329 Message: 3486

All:

I'm taking lessons from the Jim, KC8PCJ school of typing. Lots of back spacing and word spell checks. Ugly.

The air bubble's size has been slowly decreasing in my eye. Today there is a line through the center of my vision. Above the line is clearly beautiful eyesight of my surroundings. Beautiful, too, because I had been wearing glasses for the previous forty years and now the view is more or less in focus. (cataract surgery implanted the eye correction, I'm told) Below is the stuff distorted by the air bubble. Above the lines are straight, parallel, and quite bright. Below stuff is equally bright and really only visible in close. There are no fishes swimming below the surface of the line, although the view there is clearly like seeing under water.

The doctor said I'd be looking under the bubble by about this time. I guess the image in your eye is upside down and the brain puts the world together back upright. That's why it looks like I'm seeing the world over the bubble instead of from under the bubble.

It is amazing the reality, in all its glory. Amazing and humbling.

73 to all.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3487. Couple of items for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-24 15:28:50 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3487 Message: 3487

All incase anyone's interested:

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Kenwood TMV7a Dual Band Mobile 215.00

Panasonic Tough book Cf-27 with Windows XP and mapping programs 300.00 OBO

3488. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Couple of items for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-24 21:09:01 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3487 Message: 3488

Jeff,
I'm honestly interested in both items, but I don't get payed until the third of october, if you can hold on to them for that long, I'd gladly take them off of your hands. Not sure how you want payment to be made, but I'll be able to get you money however you'd like it.

If you can get them sold before then, I will understand, but if not, I'm definitely interested.

73,
Chris, w8cjs
Web site,
http://www.w8cjs.com

----- Original Message -----
From: Jeff's Lists
To: Westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2007 11:28 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Couple of items for sale

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3489. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Couple of items for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-24 21:29:03 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3487 Message: 3489

Chris, Email me direct jnawrot@... and we can chat and see what we can come up with.

J

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Chris Schulte
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2007 5:09 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Couple of items for sale

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3490. Fw: Used Icom ICw32A for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-24 23:15:59 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3490 Message: 3490

Hi, all.

I'm re-posting this just to be sure it got through. I didn't get any responses at all the first time.

See below.

Thanks, and 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

----- Original Message -----
From: "T Behler" <tbehler@...>
To: "west michigan hams" <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 9:02 PM
Subject: Used Icom ICw32A for sale

> Hello, everyone.
>
> First of all, I want to say that if the following post is inappropriate
> for this list, please advise, and I'll not do it again. It just seems
> like this list is full of knowledgeable and friendly hams who might be
> able to help out.
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> I have for sale a used Icom ICW32A dual-band HT. The HT was purchased in
> March of 1998 for approximately $300.
>
> The HT still transmits, and has a great receiver front end.
>
> There are two problems with the radio that I believe someone with a bit of
> technological knowhow could fix, and if the problems could be fixed, this
> would be a perfectly good HT for someone to use.
>
> The problems are as follows:
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> 1. The conections on the jack panel on the top of the radio have become
> loose, so that the plugs for the mic, power supply, etc., do not make a
> sound electrical connection. and
>
> 2. The internal speaker in the radio itself has become muffled. This
> second problem is particularly surprising to me, since I have never
> dropped the radio, or done anything that should make this happen.
>
> In all honesty, the above problems are not the reason I wish to sell the
> radio. My main reason for wanting to sell this radio is that I am a blind
> ham, and the radio simply is not the most "user friendly" radio to
> program. Quite simply, I'd rather put my money into buying a new more
> "user friendly" HT, rather than paying the costs to get the ICw32A fixed.

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> I have the original box, manual, and all other accessories that came with
> the radio when it was ordered back in 1998. I also will throw in the
> extra alkaline battery case for no additional charge.
>
> I am asking $100 for the entire package, and that'll include shipping.
> And, this price is negotiable.
>
> I am interested in fairness here, and would like to see this HT get
> repaired and go to someone who could use it.
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> If you have any interest in this at all, or if you have further questions,
> please e-mail me privately at:
>
> kb8tyj@...
>
> or call me at (231) 592-9854.
>
> Thanks very much, and 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids
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3491. man land hgtv

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-25 02:33:31 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3491 Message: 3491

Interesting idea. Man Land on HGTV

http://www.hamuniverse.com/hgtvmanland.html

3492. Fw: INFO:Storm Based Warnings/County Partitions-WCM-

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-25 23:11:30 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3492 Message: 3492

Hi, all.

Here's a quick note from Mike Heathfield of the Grand Rapids NWS office, confirming what I said earlier about the new NWS storm-based warning system not affecting the functioning of our current public alert radios.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
From: "mike.heathfield" <Mike.Heathfield@...>
To: "T Behler" <tbehler@...>
Cc: "larry st. George" <larry.stgeorge@...>; "Alain Svilpe" <svilpea@...>; "Taranko, Wally" <wtaranko@...>; "Bill Smith" <bsmith@...>; "Doug Brumm" <dbrumm@...>; "Dan Dowdy" <ddowdy@...>; "Dan Needham" <needham@...>; <foote@...>; "Gus Glass" <gglass@...>; "Harry Hahn" <kc8sds@...>; "hulbert" <hulbert@...>; "Jerry McCoy" <jmccoy@...>; "Jim Green" <jgreen@...>; <jmzoss@...-creek.mi.us>; "JOE PULLEN" <jpullen@...>; "Gary Scotko" <gszotko@...-rapids.mi.us>; "lehmans" <lehmans@...>; "Lieutenants Operations" <OperationsLts@...>; "Lori wHornbeck" <hornbecl@...>; "Lowell Sheely" <ham557@...>; "Mark Tans" <mtans@...>; "Mark Walton" <Mark.Walton@...>; "Mike Heathfield" <Mike.Heathfield@...>; "Marc Griffis" <mgriffis@...>; <darrel.hogston@...>; <nischanec@...>; <nk8x@...>; "Paul Reissman" <wd8mwt@...>; <perez@...>; "petel" <petel@...>; "richard elushik" <richarde_97@...>; "Sam Nabkey - K8SN" <snabkey@...>; "stoutda" <stoutda@...>; "Tom Behler" <tbehler@...>; "Tom VanderMel" <kb8vee@...>; <wesleym@...>; <wheelerro@...>; "Paul Baker" <prbake@...>; "scott corbin" <scorbin@...>; "steve rand" <srand@...>; "Bll Larson" <blarson@...>; "Sue Barthels" <sue.barthels@...>; "Tom Hillen" <Tom.Hillen@...>; "jim yarger" <jyarger@...>; "Jeff Nawrot" <jeffnawrot@...>; "Ernest Ostuno" <Ernest.Ostuno@...>; "Deater, Tim" <tdeater@...>; "George Wetzel" <George.Wetzel@...>; "Charlies Chapman" <chappy@...>; "Jack Stewart" <Jack.Stewart@...>; "Dana Wolverton" <wolvertd@...>; "Bill King" <wking@...>; "barry reber" <reberb@...>; "stephanie baker" <bakers@...>; "Tim Bair" <tim@...>; "Emermgmt" <Emermgmt@...>; "Karen & Jim" <jimandkaren@...>; "Doug DeVries" <psddevries@...>; "Russ kolski" <russ@...>; "aaron brown" <abrown@...>; "ronda oberlin" <roberlin@...>; "mark watkins" <osceolaemd@...>;

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elushik" <richarde_97@...>; "rick norman" <rnorman@...>;
"Mike McKay" <MichaelMcKay@...>; "Trent Atkins"
<tatkins@...>
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2007 1:42 PM
Subject: Re: INFO:Storm Based Warnings/County Partitions-WCM-

> Tom,
> The Storm Based Warnings will not affect the functioning of the NOAA All
> Hazards Weather Radios. We had planned to split our counties into parts
> which would have had an impact no the NOAA Radios but found out recently
> that there is no National software that supports splitting the counties
> into parts.
> Mike
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> T Behler wrote:
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>> I assume that our current public alert radios based on SAME code
>> technology will still work with the new system?
>>
>> I know I've asked you this question before, but am just wondering if
>> you have any more updated information on that issue.
>>
>> Thanks, and 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO
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>> ----- Original Message ----- From: "mike.heathfield"
>> <Mike.Heathfield@...>
>> To: "larry st. George" <larry.stgeorge@...>; "Alain Svilpe"
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>> <tatkins@...>
>> Sent: Monday, September 24, 2007 1:58 PM
>> Subject: INFO:Storm Based Warnings-WCM-
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>>> All,
>>> I will be covering this topic at the Summit next month.
>>> Mike
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>>> -------- Original Message --------
>>> Subject: [emwin-users] AP Story -- Looking for Comments
>>> Date: Fri, 21 Sep 2007 20:34:36 +0000

>>> From: jeff_silberberg <jsilberberg@...>
>>> Reply-To: emwin-users@yahoogroups.com
>>> To: emwin-users@yahoogroups.com
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>>> hazardous since storms can change direction, and radar has its
>>> limits. An undetected tilt in a twister could send it toward an area
>>> that was not under a warning if alert boxes are too small.
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>>> "That's what worries me, giving people a false sense of security,"
>>> said Peters, a meteorologist with WBMA-TV in Birmingham who
>>> previously worked as the weather service's warning coordinator for
>>> Alabama.
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>>> Jacks said new warnings will be issued as storms move.
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>>> "You can issue as many storm-based warnings as you need," he said.
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3493. Map to Radio Expo at Boone County Fairgrounds This Weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-26 06:33:07 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3493 Message: 3493
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Map to Radio Expo at Boone County Fairgrounds

http://www.boonecountyfair.com/map.htm

Radio Expo Flyer

http://www.chicagofmclub.org/expoflyer.html

Radio Expo Flyer May Also Be Attached If Group/List Allows Attachments

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Tonight's top picks. What will you watch tonight? Preview the hottest shows on Yahoo! TV.
http://tv.yahoo.com/

3494. Great contact

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-26 18:39:54 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3494 Message: 3494

Any one needing Hawaii they are on 14.248. Got them on 3rd try.

One more state to go

3496. ARES Special Event Station this weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-27 18:18:58 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 3496 Message: 3496

This is a broadcast that was to numerous NTS nets in recent days:

To all

The joint US/Canada ARES exercise is this weekend X special event station VO1ARES will be on air beginning Sep 27 X more info at www.rac.ca/fieldorg/aresjointevent.htm <http://www.rac.ca/fieldorg/aresjointevent.htm> 73

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Information can also be found at www.arrl.org <http://www.arrl.org>

73, John WB9JSR

3497. help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-27 20:02:24 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1081 Message: 3497

hello all this Fri sept 28 th 2007 is the spring lake homecomming parade the line up is at 6:00 behind the spring lake EOC it is done by 7:00 hf you cah help contact kb8odb or kc8uny thanks John kc8uny

3498. Steak Fry,,,Steak Fry....Come One Come All

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-28 11:58:47 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 3498 Message: 3498

Attn: Everybody, Don't Forget the Steak Fry

Join us Saturday Oct. 6 at the MAARC clubhouse for a good old-fashioned get together. That's a New York Strip steak, Baked potato, salad and beverage for only $7.00....As I said ONLY $7.00. Feel free to bring a desert to pass if you like.

Any questions contact W8AMZ/Tom 231-767-1095

There will be a discount for kids of course.

Hope to see you there.

3499. Coffee Break, 9/29/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-28 12:55:58 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3499 Message: 3499

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday September 29, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3500. Tool Max open this Sat 9-29 from 9AM-12PM

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-28 16:34:25 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3500 Message: 3500

I still need some more items for Sale. Bring your consignment items in today

We will be open this Saturday 9AM-12PM

New this week
Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $160
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Signalcrafter SW-77C SWR meter $5
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other New items in Stock

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
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RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
95 Ft RG-8 9096 Coax Cable .45 per foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
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BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
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Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

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Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
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B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

The POP machine is working, with cold sodas of your choice. Snacks are in. Have one of your favorer candies crackers, beef jerky or snacks.

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 just north of the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant (Now tore down) in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios for sale.For more information call me at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 9:00AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.
From Tool Max Industrial Supply 231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@verizon.net

3501. The Signal From Hell

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-30 11:33:14 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3501 Message: 3501

The Signal From Hell
Hank Greeb, N8XX
n8xx@...
September 28, 2007

A FYBO QRP contest way up north? Not 'til Hell freezes over! (PS: It did.)

This is an outbuilding typically used as a woodshed, but we found it open and used it as the 40 meter operating shack. We had to close a wide gap that was used as a window so that wind wouldn't blow snow in and goof up the electronics. [Hank Greeb, N8XX, Photo]

Ed Kwik, AB8DF, and I warm up over at the 40 meter operating shack. [Cortland Richmond, KA5S, Photo]

Cortland, KA5S, works 15 meter CW in a building normally used as a wedding chapel. Actually, he found his rig wasn't transmitting enough to make a contact, but he tried. [Hank Greeb, N8XX, Photo]

Have you been so perturbed at your buddy that you wanted to tell him or her to "go to you know where"? Well, there's a place in Michigan where that's very common -- a "wide spot in the road" with the name of Hell, Michigan, about 20 miles from Ann Arbor. When the Arizona ScQRPions QRP Club announced the 2007 "Freeze Your Buns Off" contest for February 3, the logical place to do that seemed to be where "Hell was frozen over."

The object of this contest is to take your QRP rig out into the field and make as many contacts as possible before you either give up or freeze a certain part of your anatomy. The scoring gives a multiplier of 1 if the operating temperature is greater than 65 degrees, 2 if you're operating between 55 and 64, down to a multiplier of 6 if the temperature is less than 20. Another multiplier of 4 is if you're operating outside, a multiplier of 2 if you're operating independent of ac mains power. It's relatively easy to get an overall multiplier of 48. Plus, a multiplier is given for each state, province or country you work. Wow!

It Froze!

So, the idea of a "Hellxpedition" was born. With Hell freezing over at that time of year, we figured the temperature multiplier of 6 was a snap! The next step was to figure out a logical call that might attract a few more contacts. Why not N8H -- so we applied for it and received it!

As someone said, "All the rest is history." I advertised this idea on several reflectors, and very soon Ed, AB8DF, from Waterford (near Detroit), and Cortland, KA5S, from Ada (near Grand Rapids) volunteered to join the effort. We decided that we'd each bring a rig and determine choice of bands by lottery.

As predicted, Hell was really frozen. When I arrived on Friday, the 2nd, the temperature was in the low teens, and the wind was brisk. After a few tries two halyards were strung over two trees, at about 50 feet, and the third point for ends of two antennae were chosen, but, because of the wind, I figured the antenna might blow down overnight. WRONG IDEA.

Murphy Visits

The next morning, the temperature was 2 degrees, and wind blew one of the halyards into the tree, where it was hopelessly tangled on a branch about 30 feet high. After just a little

bit of thought, it was determined that 30 feet would have to do, because the wind and snow was just too much to attempt a launch of another halyard. Then the 40 meter rig wouldn't put power to the tuner -- it turned out to be broken coax, which was found and fixed. Also, alternate power from a generator wouldn't start at such a cold temperature, so we gave up and plugged into the ac mains, losing an “independence of ac mains" multiplier. Overall, we didn't start operations until after 1700Z. Signals on 40 were okay, but 20 was weak until 1900Z. Fifteen was non-existent -- or the rig was having problems.

We commandeered two unheated outbuildings for two of the three stations, and Ed operated from his van. The 40 meter station was in a woodshed with an open window -- so we scrounged around and found a garbage bag from which we made a “temporary window.” This kept out most of the wind and snow, until the wedges holding it gave way and the entire frame landed on top of the operating table and toppled a propane lantern which was being used for light and a bit of heat. Fortunately the only damage was a couple broken mantles to the lantern, and a broken cable between the computer and the rig.

We tried Feld-Hell on 40 meters at 1900Z and 2100Z with no takers. (We had advertised the mode, since this seemed very appropriate for the venue!)

Dancing with the Devil

The temperature never got above 13 degrees during the operation. You might say it was a cold day in Hell. The weather was getting blustery and snowy around 2100Z, so we decided to close up at 2200Z while it was still light. We made 45 contacts in 28 different states and provinces, so you might say we had a “helluva good time” in Hell.

Thanks to the Arizona ScQRPions for running a great contest. Folks who worked us were delighted to work the “Devil” -- a nom de plume used by the 40 meter op, and seemed to appreciate the contact with the special event call N8H. We hope to see everyone again during FYBO 2008. Unless things change drastically, we'll be in Hell again, and will have a much better idea of what is needed for such an operation.

Hank Greeb, N8XX, was first licensed in 1951. After graduating from the University of Denver, Hank and his wife Jeanette moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he became quite involved with organized Amateur Radio, serving as vice president and president of the Queen City Emergency Net. Hank joined the Buckeye Net, the Eighth Region Net and the Eastern Area Net, maintaining the EAN/PAN schedule in the Transcontinental Corps with W6EOT for many years. In the 1970s, he was elected Section Communications Manager for the Ohio Section for two terms. Hank is currently a Volunteer Consulting Engineer, Assistant Director for the Great Lakes Division, and Local Government Liaison for the Michigan Section, as well as a Charter Life Member of the ARRL. Technically, he is interested in mainly digital modes: CW, packet radio and more recently Feld Hell (Hellschreiber). Hank has built several Heathkit radios, including an HW-9 QRP rig, sparking a renewed interest in low
power operation. His other hobbies include photography and computers. Hank and Jeannette live Rockford, Michigan.

Check out the hottest 2008 models today at Yahoo! Autos.
http://autos.yahoo.com/new_cars.html

3502. Re: The Signal From Hell

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-30 14:00:06 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3501 Message: 3502

This first appeared on the ARRL web site at

http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2007/09/28/02/?nc=1

Thanks, Mark for the reprint.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Mark Thompson <wb9qzb@...>
wrote:
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> The Signal From Hell
> Hank Greeb, N8XX
> n8xx@...
> September 28, 2007

3503. Muskegon Crop Walk

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-30 15:54:28 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 3503 Message: 3503

All,
Communications help is needed for the Muskegon Crop Walk. Please let me kow about your availabilty by retrun email or call 231 744-4485. Refeshments served afterwards. Still could use about 10 more people as of this morning.

Details:
Muskegon Crop Walk
1PM to 5PM
Sunday October 7, 2007
Meeting 1PM at Muskegon Public Schools Hackley Administration Building Parking Lot
349 W. Webster Av

3505. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon Crop Walk

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-09-30 22:34:24 UTC
From: John Field
Topic: 3503 Message: 3505

I WILL be their 1.00 JOHN KC8AZR
--- Tom Porritt <jtporritt@...> wrote:

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Luggage? GPS? Comic books?
Check out fitting gifts for grads at Yahoo! Search
http://search.yahoo.com/search?fr=oni_on_mail&p=graduation+gifts&cs=bz

3506. Re: Map to Radio Expo at Boone County Fairgrounds (last) Weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-01 15:16:10 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3493 Message: 3506

Mark,

I couldn't make the trip to Radio Expo this year. So how did go? How was the move to Boone County FG? How was attendence? Outside sales? Inside sales? Etc!!!!

73 Jack NY8D
Lowell, MI

----- Message from wb9qzb@... ---------
Date: Tue, 25 Sep 2007 23:33:07 -0700 (PDT)
From: Mark Thompson <wb9qzb@...>

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> http://www.boonecountyfair.com/map.htm
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> Radio Expo Flyer May Also Be Attached If Group/List Allows Attachments

----- End message from wb9qzb@... -----

3507. D-STAR Overview/Introduction, Kalamazoo Hamfest, Sunday, October 14th @ 11am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-01 20:11:20 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3507 Message: 3507

I will be presenting a D-STAR Introduction/Overview presentation at the Kalamazoo hamfest on Sunday, October 14th at 11 am.

I am anticipating that many Michigan D-STAR repeater owners & operators can attend the D-STAR forum so that they can describe their systems after my presentation and meet hams from their areas.

You can get more details about the hamfest at:

http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com/

At the hamfest I will be monitoring 145.67 D-STAR simplex & 147.435 MHz (107.2 Hz decode) FM simplex and you can also reach at my mobile # 847-867-2774.

I look foward to seeing you at the fest & the forum.

73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

For more information about D-STAR and ALL the other digital modes:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

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Take the Internet to Go: Yahoo!Go puts the Internet in your pocket: mail, news, photos & more.
http://mobile.yahoo.com/go?refer=1GNXIC

3508. SET participarion featured on KOMO TV (Seattle)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-02 01:43:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3508 Message: 3508

Here's a blurb on ham radio from KOMO-TV.

<http://www.topsecretcompany.us/nwhamnews/070929_2300komo.mpg>

Nice coverage of a Simulated Emergency Test! Wonder how a Michigan
group could get similar coverage for its SET?

73 de n8xx Hg

3509. RE: [WestMichiganHams] SET participarion featured on KOMO TV (Seattle)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-02 03:01:49 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3508 Message: 3509

Just wondering.. How many hams are participating in some way?

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Hank Greeb
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2007 9:44 PM
To: West Michigan Hams
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] SET participarion featured on KOMO TV (Seattle)

Here's a blurb on ham radio from KOMO-TV.

<http://www.topsecretcompany.us/nwhamnews/070929_2300komo.mpg>

Nice coverage of a Simulated Emergency Test! Wonder how a Michigan
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73 de n8xx Hg

3510. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SET participarion featured on KOMO TV (Seattle)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-02 22:28:16 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3508 Message: 3510

Jeff and all:

Here in Mecosta County, about 4 of us will be at the County EOC, with a number of other folks on stand-by for relaying traffic messages, etc..

I won't speak directly for them, but I know also that Osceola County will be up and running at their EOC as well, with a number of hams at their EOC, and others on stand-by.

One of our Mecosta County RACES members is even going to activate the ARES/RACES station at the Ferris State University EOC for a while.

73 from Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jeff's Lists" <lists@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2007 11:01 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] SET participarion featured on KOMO TV (Seattle)

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3511. Steak Fry,,,Steak Fry....Come One Come All

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-03 00:13:23 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 3498 Message: 3511

Steak Fry

DATE/TIME: Saturday October 6 @ 5PM

LOCATION: M.A.A.R.C Clubhouse

Clubhouse Located at:
2888 Scenic Drive
North Muskegon

Join us @ 5PM Saturday Oct. 6 at the MAARC clubhouse for a good old-fashioned get together. That's a New York Strip steak, Baked potato, salad and beverage for only $7.00....

Yes, that's ONLY $7.00

Feel free to bring a desert to pass if you like.

Any questions contact Tom W8AMZ @ 231-767-1095

There will be a discount for kids of course.

Hope to see you there.

73'

3512. Sputnik Special Event Station Scheduled 10/3-4/07

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-03 05:26:35 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3512 Message: 3512

From: http://www.arrl.org/?artid=7759

Sputnik Special Event Station Scheduled

On Wednesday evening, October 3, AMSAT will host a Special Event Station commemorating the 50th anniversary of the launch of Sputnik I. Listen in on satellite AO-51 as it passes over North America to hear original Sputnik telemetry. On October 3, listen between 2350-2358 UTC; on October 4, listen at 0127-0145 UTC, 0308-0326 UTC and 0452-0503 UTC (all times approximate). The downlink frequency will be 435.300 MHz (plus or minus Doppler shift); the downlink power will be higher than the normal repeater levels. For those who send in reception reports, AMSAT will return a QSL certificate. Please send a 9 ? 12 self-addressed, stamped envelope to Kevin Schuchmann, WA6FWF, 3375 Taper Ave, San Jose, CA 95124. Please allow several weeks for processing. -- Drew Glasbrenner, KO4MA

3513. Sputnik memories anyone?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-03 11:37:48 UTC
From: ke8fo
Topic: 3513 Message: 3513

Is anyone here old enough to have been a ham or SWL when Sputnik was launched and orbited the Earth? Did you hear it? Did you get a QSL card from the USSR?

If so, please e-mail me at mbrooky@... or ke8fo@yahoo.com. I would like to put a local spin on the 50th anniversary of Sputnik in a Tribune article.

---Mark, KE8FO

3514. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Sputnik Special Event Station Scheduled 10/3-4/07

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-03 13:02:24 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 3512 Message: 3514

Hey Hank-At your earliest opportunity can you explore the possibility of getting a sign up page for communications / club events at the chapter? Also I feel a club VHF net night on the 26 might be a great idea- Perhaps on Wed night- You know, a regular net with check ins and a going over of club events coming up and a chance to talk to fellow club members that we might not see every month- Just a thought- JB

********** See what's new at http://www.aol.com

3515. SET

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-03 16:17:37 UTC
From: Charlie Chapman
Topic: 3515 Message: 3515

As you know, the 5th district usually participates in a big way. A few ways to contact us will 3.932SSB, on packet we will be W8VY, and since the 444.650 repeater reaches from Saint Joseph County to the south, north to Big Rapids, west to the lake, and I'm not sure about the east, but I would love to see a bunch of people on that. For those that are not familiar with it, it has a + 5MHz offset (of course), and a little different PL tone of 186.2.

We have also secured the use of the MPSCS zone H, event 16 talkgroup for the weekend. Anyone with MPSCS access is welcome to use that talkgroup to contact each other. Last year I think a few of us made contact on Red Cross frequencies, and I think John, WB8RCR was planning to set-up an eTeam event. Oh yeah, the west Michigan traffic net will be active too!

We have a meeting tonight to go over some of the other objectives for Kalamazoo County and I expect to have more information with specific times that I will post her and on the MIARPSC Yahoo group.

Charlie, KB8SFR

3516. MTX-9000's anyone need one - I have a group of them available

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-03 18:38:30 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 3516 Message: 3516

Everyone,

I have access to a large batch (10-20) of Motorola MTX-9000 radios. These are easily programmed onto the ham bands.

The batch I have access to has full keypads, antenna, battery included (some great some okay status wise), antenna and heavy duty speaker MICs.

I have used several of these radios for personal projects, but have upgraded to MTX 9250's and other models to play with.

If anyone is interested I am looking to get $200.00 each for them. If you are interested in a batch please let me know and we may be able to work out a slightly better price.

I am willing to ship them (buyer pays shipping), but would like to keep them in Michigan instead of ebaying them and grow our 900Mhz access.

These are nice radios and a great way to quickly get into 900Mhz, many of us use these around the Grand Rapids and Dansville areas.

If interested please contact me via email.

73s

Mike Wolthuis

Kb8zgl

3517. RE: MTX-9000's anyone need one - I have a group of them available

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-03 19:06:34 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 3516 Message: 3517

I have gotten a lot of emails already, please note I have chargers as well, but am asking $250.00 with charger. Additionally I have a brand new gang (bank) charger it holds 6 radios.

I am willing to sell the bank charger and a full set of radios in it for $1,700.00.

Thanks,

Mike

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I have used several of these radios for personal projects, but have upgraded to MTX 9250's and other models to play with.

If anyone is interested I am looking to get $200.00 each for them. If you are interested in a batch please let me know and we may be able to work out a slightly better price.

I am willing to ship them (buyer pays shipping), but would like to keep them in Michigan instead of ebaying them and grow our 900Mhz access.

These are nice radios and a great way to quickly get into 900Mhz, many of us use these around the Grand Rapids and Dansville areas.

If interested please contact me via email.

73s

Mike Wolthuis

Kb8zgl

3518. Tool Max open Sat 9AM-12PM

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-04 17:28:13 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3518 Message: 3518

I still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

We will be open this Saturday 9AM-12PM

New this week

High Gain DB-1015 3 Element HF beam for 10/15 meters $50 GREAT BUY
Channel Master light duty Rotor with control box and cable $20
SAS-1 Amp Supply HF wire antenna with control box $10
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other New items in Stock

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
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The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
300 ohm twin lead 50Ft $10.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
95 Ft RG-8 9096 Coax Cable .45 per foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

We are the only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
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Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95

ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Signalcrafter SW-77C SWR meter $5
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
AL-80A Ameritron 1KW HF Amplifier $850
Bearcat BC 560XLT 16 Ch Scanner $30 Great Buy
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $160
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply 231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3519. Disposal of defective Fluorescent Light bulbs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-04 20:32:17 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3519 Message: 3519

How does one dispose of used Fluorescent Light bulbs these daze? In the past when I had those things, I'd just put them in a sack, break the bulb, and put it into the trash. With the EPA and other "do gooders" around, I've heard that this is not the current best practice.

Advice please.

73 de n8xx Hg

3520. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Disposal of defective Fluorescent Light bulbs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-04 20:48:39 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3519 Message: 3520

I usually stand at the end of my sidewalk and pretend I am throwing the javelin in the Olympics J 8 footers make a cool noise and a good mess

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Hank Greeb
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2007 4:32 PM
To: West Michigan Hams
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Disposal of defective Fluorescent Light bulbs

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3521. GRARA Monthly Meeting, 10/5/2007, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-04 22:25:33 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3521 Message: 3521

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

GRARA Monthly Meeting
Friday October 5, 2007
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(This event repeats every month on the first Friday until Friday November 9, 2007.)
Location: Red Cross, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE, Grand Rapuids
Street: 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City State Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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3523. Disposal of defective Fluorescent Light bulbs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-05 11:16:30 UTC
From: muskegonjimquay
Topic: 3519 Message: 3523

Michigan

Department of Environmental Quality
Waste and Hazardous Materials Division

http://deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-ead-tas-eleclamp.pdf

State Lamp Disposal Policies
Disposing of your lamps
Most states do not have special requirements for the disposal of regular household mercury-containing fluorescent lamps (including compact fluorescents), although a few states and localities ban homeowners from disposing of such lamps in normal household trash.

Recycling your lamps
Many towns and cities offer recycling opportunities at local recycling centers or transfer stations. There may also be household hazardous waste collection days when fluorescent lamps are collected along with paints, pesticides, used motor oil, etc. Contact your local waste disposal officials for details. State requirements and recycling opportunities vary.

For more information, including a list of companies that recycle lamps, visit www.lamprecycle.org.

3524. Coffee Break, 10/6/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-05 12:58:44 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3524 Message: 3524

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday October 6, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3525. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Digest Number 729

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-05 14:00:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3525 Message: 3525

Thanks I'll check the place I generally buy lamps and see if they recycle them. If not, it appears that I can send them to normal trash, since "Households are exempt from the hazardous waste regulations"

Note that the rules do not differential between linear fluorescent bulbs or the newer compact fluorescent lamps. They all contain mercury, which is my concern.

But, before any "Rabid Environmentalists" get on my case, I remind you to read the regulations, which clearly state "Households are exempt from the hazardous waste regulations"

And, lest a "Rabid Environmentalist" still gets on my case, I refer that person to his/her 4th grade Englyshe Instructor for a refresher course in reading and understanding the Queen's Englyshe.

I intend to follow these regulations, and even go beyond them to inquire whether Kent County has a place to actually recycle them.

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. I note that there's a lot of circular references to recycling organizations in the regulations and FAQ's presented in the DEQ's literature.

"muskegonjimquay" muskegonjimquay@... wrote:
> 2d. Disposal of defective Fluorescent Light bulbs
> Posted by: "muskegonjimquay" muskegonjimquay@... muskegonjimquay
> Date: Fri Oct 5, 2007 4:16 am ((PDT))
>
> Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
> Waste and Hazardous Materials Division
>
> http://deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-ead-tas-eleclamp.pdf
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> For more information, including a list of companies that recycle
> lamps, visit www.lamprecycle.org.

3526. Michigan Net SET Exercise

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-05 20:09:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3526 Message: 3526

Please note that there will be at least one special session of the
Michigan Net, 3563 KHz (7068KHz alternate) tomorrow at 09:30 a.m.

It would be nice to have at least one Kent County station on that
frequency at that time.

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [QMN] SET Exercise
Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 10:49:20 -0400
From: James Wades <wb8siw@...>
Reply-To: QMN@yahoogroups.com
To: <QMN@yahoogroups.com>

Tomorrow morning, at 9:30 AM EDT, I will call up a session of QMN from
the Kalamazoo Army National Guard Armory.

The primary frequency will be 3563 KHz, alternate 7068 KHz.

Please pass the word and try to be there.

If for some reason I can not call up the net, due to technical problems
or otherwise, do not leave the scheduled net unguarded. Please take the
initiative to activate the net.

Bulletin for QMN tonight (My station at home is disassembled due to
moving, so someone else please transmit):

71 R K8SIW 27 ALLEGAN MI OCT 5

QMN QNC

A SPECIAL SET NET SESSION WILL BE CONDUCTED AT 930 AM EDT

FROM THE KALAMAZOO ANG ARMORY USING HF PORTABLE CW X

PLEASE CHECK IN X 73

JIM K8SIW

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3527. Icom D-STAR Forums @ AES-Milwaukee, Saturday, 11/3 with MRC Hamfest Nearby

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-06 14:44:51 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3527 Message: 3527
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Saturday, November 3rd, 2007
Check out the …
Milwaukee Repeater Club SWAPFEST
… then, come across the street to:

• 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – Meet the AES gang and see the Latest Equipment on display.

• 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. – Attend the first annual Great Lakes Area D-STAR* Forum presented by AES.

Hear about D-STAR New and User projects in other areas from our Special Guests:

Ray Novak, N9JA (D-STAR Introduction) • Kermit Carlson, W9XA; Chicago, IL
ICOM National Amateur Radio Sales Manager

Jim McClellan, N5MIJ; Dallas, TX • Tim Barret, K6BIV; Mt. Diablo, CA

*D-STAR (Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio)
A Digital Voice and Data protocol specification developed for use in amateur radio. D-Star compatible radios are available on VHF and UHF amateur radio bands. In addition to the over-the-air protocol, D-Star also provides specifications for network connectivity, enabling D-Star radios to be connected to the Internet or other networks. D-STAR is the result of research by the Japan Amateur Radio League to investigate digital technologies for amateur radio.

Milwaukee Repeater Club • 23rd Annual Swapfest
AMATEUR RADIO Fest2007
HAM RADIO, COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS
Saturday, November 3rd, 2007
8:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M.
New LOCATION for 2007!!!

ELKS Lodge
5555 W Good Hope Road • Milwaukee, Wl 53223
Across the street from AES!

Admission: $6.00 • Extra Raffle tickets: $3.00 or (2) for $5.00
Table: $10.00 per 8 ft. table • Electricity: $5.00
Vendor Loading: 5:00 A.M.

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RAFFLE/DOOR PRIZES, VE TESTING, SEMINARS
Raffle with $$$ prizes (need not be present to win). VE Testing by the MRAC testing group will be conducted at AES during the fest between 8:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. The MRC may be presenting additional seminars during the fest; a time schedule will be available at the Elk's Lodge location.

TALK-IN: MRC Repeater, 146.910 (- offset, 127.3 PL)

FURTHER INFORMATION:
MRC Web Page: http://www.mrc91.org

e-mail: Swapfest@...

Call: Bob Albert, AF9FB • 414-526-7011
For advance tickets, extra raffle tickets, tables and
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Milwaukee Repeater Club
P.O. Box 2123 • Milwaukee, W1 53201-2123

AMATEUR ELECTRONIC SUPPLY (AES), 5710 W. Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, WI 53223
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3528. Re: Steak Fry,,,Steak Fry....Come One Come All

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-06 23:46:23 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3498 Message: 3528

All:

It sure is fun getting together to share a meal, conversation, and fun. Tonight's steak dinner was outstanding. The socializing was above average. We had a tremendous time.

Tom, W8AMZ and his helpers did a wonderful job on the dinner.

I also want to thank the folks attending for the fun we had with the fifty-fifty drawing. And thanks to Jim, KC8PCJ for purchasing the popcorn from the Boy Scouts. I have an awfully good time helping with these things.

Thanks to everyone who made this meal a success. Let's do it again, soon!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3529. Kalamazoo Hamfest , Sunday, 10/14/2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-07 05:39:49 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3529 Message: 3529

Kalamazoo Hamfest

Date: Sunday October 14, 2007
Location: Kalamazoo Expo Center & Fairgrounds
Street: 2900 Lake Street
City State Zip: Kalamazoo, MI
Notes: http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com/

D-STAR Forum - 11 am

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Boardwalk for $500? In 2007? Ha! Play Monopoly Here and Now (it's updated for today's economy) at Yahoo! Games.
http://get.games.yahoo.com/proddesc?gamekey=monopolyherenow

3530. Lake County Indiana Hamfest, Sunday, 10/14/2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-07 05:42:41 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3530 Message: 3530

Lake County Indiana Hamfest

Date: Sunday October 14, 2007
Location: Lake County Fairgrounds
Street: 889 South Court Street
City State Zip: Crown Point, IN
Notes: http://www.qsl.net/w9lj/ham_fest.htm

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http://surveylink.yahoo.com/gmrs/yahoo_panel_invite.asp?a=7

3531. Weather Radios Recalled by Oregon Scientific

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-07 10:49:51 UTC
From: Jim Miller
Topic: 3531 Message: 3531

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Oregon Scientific, announced a voluntary recall of 4 NOAA Weather Radio models.

These NOAA Weather Radios are being recalled as they could fail to receive National Weather Service alert signals in certain areas of the country. In the event of severe weather, this failure could put a consumer's life and property at risk.

The models affected by this recall are

WR103NX
WR108
WRB308
WRB308J
Additional information on this recall, including photographs of the affected models and information on contacting the manufacturer can be found on the Consumer Products Safety Commission's website at http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml07/07292.html

3532. Winter Weather Observing - Modified Flyer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-08 21:33:31 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 3532 Message: 3532
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All,
If you received the earlier version of this flyer, you will notice that I have added recognition for Muskegon Community College, through Diana Casey and others, who have been very instrumental in making this happen by providing the facilities and a great deal of interest in the subject.
Tom

3534. Digital Scanner

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-11 13:49:11 UTC
From: Jim Miller
Topic: 3534 Message: 3534

I have a coworker looking for a digital trunk tracking scanner.
Anybody have any suggestions or recomendations?
He is a deputy with the Allegan County Sheriff's Office and wants to
listen to police calls when away from work, but they changed to a
mostly digital system.

Thanks.

73

Jim - kd8fcv

3535. Re: Digital Scanner

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-11 15:01:54 UTC
From: n8pug01
Topic: 3534 Message: 3535

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Jim Miller" <kd8fcv@...> wrote:
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> Anybody have any suggestions or recomendations?
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> listen to police calls when away from work, but they changed to a
> mostly digital system.
>
> Thanks.
>
> 73
>
> Jim - kd8fcv
>
I would suggest either the Uniden 396t d with computer programming
software called butel.
Also Gre the company that makes scanners for radio shack has just
come out with their own digital scanner the psr 500.

JIM N8PUG

3536. Re: Bill, AB8SC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-11 15:38:28 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3329 Message: 3536

All:

By way of an update on the results of the eye surgery and recovery. I am very grateful for all your kind thoughts, prayers, and encouraging notes and comments. This recovery time has been much longer than I expected. To keep my spirits up I've been noticing small improvements each day.

The doctor injected an air bubble into my right eye. That bubble has been supporting the retina up until the past three or so weeks. Then the bubble's size has been slowly getting smaller to the point where it is just "in there" and not doing any supporting. It sits up high in the eyeball and scatters the incoming light to dazzle the "world" I see through my "new" eye.

To demonstrate the doctor's observation that the retina has, indeed, been reattached the optometrist has been letting me read their eye chart with that fancy eye testing machine with lots of lenses and the endless question, "which one is better, one or two." If you've ever had your eyes tested you know the drill. Any rate, even with lots of eye drops, a dilated iris, and all the complications I can get my eyesight corrected to 20/40 or thereabouts. This means that if I were to have the lenses ground I could return to driving a vehicle.

I'm still keeping my head down and taking time off of work. The eye is still recovering and is fragile. The process will take at least another two weeks before the doctor sees this patient again.

I thank each of you very much for the continued encouragement and prayers. You should know that the process is boring, frightening, and stressful. As you might know, the reserve eye is blind and not useful except for limited reading. This creates the stressful part as a failure in this recovery will leave my eyesight compromised.

My attitude is still positive. And it is still interesting to look upon the world each day and marvel at the small improving steps along the new path.

Each of you in my spheres of community help me keep my attitude positive, my outlook bright, and the future so full of promise. Are those the same thing? Hmmmmm

73
Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3537. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Digital Scanner

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-11 22:28:35 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 3534 Message: 3537
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3538. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Digital Scanner

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-12 00:35:13 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3534 Message: 3538

Jim the one thing that you will want to make sure is that the scanner will decode p25 or you'll never hear allegan or the michigan state police . I will bring one to coffee tues night if you want to see one work John kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: Tim Deater
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 6:28 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Digital Scanner

My favorite digital one so far is the Uniden BCD396. Small, but loaded with features. The programming software is Free from Uniden and it comes with the programming cable.

The Radio Shack (GRE) Pro96 and Pro2096 are also both great scanners.

You can view one of my Uniden scanners at http://www.tdats.net/scanner .

73
Tim
KC8MSE

On 10/11/07, Jim Miller <kd8fcv@...> wrote:
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Thanks.

73

Jim - kd8fcv

3539. Kalamazoo Hamfest

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-12 14:35:52 UTC
From: THOMAS BRAY
Topic: 3539 Message: 3539

The website for Kalamazoo appears to be down.

Does anyone know if they are doing license testing and if so what time they are doing it?

Thanks
Tom
WB8COX

3540. Upcoming CERT full training course

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-12 17:28:24 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3540 Message: 3540

If anyone is interested and you do not live in Kent County. Your still welcome to take the training. You just do not get the back pack at the end of the class.

The following class's have been scheduled for the Kent County Community Emergency Response Team. These are free to all citizens. We are looking to get an operational team going starting in January so if you have an interest this is the time to take the training! These class's will run from 6-10 PM PLEASE sign up on the provided web sites if you have questions or If you have already taken the training and want to be a victim during Triage or the final exercise email me direct @ jnawrot@... subject victim.

October Classes:
Oct 15: Introduction to CERT - KCSD 701 Ball Ave
Oct 17: Fire Suppression (TC)
Oct 22: Disaster Triage/Medical Response - Red Cross 1050 Fuller
Oct 24: Urban Search and Rescue (TC)
Oct 30: Final Exercise (TC)
*Note: (TC) indicates training will be located at the GRFD Training Facility. (1101 Monroe Ave. NW, 49503).
Locations not identified are to be determined.

http://www.kcraces.net/signup/cert_class.php

November classes:
Nov 9: Introduction to CERT - KCSD 701 Ball Ave NE
Nov 13:
Nov 16:
Nov 20:
Nov 26: Final Exercise

http://www.kcraces.net/signup/cert_class_nov.php

We will need victims on the night of the Triage class and final exercise. If you know someone or you want to come play please let us know!

3541. Tool Max open this Saturday 9AM-12PM

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-12 18:06:44 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3541 Message: 3541

I still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

We will be open this Saturday 9AM-12PM The Next 2 weeks I will not be in the Store on Saturday so I can be at the Holland Hamfest and a State ARPSC ARRL meeting in Lansing on Oct 27.

New this week

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)
300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Electronic Crystal Radio Kit $10
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

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AL-80A Ameritron 1KW HF Amplifier $850
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B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
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RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $175
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Sharp SF7320 working Copy Machine $50
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $160
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40

Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3542. Coax Info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-12 18:19:39 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 3542 Message: 3542

Here is a little bit of interesting info on coax and connectors:
http://walnut.rainsbrook.co.uk/support/connectors/tip16.html

73, John WB9JSR

3543. : WEAVER'S WORDS -- ITS NOT 95 DEGREES OUTSIDE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-12 22:16:17 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3543 Message: 3543

[As always, please reply only to k8je@....]

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++ Your ARRL ++

You who followed along as I discussed the operations of the ARRL Field Organization (e.g. the SMs, SEC's, etc.), it's policy-making branch (the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Officers) and it's staff (e.g. the CEO, levels of management at HQ) should have a good idea as to who is responsible for respective activities in the League. In this issue, I will discuss aspects of ethical and fairness in the ARRL election process.

There are three positions in League governance that are filled by vote of the members. These are the Section Manager, who manages the Field Organization in the Section and the two members of the Board of Directors "family" from each Division. These two members are the Director and the Vice Director. The 15 Directors establish ARRL policy.

The minimum eligibility to run for the office of Section Manager (SM) is to be a licensed amateur, to be a full member of ARRL for a minimum period of 2 continuous years and to agree to observe the rules and regulations of candidacy and, if elected, the of the post.

Candidates for Director and Vice Director must maintain full ARRL membership for a minimum of 4 years prior to their nomination and must also agree to observe all rules and regulations that pertain to the respective offices.

The rules and times for nominations and periods for campaigning are defined in the ARRL By-Laws.

Not only do the ARRL Articles of Association, By-Laws and Standing Orders spell out the rules for elections, but they outline the minimum conduct expected of candidates for election and elected officials.

The rules governing candidacy for office are nothing more than common sense as applied to ethics and conduct. Writer Erma Bombeck put it this way in the title of one of her successful books which is "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten."

Everything needed to satisfy the requirements of ethics and behavior in ARRL elections was learned on our parent's knees when we learned to play fair, not to lie and not to cheat.

So, how do ARRL elections rules work?

Each year at the "annual" (January) Board meeting, the President appoints an Ethics and Elections (E&E) Committee consisting of three Directors who are not on the Executive Committee. All questions or complaints regarding violations of League ethics and elections rules are considered thoroughly by this Committee which advises of any remedial action it concludes is needed. The committee also reviews the petitions for candidacy of each person who wishes to run for an ARRL elected office. This review is to ensure the candidate satisfies the rules of eligibility to run for office. These rules are published for anyone to read.

Relative to this point, the ARRL elections and ethics rules are being attacked by the followers of a candidate who was found to be ineligible because of failure to correct erroneous material sent out in his favor. E&E initially found this candidate met the requirements to run for Director. Later, the candidate acknowledged errors in an e-mail campaign distribution. He agreed to correct these, promptly, according to a plan proposed by E&E. The possibility of punitive action in case the correction was not made was discussed with him.

The issue would have been resolved and the election would have proceeded without difficulty if the candidate had issues issued the correction. Unfortunately, after about two weeks, the promised correction had not been sent. After further warning and an additional wait for action, E&E concluded that continuing violation of the rules of fairness had become unacceptable. The incorrect information that may have started as a simple mistake was escalated by the candidate into a serious ethical blunder when he repeatedly failed to take the needed corrective action.

In some people's minds, the ARRL Board is guilty of taking the right to vote from them. Never mind it was the seemingly unethical action of the candidate that caused him to be disqualified.

But of course, few people are responsible for their actions these days.

The ARRL Constitution and By-Laws clearly define the rules that govern League elections. These and the ARRL Standing Orders may be found at www.arrl.org/aabl.html.

++ Great Lakes Division Award Winners ++

The Great Lakes Division Convention is the scene for special awards given for outstanding service to the amateur community. Great Lakes Division awards given this year were:

- George S. Wilson, III, W4OYI, Lifetime Achievement Award: Fred Jones, WA4SWF, Louisa, Kentucky.
- Amateur of the Year Award: Bob Check, W8GC, Independence, OH.
- DXer's Achievement Award: Ted Pauck, Jr., K8NA, Troy, MI.
- Newsletter of the Year: West Chester (Ohio) ARA "HF Chronicles," Mike Ashley, N8XW, editor.
- Director's Outstanding Achievement: Thomas L. Mansfield, KG4TND, Lexington, KY.
- Director's Outstanding Achievement: Bill Carpenter, AA8EY, Westerville, OH.

Congratulations to the award recipients. More importantly, thanks to them for their hard work and unselfishness in supporting Amateur Radio and their communities through our great radio service.

++ Division Convention -- Postlude ++

The Great Lakes Division Convention on Saturday, September 22 is over. It was a great event, involved tremendous internationally-known speakers, located in very neat and comfortable surroundings, featured good food and was coordinated by a tremendous committee headed by Bob Check, W8GC.

Bob, et al, thanks for putting together such an outstanding Convention. A special thanks to Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA, who was a very successful General Chairman of this and the two previous Division Conventions. Similarly, Ohio SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE, has managed the exemplification of the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong at each of these conventions. A hearty well done to everyone.

++ Automatic Survey -- Some additional Results ++

I shared a couple of results of this online survey with you a few weeks ago. Here is quite a bit more from it.

To review the situation, 2,453 members took the survey with 1004 being from the Great Lakes Division. The two additional Divisions that participated were the Atlantic and the Delta Divisions.

Please note that some questions could receive multiple answers.

Of the 1270 who say they operate digital modes:
- 303 operate APRS.
- 51 operate D-Star.
- 132 operate Digital Voice.
- 1086 operate modes using keyboards.

Of the 1086 who use keyboard modes,
- 904 use PSK-31.
- 598 use RTTY.

- All remaining selections were used rather minimally.
- 171 use store and forward.
- 136 use Packet with TNC.
- 58 use Packet with sound card.
- 47 use PacTOR.
- 193 use Winlink.
- 137 of these use Winlink for emergency communications.
- 139 use Winlink on VHF; 111 use it on HF.
- Winlink was used most often (in descending order of use) on 20M, 40M, 80M, 10M, 15M and light use on 12M NS 160m.
- 15 operate a PMBO.

++ Walberg Sponsors HR 462 ++

Representative Timothy Walberg, 7th District of Michigan, has signed on to co-sponsor HR 462. This is the bill that would require the FCC to review and justify its rules concerning BPL and other Part 15 devices. Included in the FCC rules to be reviewed will be the one that gives unlicensed, Part 15 incidental emitters favorite status over licensed operations including police, fire and Amateur Radio services.

Thanks to the members in Michigan Congressional District 7 who wrote to Mr. Walberg and achieved his co-sponsorship. Good job.

++ Vanity Call Fee Drops ++

In case you missed it, the FCC reduced the fee for Vanity Call Signs effective September 17. The previous fee of $20.80 dropped to $11.70. This new fee is the lowest that has been charged since 11 years ago when the original fee was set at $12. The Commission expects about 14,700 applications to be received during its coming fiscal year.

++ Neat Idea ++

When the River Cities ARA had a special event operation in Ashland, KY, they anticipated a substantial number of visitors from the general public. They got them . . . and the ham station they operated kept them.

To help the visitors understand what was going on, the club set up a large US map and put pins in it to mark the locations of other ham stations they had contacted. The map with scores of pins in it became the stimulus for many discussions about Amateur Radio.

The event? It was the Summer Motion Festival. The River Cities ARA used special event call sign K4S throughout the festival.

++ International Humanitarian Award ++

Nominations are open for the 2007 ARRL International Humanitarian Award. The award is conferred upon an amateur or amateurs who demonstrate devotion to human welfare, peace and international understanding through Amateur Radio. The League established the annual

prize to recognize Amateur Radio operators who have used ham radio to provide extraordinary service to others in times of crisis or disaster. Full details of the award are at http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/awards/humanitarian.html.

If you know of a ham who has provided extraordinary service to others and this service has involved Amateur Radio on an International basis, please submit a nomination by December 31 to ARRL International Humanitarian Award, 225 Main St. Newington, CT 06111.

++ Head of Global Government Agency becomes a Ham ++

Dr. Hamadoun Toure who is Secretary General of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) became a licensed Radio Amateur on October 8. The Secretary General is from Mali. He is licensed from Switzerland as HB9EHT.

Not to be confused with the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) which is an International association of national Amateur Radio organizations, the ITU is a formal treaty organization of most governments around the world. The Department of State represents the US in the ITU treaty negotiations. Two members of the ARRL technical staff have been appointed to the delegation.

++ Great Lakes Division Members at the Top ++

Information compiled by Chwat & Company show that members of the Great Lakes Division have a substantial lead over other ARRL Divisions when it comes to writing to support Federal legislation. This is true whether we are writing our US Representatives or US Senators. This can truly be termed democracy in action. It is a keystone to representative government.

Although I thank and congratulate everyone who has chosen to exercise their democratic freedom and obligation when it comes to supporting Amateur Radio, we must and can do better. The total number of members who have written during the current session of Congress is only somewhat above 200. This is a far cry from the thousands of ham letter writers in the Division.

The question I ask each of you is simple. Isn't the enjoyment you have received from Amateur Radio worth writing at least two or three letters a year to support hamming?

> ++ Tentative Travel Schedule ++
>
> Oct 16: Branch Co. ARC, Coldwater, MI - Jim
> Oct 19: Mason (OH) Area Repeater Club - Jim
> Nov 14: Hazel Park ARC, Hazel Park, MI - Jim
> Nov 19: Southern Ohio ARA Christmas Dinner, Russell, KY - Jim
> Dec 1: Motor City RC 75th Ann., Wyandotte, MI - Jim
> Dec 8: Programs & Services Committee, Newington, CT - Jim

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> 2008
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> Jan 17: Programs & Services Committee, Newington, CT - Jim
> Jan 18-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Houston, TX - Gary & Jim
> Apr 14: PCARS (OH) Meeting - Jim
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
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> k8je@...
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> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
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> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

3546. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Tool Max open this Saturday 9AM-12PM

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-13 00:14:09 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3541 Message: 3546

Come in and check it out Mark. It is neat. Tom

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 8:12 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Tool Max open this Saturday 9AM-12PM

What's an electronic dripping faucet?

Is that something a plumber or an electrician should come out and fix?

73

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Cc: w8cso@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 02:06
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Tool Max open this Saturday 9AM-12PM

I still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

We will be open this Saturday 9AM-12PM The Next 2 weeks I will not be in the Store on Saturday so I can be at the Holland Hamfest and a State ARPSC ARRL meeting in Lansing on Oct 27.

New this week

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)
300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Electronic Crystal Radio Kit $10
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
300 ohm twin lead 50Ft $10.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1.10 ea
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From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.488 / Virus Database: 269.14.8/1066 - Release Date: 10/12/2007 11:10 AM

3547. Kalamazoo Hamfest, Sunday, 10/14/2007 & D-STAR Forum @ 11 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-13 05:20:34 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3547 Message: 3547

Kalamazoo Hamfest

Date: Sunday October 14, 2007

Location: Kalamazoo Expo Center & Fairgrounds
Street: 2900 Lake Street
City State Zip: Kalamazoo, MI

Notes: http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com/

D-STAR Forum - 11 am

Pinpoint customers who are looking for what you sell.
http://searchmarketing.yahoo.com/

3548. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-13 05:34:51 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 3548

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /D-STAR Brochure.pdf
Uploaded by : wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>
Description : D-STAR Brochure by Icom America

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/D-STAR%20Brochure.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>

3549. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-13 05:42:46 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 3549

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /D-STAR System Introduction.pdf
Uploaded by : wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>
Description : D-STAR System Introduction (International Icom Brochure)

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/D-STAR%20System%20Introduction.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>

3550. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-13 05:49:41 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 3550

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /AES Icom D-STAR Forum - MRC Hamfest November 3rd rev 1.pdf
Uploaded by : wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>
Description : Icom D-STAR Forums @ AES-Milwaukee, Saturday, 11/3 with MRC Hamfest Nearby

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/AES%20Icom%20D-STAR%20Forum%20-%20MRC%20Hamfest%20November%203rd%20rev%201.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>

3551. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-13 06:12:37 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 3551

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /D-STAR Emergency Digital Voice Data.pdf
Uploaded by : wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>
Description : D-STAR Emergency Digital Voice/Data

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/D-STAR%20Emergency%20Digital%20Voice%20Data.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>

3552. Lake County Indiana Hamfest, Sunday, 10/14/2007

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-13 09:16:47 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3530 Message: 3552

Lake County Indiana Hamfest

Date: Sunday October 14, 2007

Location: Lake County Fairgrounds
Street: 889 South Court Street
City State Zip: Crown Point, IN

Notes: http://www.qsl.net/w9lj/ham_fest.htm

_____
Fussy? Opinionated? Impossible to please? Perfect. Join Yahoo!'s user panel and lay it on us. http://surveylink.yahoo.com/gmrs/yahoo_panel_invite.asp?a=7

3554. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Plane crash in Muskegon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-13 20:49:35 UTC
From: mapscenes@aol.com
Topic: 3553 Message: 3554

Thanks Mark!

Interesting ...

mick

********** See what's new at http://www.aol.com

3555. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-13 21:40:58 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 3555

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /Winter%20Weather%20Observing%20Flyer.pdf
Uploaded by : kd8fcv <kd8fcv@...>
Description : Winter Weather Observing Flyer

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/Winter%2520Weather%2520Observing%2520Flyer.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

kd8fcv <kd8fcv@...>

3556. Winter Weather Observing

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-13 21:44:53 UTC
From: Jim Miller
Topic: 3556 Message: 3556

Muskegon County Emergency Communications Service is co-hosting a Winter Weather Skywarn Training. All have been invited to attend.

When: Thursday November 8, 2007 from 7pm to 9pm
Location: Muskegon Community College
Room 1100 Stevenson Center
Who: Anyone wishing to attend
Cost: Free!
-There is no need to preregister.

Contact: Tom Porritt N8YJT 231-744-4485

This has been posted with permission from Tom Porritt.

Flyer posted here: http://shorterlink.com/?U9BXKV
<http://shorterlink.com/?U9BXKV>

3557. Morse Code Books

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-15 01:50:19 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 3557 Message: 3557

Check out this link to an article in the Wall Street Journal in regards to Morse Code Books (CDs).

http://online.wsj.com:80/article/SB119161604206850468.html?mod=hps_us_pageone

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

3558. Congratulations, KC8PCJ

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-15 09:53:37 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3558 Message: 3558

All:

Jim, KC8PCJ has been chasing his Worked All States. He needs a QSL card from Hawaii. He also needed a QSO with Alaska. While tuning twenty meters yesterday, Sunday, I stumbled upon an Alaska station calling CQ. Linda, AB8QH got Jim's landline number and Jim got into the DX's log. Now Jim needs two cards for his WAS wallpaper.

Good going, Jim!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3559. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Congratulations, KC8PCJ

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-15 11:24:28 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3558 Message: 3559

I think he got Hawaii a couple of weeks ago, just hoping that he gets a card from there, that would be cool. Congrads Jim,
73,
Chris, w8cjs
Web site,
www.w8cjs.com

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 5:53 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Congratulations, KC8PCJ

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Good going, Jim!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3560. New Ham Radio Promo Film....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-15 19:28:50 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 3560 Message: 3560

I have the next film for us folks to us to publicize our hobby on
the cable channels:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBGIdf0VjQ4

73 , de tom k8tb

3562. Antenna tuner needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-16 01:20:24 UTC
From: allen
Topic: 3562 Message: 3562

Hi All,

I am in desperate need of a good used antenna tuner. I made my first di-pole antenna and it does work and the swr's are ok but could be better! I did make a contact on 40m so I cant complain. But if anyone has one for sale CHEAP, I am definitely interested. Please email me

Allen
KD8FXB

3564. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Antenna tuner needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-16 13:19:59 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3562 Message: 3564

Hamfest this Saturday
http://www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=22

73 Jack NY8D

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3565. Baloon Launch 20 October

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-16 13:37:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3565 Message: 3565

ARBONET-2 High Altitude Balloon Flight Set for an October 20th Launch

Members of the ARBONET (Amateur Radio Balloons Over NorthEast Texas) organization are making final preparations for the October 20th launch of ARBONET-2. Originally scheduled for launch last spring, ARBONET-2 is being dedicated to the memory of Kim R. Miles, N9IS SK, a long time contributor to the central Indiana Windtrax Amateur Radio High Altitude Balloon team who passed away March 27th at the age of 51.

ARBONET-2 will be launched from the JD Trissell Airport in Clarksville, TX which is located in the northeast corner of the Lone Star State. Launch time is scheduled for 9:30 AM CDT on Saturday October 20th. Current winds aloft forecasts indicate the ground track of the flight will carry the amateur payloads towards the Texas - Louisiana state line. If ARBONET-2 reaches its expected altitude of 96,000 ft, radio amateurs in parts of as many as seven states should be able to monitor the beacons and communicate through the cross band repeater onboard the near space vehicle.

The compliment of payloads aboard ARBONET-2 include:

A plain language homing beacon that will transmit navigation data to the ground on 146.560 MHz in plain English thus allowing anyone with a scanner or 2 meter hand-held in the coverage zone to follow the progress of the flight without the need for additional equipment to process the data.

An APRS beacon operating on 144.390 MHz to report vehicle location data throughout the duration of the flight and to aid in the recovery of the packages following descent.

A 70 cm Up / 2 meter Down Cross band FM repeater (445.800MHz Up 147.560 MHz Down) will support two way communications during the duration of the ARBONET-2 flight.

A 10 meter CW beacon experiment produced by the Richardson Wireless Klub, K5RWK will transmit a 500 milliwatt signal on 28.061 MHZ.

In addition, ARBONET-2 will carry a number of secondary payloads that will perform remote data collection functions for analysis once the payloads are recovered. These payloads include a 4 mega pixel digital camera configured to capture images every 30 seconds through the duration of the flight, a self contained balloon burst video system designed to capture images of the balloon burst event and other environmental data loggers.

Operators are encouraged to submit reception reports from the ARBONET-2 flight to team members via the ARBONET web site: www.arbonet.net. A

special commemorative QSL card will be made available to everyone who submits reception reports to the ARBONET team.

An ARBONET Launch Information HF net will be held on 3.910 MHz (+/- 10 KHz) beginning at 9:00 AM CDT to report the progress of flight preparations and to provide real time coverage of the expected two and a half hour flight.

The ARBONET team encourages radio amateurs throughout the flight?s coverage zone to make use of the payloads aboard ARBONET-2.

Additional updates will be posted to the ARBONET web site in the days leading up to the mission. In the event weather conditions cause a postponement of the launch, the next launch attempt is scheduled for the following Saturday, October 27th.

3566. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Ham Radio Promo Film....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-16 15:50:03 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3560 Message: 3566

Actually, it surprised me to hear an actual promotional ad for amateur radio on the local sports station here in Muskegon. I heard it once before on an early saturday morning, but thought that I was just hearing things as I had left my radio on and went to sleep, but this morning, I heard it again. It's only been twice that I've heard it, and it was about a month or so between airings, but every little bit helps.
73,
Chyris, w8cjs
Web site,
www.w8cjs.com
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 11:15 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Ham Radio Promo Film....

I never thought about mounting a key right to a clip board!

Also, I don't feel so bad about almost running out of gas tonight while talking to my friends on the repeater.

Neat film, thanks!

73 de K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: K8TB
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 03:28
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] New Ham Radio Promo Film....

I have the next film for us folks to us to publicize our hobby on
the cable channels:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBGIdf0VjQ4

73 , de tom k8tb

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Version: 7.5.488 / Virus Database: 269.14.8/1066 - Release Date: 10/12/2007 11:10 AM

3567. Big boat anchor

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-16 17:58:35 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 3567 Message: 3567
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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3568. Monthly ARRL section Report

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-16 18:08:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3568 Message: 3568

Greetings everyone,

Here is a special message from John KC8ULE, Chairman of the recently completed Mac50: The Mac50 Special Event was organized and operated as an element of the official celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge sponsored by the Mackinac Bridge Authority Celebration Committee. The idea of a special event with this theme came up in several locations around the state. This was a natural theme -- nothing says "Michigan" around the world like the Mackinac Bridge. The Bridge View park is a good operating location, and there was a Mac40 event ten years earlier.

Mac50 had three principle objectives: Help the Bridge Authority Celebration Committee promote awareness of the 50th Anniversary of the Bridge. Achieved.O ver a thousand on-air contacts, plus an awareness multiplier for shortwave listeners and hams who could not make direct contact. Contacts always included a comment about the theme of the event, and most included a fact or two about the bridge.

Goals: Put on a radio event that would attract operators and club support from around the state as with all similar radio events. Achieved. We attracted operators from the Detroit area, Grand Rapids, Lowell, Charlevoix, the Soo, Marquette and St. Ignace as well as other locations. Five clubs made major contributions to production and operations and the Michigan ARRL section promoted the event strongly. Practice our disaster preparedness skills in terms of being able to deploy to a field location, equip ourselves using our own equipment and conduct effective radio operations. Achieved. The event design effort was played in public via the web; many Michigan hams worked together to get equipment and supplies on site, get them assembled, powered and tested and on the air. Everything worked. Outstanding!

The Mac50 event was a wild success from all possible perspectives. There were plenty of things that we might have done better or more completely, but we made a lot of contacts, we had a lot of amateur radio operators involved in operating and event logistics and we had just incredible response from the amateur radio community in terms of sending in for QSL materials. I think it likely that those of us involved in the event will carry our memories of it around with us for a long time.

Scoreboard: Total QSO's 1,012. Operators/on site helpers 39, Participating clubs, 5. More importantly, we had zero rigs damaged, zero injuries and an abundance of just feeling good about how everything went.

Final Thoughts: Speaking as a career project manager, this was probably the single most satisfying project I've ever taken on. There were enough irritations to keep it on our minds and there were times when there were just too many details to get done, too many hands to shake, not enough

hours in the day to cover the bases. Many things came together in the last two weeks. We were on the air when we said we'd be on the air and had terrific resultsalong the way. And a great time was had by all.

Special thanks are in order to the Mackinac Bridge Authority Celebration Committee, the St. Ignace Post of the Michigan State Police, Michigan Section -- ARRL and the five clubs that put in tremendous levels of energy, technical skill and cash and resource donations: Eastern UP ARC, Motor City ARC, ARGYL, Lake Effect ARC and Midwewst Contesters and Traffikers. I wish also to extend my personal thanks to my planning and admin colleague, Marv DeWitt, KC8MLD, our PIO, Diane Scalzi, KI8F and our web guy Hank Greeb, N8XX for theirdiligenceand expertise. 73,
John Forslin, KC8ULE,
Marquette, Michigan,
25 September,2007.

The heart of ham radio lies in our radio clubs. The opportunity to meet, share ideas, find help and learn are all soundly based in these organizations. We recognize these new club leaders: Newly elected for the Big Rapids Area ARC are Pres WB8COX, VP KD8DHZ, Treas KC8IFP and Sec KD8DIB. Blossomland ARA's new Officers are: President KC8TSE, 1st VP N8KBG, 2nd VP KD8ZB, 3rd VP KF8Z, Sec W8JBA, Treas KB8VIM, Trustee KE4PM. For the Marinett and Menominee ARC, these officers were elected: Pres K8IR. VP KC8WAI, Sec KD8ESH, Treas WC9E. Lapeer County ARA has elected these officers: Pres N8NE, VP KC8TWL, Sec KC8CAB and Treas KD8VP. Congratulations to all of these new officers.

Stan K8SB Chairman of the Motor City Amateur Radio Club 75th Anniversary Celebration (December 1)is attempting to contact former MCRC members including those who have moved away from the area. Stan has asked that all former members drop him a note or call. Stan can be reached at k8sb@... or at 734-676-6248.

A Special Event worth noting: Nov 3-Nov 4, 1300Z-0100Z, Muskegon, MI. Muskegon County Emergency Communication Services, Inc. K8WNJ will be celebrating the completion of Muskegon County's new ECOMM Center. Operating on 146.820 Mhz (-600 94.8hz), 14.267 MHz 7.267 MHz. For a commemorative Certificate of your contact, send a SASE to Muskegon County Sheriff's Dept, Emergency Services Division (MCECS), 1611 Oak Ave, Muskegon, MI 49442.

Michigan Nets reporting for September: MiTN, OMN, MACS, WMTN, GLETN, TMMTN, SEMTN, NLEUPN, Motor City, Hiawatha, Benzie County, MIARPSC, and Branch County. Total Operator-hours for September: 2,158.

Station Activity Reports (SAR) for September, 2007: WB9JSR 883, KC8WSE 342, K8KV 276, AB8SY 194, K8LJG 137, K8AMR 116, KD8AAD 93, K8RDN 81, K8AE 60, WB8RCR 36, KC8MLD 30, W8RNQ 27, WD8USA 12, KC8BMV 12, KD8BGQ 12, AB8WF 12, K8ZJU 10, WA8OOH 10, KC8ZGB 10.

Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHR) for September, 2007: WB8RCR 256, K8MFK 209, KD8BGQ 159, WB9JSR 135, K8RDN 128, WD8USA 122, K8AMR 118, KC8WSE 115, AB8SY 115, K8KV 80, K8AE 80, K8ZJU 73, K8VFZ 67.

SARs are reports of all the radiogram traffic you have handled in the past month. PSHRs include your net and public service activities for the month. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR. You can access a simple reporting form at: http://www.mi-nts.org/PSHR_entry.shtml to provide your reports to WB8RCR.

September Official Emergency Station reports came in from K8COP, K8DD, and N8HA. Your OES reports should be filed with WA8EFK with a copy to your EC. In all cases, reporting by radiogram is encouraged. Packet messages can berouted to wb8rcr@... and wa8efk@...

73 until next month,
Dale WA8EFK

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
wa8efk@...

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Log in with your username and password and change your email options. Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from being sent to you.
-- webmaster@...

3569. N9Q/N8XX during Illinois QSO Party, Sunday, October 21

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-16 22:02:15 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3569 Message: 3569

I'll be operating as N9Q during the upcoming Illinois QSO party this Sunday, October 21, 2007, from a four county line of Boone, Dekalb, Winnebago & Ogle Counties. I'll be operating portable, hopefully with a "reasonable" signal from a portable operation.

The ILQP runs from 1700Z October 21 until 0100Z October 22, 2007 (that's 1 p.m. EDT to 9 p.m. EDT Sunday, October 21.)

Look for me on or around 7.05 MHz CW, 7.290 MHz SSB in the afternoon, and around 3.55 MHz CW, 3.890 MHz Phone after about 2200Z.

Rules and other info can be found at http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP2007.html

One of the more interesting things is that the closest "reasonably sized city" to where I'll be operating is Rockford, IL. So, I'm driving from Rockford (Michigan) to Rockford (Illinois) for the event!

73 de n8xx Hg

3572. Re: HOLD the Congratulations

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-17 04:32:38 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3572 Message: 3572

A little Snag has came to my attention tonight as I am filling out my WAS form. Seems that one of my Cards with a big MINNESOTA on the front was actualy operating mobile in North Dakota. Looks like I am back to needing one more state, MN. I have 3 MN contacts that have not sent cards.
:-(
Back to it.

73s Jim

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MAARC guy

3573. Thursday Moderate Risk Severe Weather

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-17 09:18:25 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 3573 Message: 3573

SPC AC 170600

DAY 2 CONVECTIVE OUTLOOK
NWS STORM PREDICTION CENTER NORMAN OK
0100 AM CDT WED OCT 17 2007

VALID 181200Z - 191200Z

...THERE IS A MDT RISK OF SVR TSTMS ACROSS PARTS OF SERN WI...LOWER MI...NRN AND ERN IL...INDIANA...WRN OH...AND PARTS OF NRN KY...

...THERE IS A SLGT RISK OF SVR TSTMS ACROSS A LARGE AREA FROM THE GREAT LAKES REGION SWD TO THE GULF COAST STATES...

...SYNOPSIS...
LARGE MID-LEVEL TROUGH/LOW OVER THE CENTRAL CONUS AT THE START OF THE PERIOD IS FORECAST TO STRENGTHEN/SHARPEN AS IT MOVES EWD ACROSS THE MS VALLEY REGION. THIS TROUGH WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A VERY STRONG DEEP-LAYER WIND FIELD...INCLUDING A 90 KT SWLY H5 JET S AND E
OF THE LOW CENTER.

AT THE SURFACE...STRONG LOW IS FORECAST TO DRIFT NEWD ACROSS THE UPPER MS VALLEY REGION...WHILE TRAILING COLD FRONT MOVES ACROSS THE MS VALLEY AND INTO THE OH/TN VALLEYS THROUGH THE END OF THE PERIOD.

...GREAT LAKES REGION SWD TO THE GULF COAST STATES...
WIDESPREAD/POTENTIALLY-SIGNIFICANT SEVERE WEATHER EVENT APPEARS INCREASINGLY LIKELY ACROSS PORTIONS OF A WIDESPREAD AREA EXTENDING FROM THE GREAT LAKES REGION SWD TO THE GULF COAST STATES.

WIDESPREAD THUNDERSTORMS SHOULD BE ONGOING ACROSS PARTS OF THE RISK AREA AT THE START OF THE PERIOD...DRIVEN BY LARGE-SCALE WARM ADVECTION ASSOCIATED WITH 70 KT LOW-LEVEL JET. AS THIS JET WEAKENS/SHIFTS NEWD DURING THE DAY...CONVECTION SHOULD DIMINISH SOMEWHAT...ALLOWING POCKETS OF LIMITED HEATING AND AT LEAST MARGINAL
DESTABILIZATION OF VERY MOIST WARM SECTOR IN PLACE AHEAD OF THE APPROACHING STORM SYSTEM.

BY EARLY AFTERNOON...BANDS OF THUNDERSTORMS SHOULD REDEVELOP NEAR AND AHEAD OF THE COLD FRONT...AND THEN INCREASE THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING AS THE FRONT SHIFTS EWD.

STORMS DEVELOPING AHEAD OF THE FRONT WILL RAPIDLY BECOME SEVERE...AS
INTENSE FLOW THROUGH THE LOWER AND MID TROPOSPHERE -- VEERING WITH

HEIGHT FROM THE LOWER TO MID LEVELS -- RESULTS IN SHEAR SUPPORTIVE
OF SUPERCELLS AND/OR WELL-ORGANIZED LINE SEGMENTS. LARGE HAIL WILL
BE POSSIBLE -- PARTICULARLY NEAR THE COLDER MID-LEVEL TEMPERATURES
ACROSS NRN PORTIONS OF THE RISK AREA...AND VERY STRONG/DAMAGING
WINDS ARE LIKELY GIVEN STRENGTH OF THE AMBIENT FLOW FIELD.
FURTHER...GIVEN MOIST BOUNDARY LAYER AND LOW LCLS ALONG WITH AMPLE
VEERING/SPEED SHEAR IN THE BOUNDARY LAYER...TORNADOES WILL ALSO BE
LIKELY -- INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL THAT A FEW MAY BE
STRONG/LONG-LIVED. THE THREAT WILL SPREAD EWD WITH TIME...LIKELY
LINGERING THROUGH THE END OF THE PERIOD AS STORMS CROSS THE
APPALACHIANS.

..GOSS.. 10/17/2007

CLICK TO GET WUUS02 PTSDY2 PRODUCT

NOTE: THE NEXT DAY 2 OUTLOOK IS SCHEDULED BY 1730Z
CURRENT UTC TIME: 0914Z (5:14AM), RELOAD THIS PAGE TO UPDATE THE
TIME

3574. lost info.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-17 12:07:43 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3574 Message: 3574

My computer crashed and I lost every thing.What I am needing to replace first is--Battery vendors.Both new and rebuilders.

73 KD8CBJ

3576. Video of ARES Use D-STAR

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-18 01:02:25 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3576 Message: 3576

Video of Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) use of D-STAR

http://youtube.com/watch?v=q8dUJp0rc0g

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3579. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Video of ARES Use D-STAR

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-18 03:47:14 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3576 Message: 3579

Were using it in Kent County specifically for Hospital Communications.

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of k8mhz@...
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 9:11 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Video of ARES Use D-STAR

Not enough good can be said about this!

This is what emergency communications needs to focus on.

----- Original Message -----

From: HYPERLINK "mailto:wb9qzb@..."Mark Thompson

To: HYPERLINK
"mailto:illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com"illinoisdigitalham@...
m ; HYPERLINK "mailto:frrl@yahoogroups.com"frrl@yahoogroups.com ; HYPERLINK
"mailto:NS9RC@yahoogroups.com"NS9RC@yahoogroups.com

Cc: HYPERLINK "mailto:ARESv@yahoogroups.com"ARESv@yahoogroups.com ;
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HYPERLINK
"mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com"WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 09:02

Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Video of ARES Use D-STAR

Video of Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) use of D-STAR

HYPERLINK
"http://youtube.com/watch?v=q8dUJp0rc0g"http://youtube.com/watch?v=q8dUJp0rc
0g

Do You Yahoo!?
Tired of spam? Yahoo! Mail has the best spam protection around
HYPERLINK "http://mail.yahoo.com"http://mail.yahoo.com

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3580. Re: [illinoisdigitalham] Analog Radio D-STAR Adaptor Web Site

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-18 14:36:57 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3580 Message: 3580

HOLY SMOKES!
As soon as I scrape the money together, I'm going to try this. Looks like something I'd actually be able to do, and we have plenty of D-star repeaters in the area that aren't getting nearly enough use...

-Joe, N8FQ

On Thu, 18 Oct 2007 05:15:49 -0700 (PDT)
Mark Thompson <wb9qzb@...> wrote:

> ----- Forwarded Message ----
> From: Gavin Nesbitt <gnesbitt@...>
> To: dstar_digital@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2007 6:27:54 AM
> Subject: RE: [dstar_digital] Analog Radio D-STAR Adaptor in Japan & D-STAR in France
>
>
> Hi all,
>
> Project details for this schematic can be found on this webpage:
>
> http://d-star.dyndns.org/rig.html.en
>
> Thanks,
>
> Gavin Nesbitt.
> M1BXF.
>
> +447968 791434

3581. RE: speaking of D Star

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-18 16:55:22 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3580 Message: 3581

I am finalizing my list for the order to purchase a repeater for Kent County ARES / RACES.

Currently were planning 2M and 1.2GHZ. the 1.2 may not have Voice right away but were definitely working to get the digital portion up and running and purchase a few ID1's instead of the triplexer for the voice and data part.

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3582. Tool Max closed this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-18 17:09:54 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3582 Message: 3582

I still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

We will be closed this Saturday so I can be at the Holland Hamfest and closed next Saturday for State ARPSC ARRL meeting in Lansing on Oct 27.

New this week

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)
300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Electronic Crystal Radio Kit $10
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
300 ohm twin lead 50Ft $10.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

We are the only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class New as of July 1 $20.95
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

High Gain DB-1015 3 Element HF beam for 10/15 meters $50 Must Sell GREAT BUY
Channel Master light duty Rotor with control box and cable $20
SAS-1 Amp Supply HF wire antenna with control box $10
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Signalcrafter SW-77C SWR meter $5
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
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Low Pass filter $5
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1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40

Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3583. Deals on small generators

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-19 01:00:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3583 Message: 3583

Pep Boys has two deals for small generators -

They have a 1 KW generator for $119.95 after rebate, which seems to be a widely advertised deal.

I went to their Alpine Avenue store intending to buy one of these, but found an "in store" special of a 850 watt generator plus a small air compressor (1 gallon tank plus a small compressor) for $89.95 after a $30 rebate. I had always wanted an air compressor around the garage, and my rig doesn't draw more than about 200 watts, so I bought the generator/compressor combo. (Besides, I'm cheep, and would probably have bought the $90 deal even if I didn't need a compressor!)

Both generators have 2 cycle engines, so oil and gasoline need to be mixed. However, with <1 Gallon every 4 to 5 hours gasoline consumption, this isn't much of a pain.

73 de n8xx Hg

p.s. I have no financial interest in Pep Boys.

3584. D-Star Repeater Donation to NMARES Organization from Jim Davis - KC8NTE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-19 04:05:30 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3584 Message: 3584

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: kc8nte <kc8nte@...>
To: illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2007 10:45:32 PM
Subject: [illinoisdigitalham] D-Star Repeater Donation to NMARES Organization from Jim Davis - KC8NTE

D-Star Repeater Donation to NMARES Organization from Jim Davis - KC8NTE

Barb – N8JML and Duane – KX8D retired owners of ComDaC have made a extremely generous donation offer to the Northern Michigan Amateur Radio Emergency Services Organization. They have offered to provide a Free Icom D-Star repeater system to the NMARES organization.

The system will include the Icom ID-RP2C digital repeater controller, the ID-RP2000V VHF Digital RF module, and the ID-RP4000V UHF RF module. The D-Star system when completed with have both 2 meter and 70 cm digital repeater capabilities. These three components have a combined value of over $4,000.00.

Additional equipment will be required to complete this NMARES Tactical Emergency Repeater. These items will include duplexers, isolators, antennas coax, power supplies ect. The cost for these items will be born by NMARES.

NMARES members will need to purchase several Icom D-Star radios to take advantage of this generous donation from ComDaC. The D-Star version of the 2 meter digital radios start out around $300.00 each.

The Northern Michigan Amateur Radio Emergency Services Organization will be looking for donors to assist with the purchase of this Emergency Communications equipment for Northern Michigan.

The additional equipment order will be processed as an NMARES group order through ComDaC. The Deadline to place your order with Jim Davis - KC8NTE will be December 30th. If you are interested in experimenting in this new D-Star Mode and are willing to purchase a new D-Star radio for yourself or for NMARES please contact Jim Davis – KC8NTE at kc8nte@....

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Thanks - 73 for Now
Jim Davis - KC8NTE

NMARES Northern Michigan Amateur Radio
Emergency Services
NMARES ©
- Website http://www.nmares.net/
- YaHoo group http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NMARES/

- NMARES Meets the Third Wednesday of each Month. 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm,
Elmira Township Hall, 2035 Mountain Jack Road, Elmira, MI 49730-9717
GPS Coordinates Lat. N45° 03.653', Lon. W84° 51.453'

- Calling Frequency - 146.520 MHz
- Information kc8nte@...

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3585. Think twice before installing Compact Fluorescent lamps

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-19 13:05:15 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 3585 Message: 3585

See the following sampling of end-user and installer reports:

http://www.mikeholt.com/newsletters.php?action=display&letterID=464

Note the warning against base-up use -- which probably most of our light fittings are.

To add my own 2 cents' worth: We replaced as many as possible (those not on dimmers) of the incandescent bulbs in this house by CFLs when we moved in just under 4 years ago. Most of them have had to be replaced already, but none has actually exploded or caught fire.

73

Alan NV8A

3586. VHF 6m Fall Sprint, Saturday, 10/20 @ 5 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-19 14:55:49 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3586 Message: 3586

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http://www.svhfs.org/fall_sprint_rules.htm

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3587. Re:lost info.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-20 23:35:58 UTC
From: Greg Schippers
Topic: 3574 Message: 3587

If no-one has already suggested it, I would download a live CD version of Linux (Puppy is my favorite at the moment), and boot the computer with the live CD. You may be able to access the hard drive thru Linux, and retrieve many (or all) of your lost files. Another possible solution is an USB hard drive enclosure, and another computer. Just a couple suggestions, and not guaranteed to be worth any more than you paid for them!!

73-
Greg, KC8HXO

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3589. Illinois QSO Party Today, Sunday, 10/21 @ 1 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-21 05:25:38 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3589 Message: 3589

Information about Illinois QSO Party Today, Sunday, 10/21 @ 1pm

http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP2007.html

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3590. Re: Think twice before installing Compact Fluorescent lamps

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-21 06:30:24 UTC
From: heavyfistcharlie24
Topic: 3585 Message: 3590

Hi Alan,

How odd the timing of your post on this CFL subject, as I had just posted on our K8MHZHamClass reflector about my CFL incident. I have been using some CFL's for about 1 1/2 years. Most were purchased at the dollar store, and the others at Menards or Lowes. On the morning of 18Oct2007, I flipped on the switch to the overhead ceiling light in the kitchen. I was startled by a loud "POW", flash, and thick one foot diameter ball of white smoke, coming from the unenclosed light fixture, where I had three CFL's horizontally mounted. I quickly flipped the light switch off. When the smoke cloud cleared, I saw one of the three CFL's blown apart. These particular CFL's are the type that have three straight looped tubes, not the round corkscrew type configuration tubes. There is no dimmer on that kitchen light switch. These CFL's were purchased at a dollar store, and are either a 25 watt CFL that is advertised to equal the light output of a 100 watt incandescent bulb, or the 30 watt CFL that is suppose to equal the output of a 150 watt incandescent bulb. (Not by my eyes anyway). I bought both, and have used both without any problems other than early burn out. Upon closer inspection, the glass tubes did not break, but were hanging by a wire from a small circuit board, that was also hanging out of the CFL's white thin plastic base. The glass tubes and circuit board had been blown out when a capacitor apparently blew. I found a loose capacitor that smelled burnt, that was no longer attached to anything. I found small pieces of thin white plastic of the base, on the kitchen floor. I was very thankful that the glass tubes weren't shattered by the "explosion" or broken by an impact with the floor, as I am aware of the mercury inside the glass tubes. That's not a good thing to have scattered all over your kitchen counters, stove, and kitchen floor.
I will not use those straight three tube CFL's in the kitchen fixture again. I know the hardest think on CFL's and fluorescent lights is turning them on and off regularly, and that they have less problems and last longer if they are just left on. That kitchen light gets turned on and off many times during each 24 hour period.
I am still using the round corkscrew type CFL's (base down) in my three living room lamps. Only problem so far is a rather short life of about four months in one multiple light lamp on two of the CFL's. I am not so confident in these CFL's after my kitchen CFL incident, but will monitor them very closely. I do like the light output from them, plus their low current draw. The kitchen CFL was "Engineered in the USA, and manufactured in China" according to the package. Apparently, China has not yet copied our quality control here in the USA. They've copied everything else that they can get there hands on. No quality control on CFL's, childrens painted toys, antifreeze

flavored toothpastes, and pet foods. What's next?! Anything and
everything.

73,
Scott KD8FXF

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3591. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re:lost info.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-21 09:31:19 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3574 Message: 3591

Thank you
73 KD8CBJ

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3592. Re: [WestMichiganHams] lost info.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-21 09:31:56 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3574 Message: 3592

Thank you
73 KD8CBJ

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3593. JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-23 22:58:45 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 3593 Message: 3593

A huge thank you to everyone that helped out with the Jamboree-On-The-Air that was hosted by the MAARC and their Venturing Crew #9050. The scouts had a great time and learned alot. The interest was sparked in many of the scouts, some leaders and even some parents.

The sad news of the event was spotty band conditions that made getting DX stations hard. The other sad point was when a amateur radio operator from Illinois came on to the same frequency that we had been calling CQ JAMBOREE on and started doing his CQ Illinois QSO Party. He did not even ask if the frequency was in use, he just jumped right in. I kindly called him and stated that this frequency (7.270Mhz) is in use and has been for the Jamboree-On-The-Air. He replied "Yeah, I know. Time for you kids to go elsewhere and play and let some real operators use this frequency." He then proceeded on with his CQing. To set the example, we moved to a different frequency and band. I reassured the youth and their leaders that this one amateur radio operator speaks only for himself and not to judge amateur radio as a whole based upon one person's opinion.

Thanks again to all those that helped!!
Best Regards,
Rich "Doc" Strait, KD8BGQ

3594. Re: [WestMichiganHams] JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-24 12:49:19 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 3593 Message: 3594

Reminds me of the abuser guys on 146.52 that won't listen to reason either and pick another FREQ other than the call channel for chit chat between base stations! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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3595. Re: [WestMichiganHams] JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-24 13:29:37 UTC
From: W8OKN
Topic: 3593 Message: 3595

Up here near Traverse City, no one EVER uses 146.52. It would be good to hear someone once in a while.
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From the desk of W8OKN, northern Michigan

---- wd8usa@... wrote:

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3596. Re: [WestMichiganHams] JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-24 13:45:54 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 3593 Message: 3596

Well, down here frequent use for chit chat between base stations causes me and others not to monitor it at all anymore-While it is not illegal it is poor operating procedure in a heavily ham populated area-Believe me if I could I would pack em all up and send em to you! I wish I had your situation! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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3597. Re: [WestMichiganHams] JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-24 14:44:25 UTC
From: W8OKN
Topic: 3593 Message: 3597

Years ago, when I lived in Ann Arbor, there were two hams that lived 10 miles apart and yet, used the Ann Arbor repeater ALL DAY LONG, DAY AFTER DAY, EVEN ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. Nothing could get them to change their minds. Even ignoring them didn't make a difference.

Some people are just like that and I wonder if befriending them would have helped, since all other methods failed? Just a thought...

You could join them on 52 and then after time, suggest a new frequency? Very few things work better than friendliness. You attract more bees with honey... as the ole cliche' goes.

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3599. Re: JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-24 15:24:00 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3593 Message: 3599

All:

I echo KD8BGQ's remarks. We had a really great time with this event. I, too, was distracted with the band conditions.

We moved the event over to the Michigan state wide link system. Oh, what fun! We were well received, the conversations were easily understood, and ham radio was well demonstrated. I thank all the hams who took time to talk to our Boy Scouts. We could have just as easily been admonished for "hogging" the repeater. We were certainly enjoying the asset. Everyone was happy to share the magic of radio with these "citizens."

Thanks!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3601. Veteran's Day on the Radio

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-24 15:27:39 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3601 Message: 3601

All:

Keep your ears open for a special recognition of Veteran's Day from a ship near you! Too early to give any more detail This little teaser line is all you get for now.

Oh, and there may be related news regarding that same ship, Field Day '08, and local hams. This story is definitely "news in the making."

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3602. Re: JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-24 16:45:53 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 3593 Message: 3602

Good day Mark. I do not have his callsign. I spoke with another station later that night and he said that he recorded the guy and will send it in. He said this guy has a habit of doing this on that frequency as well as 7290. He said that the guy trumped his CQ JAMBOREE calls as well on Saturday. So, when he heard again on Sunday he was ready with the recorder and turned it on.

BTW, I distributed most of the cards you sent Mark. They were well received. Hopefully all the parents that took the cards will have their kids in your MAARC CE Class soon.

Best Regards
Rich "Doc" Strait, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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> Please post his call sign.
>
> His operation was in violation of Part 97 and he needs to be reported.
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: ravennaelectronics
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2007 06:58
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR
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3604. FCC's Hollingsworth to Retire in January 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-24 21:08:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3604 Message: 3604

from: http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/10/24/102/?nc=1

FCC's Riley Hollingsworth to Retire in January 2008

Riley Hollingsworth, Special Counsel in the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, announced his retirement this week, effective Friday, January 3, 2008. While his successor has not been named, Hollingsworth was quick to point out that the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue.

Hollingsworth told the ARRL: "After about a year of thinking about the 'if not now, when?' question, I decided to retire January 3. I love working for the FCC and I've always had great jobs, but this one involving the Amateur Radio Service has been the most fun and I have enjoyed every day of it. For nine years I've worked with the best group of licensees on earth, enjoyed your support and tremendous FCC support and looked forward every day to coming to work. The Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue without missing a beat, and after retirement I look forward to being involved with Amateur Radio every way I can. I thank all of you for being so dedicated and conscientious, and for the encouragement you give us every day."

Speaking at the New England Division Convention in August 2000, Hollingsworth offered his 10 personal suggestions to secure a sound future for Amateur Radio </arrlletter/00/0901/rileys10.html>, encouraging amateurs to "seize the moment" to ensure a bright future for Amateur Radio. "Look beyond enforcement," he urged, "because if I do my job right, in five years you won't even remember my name." Hollingsworth said that while no one can predict the future, amateurs must invent theirs in an era of converging digital and RF technology. "There is no reason why our Amateur Radio Service can't be the envy of the rest of the world," he said. Getting there, he suggested, comes with each amateur's taking responsibility for his or her behavior on the air. Amateurs should encourage arrogant, negative operators to "take their anger and hate to the Internet," he said. "Every minute they are on the Internet is a minute they aren't on Amateur Radio."

ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, said, "Riley Hollingsworth has been a tremendous supporter of and asset to the Amateur Radio Service. He will be remembered as being the force behind the re-introduction of Amateur Radio enforcement in 1998 and continuing those efforts through today. His contribution in cleaning up the amateur bands has been substantial and effective. While we are very sorry to see him go, and we wish him every continued success.

3606. Re: [WestMichiganHams] JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-25 14:48:16 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 3593 Message: 3606

Good suggestion! Thanks! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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3607. Icom D-STAR Forums @ AES-Milwaukee, Saturday, 11/3 with MRC Hamfest Nearby

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-25 18:33:24 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3527 Message: 3607
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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*D-STAR (Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio)
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3608. Off Topic: Search and Rescue Search Management Course (SARM) October 26th - 28th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-25 18:48:45 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3608 Message: 3608

All,

We have several spots open because of the California disaster. If you are interested in coming to this course please email me.

Please pass on to anyone interested. Class is filling quickly!

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October 26th 5-10 PM

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3609. Hoffmaster Trail Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-25 20:32:22 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 3609 Message: 3609

Greetings All.

Once again it is time for the Hoffmaster Trail Run.

The run will be held at Hoffmaster State Park in Norton Shores on Saturday November 17, 2007. The race itself starts at 10AM. But, due to the distances and terrain we have to travel to get in position we need to be there at 8:45AM. The event will run no later that Noon.

I am looking for at least 12 people to help me. Once again we will be using a portable repeater supplied by AB8AZ.
The repeater frequency is 147.220 with a standard PLUS offset (147.820) and a PL/CTCSS of 94.8. This will make it easier to setup your radios.

Directions to Hoffmaster State Park.

For those using the US-31 Expressway get off at the Pontaluna Rd exit. Go west on Pontaluna RD approximately 2 miles and when the road starts to curve to the right the Entrance to the park will be on the Left. If you need assistance talkin will be on the Muskegon 94 repeater. Once you get to the park turn right at the first road after you pass the permit shack. You should be able to get into the park without a permit or having to buy a one day pass.

If you can help contact me at n8ctt@... or my cell phone 231-670-1284.

Denny N8CTT AEC/DRO Muskegon County
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

3610. Check your location in QRZ.COM

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-25 20:46:58 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 3610 Message: 3610

My location in QRZ.COM always used to show as EN62xu, and although I am sure I did not enter the information, it seemed to be reasonably accurate.

Now it shows as EN72au, as it does for some nearby hams, but that is off by several miles. I was not the one who changed it.

It's possible to change your information in QRZ.COM, so check whether yours is still OK.

BTW, at www.qrz.com/gridfinder, you can enter your street address and get your location in compass coordinates and as a grid square. It seems to work reasonably well for my location.

73

Alan NV8A

3611. Re: FCC's Hollingsworth to Retire in January 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-26 12:10:29 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3604 Message: 3611

Mark and Others:

Oftentimes it seems that folks who whine about a situation seem to think that long winded explanations will somehow be more persuasive. I, too, could be characterized as verbose. Maybe even in this message? In this context I wonder how mentioning irrelevant junk helps persuade one's audience? For example, if a ham is asked about his activities on a ham frequency, how does a diatribe on the Clinton/Lewinski fiasco clarify or answer the question? I tried to read that six land ham's novel. Endless drivel forced on the FCC guy. Sad

It seems that some folks like to hear themselves talk and don't seem to notice the bandwidth. I'm similarly guilty?

I have no long history with amateur radio. I similarly have no experience with enforcement. I have listened to the noise on twenty meters and I don't frequent seventy-five meters because of the language. I choose to use the Big knob or the power button. I'm happy that someone (Hollingsworth comes to mind) is out there to take the knocks, wade through the nonsense purported to be an explanation, and at least try to help his amateur radio hobby. I'm not one to try to find the gray areas or chase the obtuse. I'll leave that to others.

"I can cite many other reasons why I don't think Hollingsworth has done well during his tenure with the FCC with 40 of them being located between 26.965 and 27.205 MHz." This is a pretty good example of irrelevance passed off as explanation. How does the CB band factor into amateur radio, Hollingsworth's enforcement efforts, and the general wellbeing of ham radio? How does CB radio effect my hobby, amateur radio? Irrelevant?

And I don't really care if Hollingsworth is an attorney. I'm sure if he is not an attorney he can ask the lawyer types at the FCC for council. He's probably got one on speed dial.

It seems quite easy for a ham to stay in the mainstream and enjoy the hobby. Why test the edges? Mainstream too boring?

Now if there is a way for a ham to get a "lifetime license" then more power to them. If something like that were important then I'd chase a British ham license. Good forever. Might even be a lot easier or at least less stressful on a ham's reputation.

"Dimmer switches, aquarium heaters, . . . to name a few." Over the past few years I have read copies of FCC correspondence to neighbors of hams who have been advised, by the FCC, that their devices are

interfering with local hams. Several. How is the FCC not doing something? Have they not weighed in on your particular behalf? And does the ARRL have a department that can be asked for advise? Sort of takes some of the load off the FCC? I, for one, don't want those folks at the FCC to have to deal with EVERY aquarium heater problem. If I were to suffer such annoyance I suggest that I'm the one to initiate dialog with the owner of the offending device. I've heard of several instances where a ham can install a filter and easily resolve the problem. Cheap and quick? And I found the answer on the internet without bothering the FCC. Oh, you say it is my God given right as a taxpayer to pester the federal government? Efficient use of resources?

My thanks to Riley Hollingsworth for all his service. I, for one, am not applying for the job opening. My skin is too thin.

Bill, AB8SC

3613. Re: FCC's Hollingsworth to Retire in January 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-26 13:36:17 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3604 Message: 3613

I welcome the opportunities! I enjoy a good debate in most formats.
Thanks!

And, yes, it has been my experience that our conversations are
infrequently inappropriate for all audiences. No flames or amber
light wars, here.

Bill, AB8SC

3614. Tool Max Closed this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-26 17:08:01 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3614 Message: 3614

I still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

We will be closed this Saturday so I can attend the State ARPSC ARRL meeting in Lansing.

New this week

Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
300 ohm twin lead 50Ft $10.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

We are the only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class $20.95
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)
300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Electronic Crystal Radio Kit $10
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

High Gain DB-1015 3 Element HF beam for 10/15 meters $40 New Price Must Sell GREAT BUY MUST GO
Channel Master light duty Rotor with control box and cable $20
SAS-1 Amp Supply HF wire antenna with control box $10
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Signalcrafter SW-77C SWR meter $5
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
AL-80A Ameritron 1KW HF Amplifier $850
Bearcat BC 560XLT 16 Ch Scanner $30 Great Buy
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $160 New Price
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $160
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40

Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the Tool and Ham Radio retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 just north of the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant (Now tore down) in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios and parts for sale. For more information call or e mail Tom KB8VEE at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 9:00AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3616. Lost Balloon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-27 10:40:30 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3615 Message: 3616

All
This is the link to the story on the Balloon in the Muskegon Chronicle Friday night. Tim KB8VEE

http://www.mlive.com/news/chronicle/index.ssf?/base/news-12/1193411909306370.xml&coll=8

See it go up from WI hear.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-1U6ArGcds

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Cc: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; K8MHZHamClass@yahoogroups.com ; Jim Duram K8COP
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2007 10:42 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Lost Balloon

Maybe on Sunday we can go look for it. I have things to do tomorrow. Sunday may be a good day to do a team effort coordinated via radio. A visual fox hunt of sorts.

Thanks again for including me in this saga.

73

Mark K8MHZ
----- Original Message -----
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
To: Mark Derby K8MHZ
Cc: Jim Duram K8COP
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2007 08:04
Subject: Fw: Lost Balloon

Guys
Look at this! Tom
----- Original Message -----
From: Brad Pointon
To: 'Tom VanderMel KB8VEE'
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2007 7:15 PM
Subject: Lost Balloon

Tom,
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Brad Pointon
KB9VMC

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3617. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Check your location in QRZ.COM

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-27 11:06:32 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3610 Message: 3617

In a message dated 10/25/2007 1:45:38 PM Pacific Daylight Time,
nv8a@... writes:

www.qrz.com/www.qrz.co

Grid was correct,Lat.,lon.a little off.Though never checked with a GPS unit
at my location(using a compilation of "by your address"sites for Lat.Lon.)at
least it didn't put me in Guam or somthing.
73 KD8CBJ

********** See what's new at http://www.aol.com

3618. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Lost Balloon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-27 14:16:10 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 3615 Message: 3618

Hello Everyone ... I would like to get more information on the balloon ... from the youtube site it sounds like there is a cross band repeater on the balloon ... can we find out how long the battery support may last and if it has a ID unit on it and how often that is set to ID ... if someone trys to repeat through the unit they should make sure they use there low power so they are not useing the battery life up with no posibilty of hearing it ... if it has a ID unit on it we should all be moniter the frq it is on and we need one person to collect this information ... any one ... any one ... I would but I will not be home this weekend enough but I will be rideing around Muskegon County and will listen for the balloon ... and look ..73 Don -KB8ODB

Tom VanderMel KB8VEE <kb8vee@...> wrote: All
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3620. Re:Lost Balloon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-27 15:49:04 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 3615 Message: 3620

Tom,

How long is the battery in the balloon possibly good for? Is it still transmitting APRS as far as we know, just not with GPS coordinates?

3621. :Lost Balloon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-27 20:29:45 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3621 Message: 3621

All
The balloon was down on Tuesday night and as I was on the phone at 8:30 PM the unit stopped transmitting. They think it should have hit the Michigan shoreline at about 6PM. The battery worked for about 1 week in testing but we were out Tuesday night until after 11PM and could not detect any new packets. All packets were thro the KB8VEE-3 APRS DIGI in Montague. WB9FDZ-11 was the callsign being used. No data came thro any other APRS DIGI at it hit the shoreline. I have to think that the balloon is in the Whitehall/Montague area.
Tom KB8VEE
----- Original Message -----
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, October 27, 2007 11:49 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re:Lost Balloon

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3622. You Say You Want a Tower on a Trailer?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-30 07:53:14 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3622 Message: 3622

All:

If you're thinking you need a towner on a trailer you might find this interesting:
http://cgi.ebay.com/Radio-Antenna-Tower-Ham-Cell-FM-AB1309-Military-Trailer_W0QQitemZ260176302079QQihZ016QQcategoryZ4672QQssPageNameZWDVWQQrdZ1QQcmdZViewItem

Wow! That link looks long. Go to eBay and search for "ham tower" and it's there.

Read the description, especially the material from the manufacturer.

And I was kicking around the idea of a portable tower. Ha!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3623. Re: [WestMichiganHams] You Say You Want a Tower on a Trailer?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-30 14:42:43 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 3622 Message: 3623

Holy cow!!! Now that's the tower from hell. When you buying it Bill?

Bill <bill_fries@...> wrote:
All:

If you're thinking you need a towner on a trailer you might find this
interesting:
http://cgi.ebay.com/Radio-Antenna-Tower-Ham-Cell-FM-AB1309-Military-Trailer_W0QQitemZ26017
6302079QQihZ016QQcategoryZ4672QQssPageNameZWDVWQQrdZ1QQcmdZViewItem

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Do You Yahoo!?
Tired of spam? Yahoo! Mail has the best spam protection around
http://mail.yahoo.com

3624. Re: [WestMichiganHams] You Say You Want a Tower on a Trailer?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-30 16:11:20 UTC
From: kc8pcj@verizon.net
Topic: 3622 Message: 3624

Think I need a bigger truck........

From: Bill <bill_fries@...>
Date: 2007/10/30 Tue AM 02:53:14 CDT
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] You Say You Want a Tower on a Trailer?

All:

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3625. Hollingsworth to Stay Put at FCC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-30 23:35:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3625 Message: 3625

SB QST @ ARL $ARLB024
ARLB024 Hollingsworth to Stay Put at FCC

ZCZC AG24
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 24 ARLB024
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT October 30, 2007
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB024
ARLB024 Hollingsworth to Stay Put at FCC

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Counsel for the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, has decided not to retire. He had announced last week that he would leave the FCC in January 2008.

Riley states, "After spending the entire weekend thinking about the decision [to retire], it became more and more clear to me that it just isn't the right decision for me right now. There are several issues on the table that I want to continue to work through with the amateur community."

The Enforcement Bureau is the primary organizational unit within the Federal Communications Commission that is responsible for enforcement of provisions of the Communications Act, the Commission's rules, Commission orders and terms and conditions of station authorizations, as well as enforcement of Amateur Radio rules (Part 97).
NNNN
/EX

3627. Time for some Levity

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-31 14:10:35 UTC
From: Ross
Topic: 3627 Message: 3627

puttin up an antenner
hay agin mi ham raydio frend.
lik i pramised bfor hear is mi letur tellin ya how 2 put up an antenner.
tha first theng i need ta say is it shor is hard wurk puttin up an antenner.
ya need a lota plannin an fixin bfor ya can git starded.
2 of tha mos emportent thengs ta hav is a gud test dawg ana gud pare uf wyre cuters..
mi test dawges name is yep.
i named hem that caws thates whut he duz whin he fines tha wrong wyre
fur mi antenner.
i ownly use won kind uf antenner wyre caws i kin fine it purty esey arond whur i liv.
it downt cost me nuttin ecept fur all tha wawkin an runnin me an yep mi dawg gota du.
we start kinda earlie en tha mornin hikin over tha hill tu mi naybors
land
wher i git tha wyre fur mi antenner.
mi naybors gota lota land whur he kepes hes couws an won bull fenced en.
an all tha wey arond it on tha fence he keeps nyce nue shiny wyre thet i make mi antenners owt uf.
i kin awl ways git awl tha wyre i need thayer caws ever tyme i git sum mi naybor puts mor
up betwen tha post.
i al so git mi ensulayters frum ofa tha posts ta use own mi antenners.
gettin this wyre kin be awful dangrous to yur helth caws uf tha bull so ya gota keepa sharp lookowt furim.
bout tha tyme we git closeta tha fence i needa little forta fyin sow i reech bak in mi bak pac and pul owt
o i for got to tel ya bout tha bac pac.
bfor i leve mi shak i git mi ol ladiy to pac me an yep up sumpin to eet an drenk.
wel i git mi dawg yep a biskit an im sorta thirstee sow owt she cums mi jar uf sippin licker.
i no im gonna needa lota corage ta git tha wyre owt frum unner that bulls nose sow i opener up and take abowt 8 swallers.
mi dowg yep es lookin up at tha jar sow i no he mus be needin a liddle corage 2 sow i reech bak in mi bac pac pull owt anuther biskit
and soke it gud withe the sippin whicker an givit toim.

doun it gos weth won gulpe ana coupla sekons latur bothe ears stan strate up an i no mi dawg es rediy to wurk.
he trots ovur ta tha furst post he cums tu hikes hes hin lig an letser fli.
if he lets owt a yep an is nocked backards then i no thet tha wyre is
hot ans tha wrong wyre fer mi antenner.
this is why its emportunt ta hava gud test dawg. yeps name sure is fittin fer im.
whin yep finaly stops yeppin an gits up we go ta a difrunt part uf tha fense and yep dum ol dawg testes it agin. thes tyme he jus sorta luoks at me an grins an i no tha wyre is gud wire fur my antenner.
smart dawg mi yep.
i reech out an kut tha wyre weth mi wyre cuters an grabit an me an ol
yep start runnin as hard as we kin tawards home hopein tha bull was busy. sumtymes i git forti er fity fut ata tyme lik thes.
we finely git tu tha shak an ol yep plops doun on tha botum step an i
pul ouwt my jar uf swippin clicker an biskits an set a spell wunderin
how ime gonna git mi nu wyre up in tha trees.
im knot tu keen on climin trees or enything vury hi but ol yep jest luvs ta clime. he wun a contest a while bak at tha cownty fare fer climin an beet dawgs frum al ovor tha place.
i now had an idear abowt how to git mi nu wyre up in tha tree sow i maid up mi mind tu let yep hav sume fun sow i wokeim up.
he jumped up weth won ear up an won doun an starded ta wag his tayal.
i think he new what wus gonna happin.
smart dawg mi yep.
i got tha nu wyre an tyed it tu his tayal an poyned tu tha tree an yelled up yep an he lit owt lyke greezed litenin up tha syde uf tha tree weth bark justa fliyin.
he got abowt tin fut up an straduled tha furst lim an held own an barked doun at me.
i new whut he wantid. mor corage.
i ran an got anuther biskit an soked it gud frum mi jar an chunked it
up tuim.
he cawt it in mid air an swollered it hole an ina flash he wuz own hes way agin.
i recon tha tree musta ben abowt therty er forety fut tall an yep brok alota lims own his way up tu tha top.
he finaliy got tu tha last lim at tha top an grabed hold weth bowth paws an hunge own fer deer lyfe.
he wuz sum syte hangin frum tha lim way up ther weth mi nu antenner wyre tyed tu his tayal.
wel it jest kame tu me thet ol yep wuz a gud tree climin dawg but thare wuz 1 problem i had fergot.

he did ent no how ta git doun.
dum dawg mi yep.
wel i did ent wont im ta fall sow up tha tree i wint after i
fenished
mi jar of sippin slisker caws i waddent tu keen on climin..
when i reeched him i tuk tha nu wyre ofa his tayal an tyed it tu tha
lim an grabed him an put
him arown mi nek an starded doun tha tree.
i got tu tha growne an ol yep leeped frum mi bak an ran unner tha
shak.
smart dawg mi yep.
i loked up at mi bran nu antenner wyre hangin frum tha tallist tree
i
had an then i real lized that
tha end uf it wuz abowt therty fuut up tha tree.
dang it. here yep. whure is zat dawg.

it shor is hard wurk puttin up an antenner.

eye will right mor latur whin i git anuther pin

yower frend elmur

3629. Anyone for Sweepsteaks?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-31 17:45:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3629 Message: 3629

This weekend is CW sweepsteaks. Starts 2100 UTC Saturday, ends 0300 UTC Monday ends Sunday evening (that's 3 p.m EDT This Saturday, 10 p.m. EST this coming Sunday. Two weeks after that is Phone Sweepsteaks, same starting time in UTC, but since it's Standard time then, it will be 3 p.m. EST starting time.

Who is going to be operating? I've had a blast every time I've tried the contest. There's a special category for working all 80 ARRL sections - which is what I generally attempt, sometimes with success, other times negative.

73 de n8xx Hg

3630. Anyone for Sweepsteaks?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-31 17:46:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3629 Message: 3630

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Rules are at http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2007/novss.html

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73 de n8xx Hg

3631. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Anyone for Sweepsteaks?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-10-31 22:38:11 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 3629 Message: 3631

Hi Hank,

On the 17th we are going to do a big get together at the Muskegon clubhouse for Phone Sweepsteakes. We are going to kick it off Saturday morning with a free breakfast and a mini swap and activities in the afternoon till the Sweeps start. We will have people operating non-stop all night with food for all that get hungry. We did this last year without the mini swap and great turnout. Hope to see you there

Tom W8AMZ

Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:
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3632. Fwd: [MWA] SS Plans - ND

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-01 00:47:59 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3632 Message: 3632

If folks will be looking for North Dakota during Sweepsteaks 2007, look for K?RC from Grande Falls, North Dakota. He later confirms that he will be using his own call.

Now, lettuce c - last year I had trouble finding VO1 and one of the California sections - don't remember which. Should I run Assisted so I get help from the spotters, or should I do as I've done for some 50 or so years and just play the luck of the draw?

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [MWA] SS Plans - ND
Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 18:52:13 -0500
From: Robert Chudek - K0RC <k0rc@...>
To: Minnesota Wireless Assn <MWA@...>

Well I can't hold the secret any longer... North Dakota will be "on the air" this coming weekend.

By the generosity, hospitality, and encouragement of our very own MWA member Glenn Johnson - W?GJ and his son Mark - N?MJ, I will be operating the 2007 ARRL CW Sweepstakes from Grand Forks, North Dakota. So when you work me, yes the section I will be sending is ND!

Glenn recently finished the installation of a new SteppIR - BigIR vertical antenna and radials. This will be the first time I have ever used an HF vertical antenna! I will be operating in the Single Operator Unlimited class using my Pro III transceiver and Dell laptop. Glenn has a wireless access point so I should be able to connect to N5IN without any issues.

CQ SS!

73 de Bob - K?RC in MN - Go MWA (North)!

3633. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-01 03:32:13 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 3633

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /Fort Wayne Hamfest Flyer 2007.pdf
Uploaded by : wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>
Description : Fort Wayne Hamfest Flyer, November 17 - 18, 2007

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/Fort%20Wayne%20Hamfest%20Flyer%202007
.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/files

Regards,

wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>

3634. Working the Satellites with Your FM Rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-01 19:44:57 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3634 Message: 3634

November - a great mobile satellite month

Bob WB4AOR says November should be a great month for working Amateur Radio satellites from your Mobile FM rig.

There are 7 satellites you can work from your mobile FM rig, including PCSAT-1 which should fully recover by this weekend and last for 2 or more weeks. So now is the time to get going with live satellite contacts via these easy FM satellites, or setting up a SATGATE (Igate).

DOWNLINK SATELLITE

145.825 ISS APRS digipeater
145.825 PCSAT-1 (recovery expected 3 Nov)
145.825 ANDE-1 (re-entry expected next month)
435.225 GO-32 +/- 10 KHz and 9600 baud

435.300 AO-51 *FM Voice* +/- 10 KHz
436.795 SO-50 *FM Voice* +/- 10 KHz
436.795 AO-27 *FM Voice* +/- 10 KHz

As you can see, there will be over 40 passes per day with 18 for the 1200 baud satellites, 6 per day for the 9600 baud GO32 and 18 for the voice birds.

All 1200 baud pass times are between about 6 AM to 1800 local sun time in the Northern Hemisphere.

GO-32 and AO-51 voice birds are in the morning and evening, AO-27 is in the afternoon. It is trivial to know when to operate these birds WITHOUT A PC.
Please see the manual-tracking page:
http://www.ew.usna.edu/~bruninga/MobileLEOtracking.html

The packet path on 145.825 is VIA ARISS for all three satellites. The path for GO-32 is VIA 4XTECH and uses two different uplinks: 145.85 for APRS software and messages.145.93 for all Mic-E, D7 and D700 radios. That's more than one pass per hour on 145.825. Lots of contact potential from your mobile...

For APRS birds:
http://www.ew.usna.edu/~bruninga/pcsat.html
http://www.ew.usna.edu/~bruninga/iss-faq.html
http://www.ew.usna.edu/~bruninga/ande-ops.html
http://www.ew.usna.edu/~bruninga/GO32-ops.html

For AMSAT birds:
http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/satellites/status.php

For many of these satellites, you don't even need a tracking program. Just a slip of paper on the dashboard... See:
http://www.ew.usna.edu/~bruninga/MobileLEOtracking.html

The best antenna is a 19.5" whip in the center of your roof. 5 dBi gain on the 2m uplink and almost 8 dBi gain for the very weak UHF downlink (above 25 degrees)...

Watch for special event info.

WB4APR, Bob

(Please note: Some of the links listed above appeared not to be working at the time of posting, but have been included on the hope that this proves to be a temporary problem - Richard - g4tut)

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3635. Tool Max Open this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-01 20:34:03 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3418 Message: 3635

I still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

We will be OPEN this Saturday .

New this week

Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
300 ohm twin lead 50Ft $10.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

We are the only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class $20.95
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)
300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Electronic Crystal Radio Kit $10
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

High Gain DB-1015 3 Element HF beam for 10/15 meters $40 New Price Must Sell GREAT BUY MUST GO
Channel Master light duty Rotor with control box and cable $20
SAS-1 Amp Supply HF wire antenna with control box $10
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Signalcrafter SW-77C SWR meter $5
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $160 New Price
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $160
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the Tool and Ham Radio retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 just north of the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant (Now tore down) in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios and parts for sale. For more information call or e mail Tom KB8VEE at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 9:00AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3636. Fw: Milwaukee D-Star Forum @ AES & Hamfest Near AES, Saturday, 11/3

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-01 20:39:52 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3636 Message: 3636
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This Saturday morning, 11/3 there will be D-STAR forums sponsored by Icom hosted at AES in Milwaukee.

At the same time the Milwaukee Repeater Club is holding its hamfest across the street from AES.

Icom/AES D-STAR Flyer and MRC Hamfest Flyer are attached and also available at:

http://www.mrc91.org/

More information about the D-STAR forums is also in the attached email below.

The D-STAR simplex frequency at hamfest is 145.67 MHz and in the Milwaukee area the following D-STAR repeaters are on-the-air:

Milwaukee Area Digital Operators Group
Milwaukee
BandTypeRepeater OutputRepeater InputOffsetRepeater Call Sign
23 cmDD1298.0000 MHz1298.0000 MHz0 MHzKC9LKZ A
23 cmDV1290.0500 MHz1270.0500 MHz-20 MHzKC9LKZ A
70 cmDV442.46875 MHz447.46875 MHz+5 MHzKC9LKZ B

In the Chicago area the following D-STAR repeaters are available:

FRRL (Fox River Radio League)
Chicago Area Western Suburbs
W9CEQ – Central Kane County
BandTypeRepeater OutputRepeater InputOffsetRepeater Call Sign
70 cmDV442.10625 MHz447.10625 MHz+5 MHzW9CEQ B
2 mDV145.2700 MHz144.6700 MHz- 600 KHzW9CEQ C

NSRC (North Shore Radio Club)
City of Chicago
BandTypeRepeater OutputRepeater InputOffsetRepeater Call Sign
23 cmDD1242.2000 MHz1242.2000 MHz0 MHzNS9RC A
23 cmDV1292.2000 MHz1272.2000 MHz-20 MHzNS9RC A
70 cmDV442.09375 MHz447.09375 MHz+5 MHzNS9RC B

More information about D-STAR & local digital mode activities is available at:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

----- Forwarded Message ----

In a message dated 10/31/2007 10:56:49 A.M. Central Daylight Time, newsletter@... writes:

First Annual Great Lakes D-Star Forum - Saturday November 3, 2007

8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – Meet the AES gang and see the Latest Equipment on display.

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. – Attend the first annual Great Lakes Area D-STAR Forum presented by AES.

Learn about D-Star from the leading experts in this new amazing technology.

Guest Speakers:
Ray Novak, N9JA (D-STAR Introduction) ICOM National Amateur Radio Sales Manager
Kermit Carlson, W9XA; Chicago, IL
Jim McClellan, N5MIJ; Dallas, TX
Tim Barret, K6BIV; Mt. Diablo, CA

There will also be representatives from the Chicago and Milwaukee area D-Star repeater clubs. D-Star is no longer a theory but a viable communications method in operation around the Great Lakes area.

As an added bonus, you can visit the Milwaukee Radio Club's hamfest across the street from us at the Elk's lodge.

The Boy Scouts will be selling food and beverages as a fund raiser at AES and the Elk's lodge.

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3637. GRARA Monthly Meeting, 11/2/2007, 6:30 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-01 22:25:39 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3637 Message: 3637

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

GRARA Monthly Meeting
Friday November 2, 2007
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
(This event repeats every month on the first Friday until Friday November 9, 2007.)
Location: Red Cross, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE, Grand Rapuids
Street: 1050 Fuller Ave NE
City State Zip: Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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3638. Re: Working the Satellites with Your FM Rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-02 00:20:48 UTC
From: muskegonjimquay
Topic: 3634 Message: 3638

Good info .
I use the NLSA program .

http://nlsa.com/

It is not free but I find it to be well worth the small fee if you are a Bird Hunter .

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Mark Thompson <wb9qzb@...> wrote:
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> http://www.ew.usna.edu/~bruninga/GO32-ops.html
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> For AMSAT birds:
> http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/satellites/status.php
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3639. Open House & Special Event Station

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-02 18:16:02 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 3639 Message: 3639

This is a reminder that Muskegon County Emergency Communications Services will be holding an open house to celebrate completing our radio room at the Muskegon County Emergency Communitions Center Tomorrow Saturday November 3, 2007 from 9am to 9pm.

We will also be operating a special event station on 146.82 (94.8), 14.267 and 7.267 during the same time.

Everyone is invited to come to the open house and help us celebrate. The Muskegon County Emergency Communications Center is located at 1611 Oak Ave, on the corner of Oak and Harvey in Muskegon. This is the former Muskegon County Health building which is across from General Hospital. We (K8WNJ) will be listening on the 146.82 repeater if you need directions.

Dennis Harriss N8CTT AEC/DRO MCECS
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

3640. Moderated Yahoogroups?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-03 13:57:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3636 Message: 3640

I put a note into illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com and it came back with a note that the message had to be approved by the moderator before it would appear on the group list.

Has this, or any other group, suffered from spam or something to cause it to be moderated? Moderating a group is very labor intensive.....

73 de n8xx Hg

3642. Snowfall reporting methods?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-04 05:08:45 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3642 Message: 3642

Well, the NWS says there is a 40% chance of snow this coming Monday, so now would be a good time for a refresher on how exactly to format and submit snowfall reports.

What I particularly need to know is, what methods of originating the reports currently exist? I used to use the QMN packet network, but that no longer exists. Is there any similar means of doing it, or are the voice and CW nets the only remaining option?

-Joe, N8FQ

3643. Fwd: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Weather Observing - Modified Flyer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-04 09:27:18 UTC
From: jason mackay
Topic: 3643 Message: 3643

Joe, This NWS class looks like it will be very interesting and have all the info your looking for. I know that the NWS has said in the past that they don't get enough reports in the winter. Jason KC8OVS

Note: forwarded message attached.

Jason MacKay KC8OVS
(616)638-0167 Home(616)638-0167

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3644. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Snowfall reporting methods?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-04 11:37:41 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 3642 Message: 3644

Joe,
As a partial answer to your question let me remind you and everyone that there will be a Winter Weather Observation and Reporting presentation by the National Weaher Service at Muskegon Community College at 7PM on November 8th. Mike Heathfield from the GRNWS office will be presenting a program in Room 1100. There is a link on the GRNWS home page with the announcement.
Tom

Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote:
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3645. Re: Snowfall reporting methods?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-04 14:48:43 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 3642 Message: 3645

Joe,

You can send your NWS reports to the NTS nets QMN at 3563khz at 6:30pm or 10:00pm daily or to WMTN at 147.16mhz 94.8hz PL Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 9pm.

If you want, I can relay them for you, there are a couple more NTS nets that will handle them.

73, John WB9JSR

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3647. Grand Haven Jinglebell Parade Dec 1st

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-04 22:59:32 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 3647 Message: 3647

Hello Everyone ?.
Again this year we have been asked by Grand Haven Public Safety to help out with the Grand Haven Jingle Bell Parade. The parade will be held this year on December 1st at 6pm this is one hour earlier then last year. This is always a fun event to do in that it is a short event and you get to welcome Santa Claus to town. There are a lot of floats and lots of people that are in the parade. There is a little traffic directing with the GHPS but most is people directing. Everyone that has helped in the past has said this is a event worth helping out with and is a good one to bring the family with you to watch the parade. If you can help us out with this event we will be meeting at 5:00pm in the GHPS training room for assignments, enter up the steps on the north east corner of the building talk in will be on the 145.49 repeater and net will be also on the 145.49 repeater. If you would like to help out with this event contact John Fisher KC8UNY or Don Meyer KB8ODB so we can
put you on the list. If you have a place you would like to be at or close to let us know that also ?? Thank you for helping out on the events in the Tri-City?s area ?. 73 Don Meyer ? KB8ODB

Email kb8odb@...
Phone 616-846-7307

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

3648. Motorola Bidding to Acquire Control of Vertex Standard (Yaesu)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-05 16:37:50 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3648 Message: 3648

Motorola Bidding to Acquire Control of Vertex Standard (Yaesu)

http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7b9EE2DFC5-414E-4210-956A-2ACDC840E4CE%7d&siteid=yhoo&dist=yhoo

http://www.motorola.com/mediacenter/news/detail.jsp?globalObjectId=8909_8838_23

For Information & Discussion about ALL the Ham Radio Digital Modes:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

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3649. LST on the Air, Veteran's Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-06 00:04:34 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3649 Message: 3649

All:

Did you hear that we're planning to play radio aboard the LST in Muskegon on Sunday? That's Veteran's Day and we will be aboard the ship from early until late. Or until all of us have had fun operating aboard only one of the two remaining LST ships.

You can contact Bob, N9AUY to schedule some operating time. You can drop in and cheer from the sidelines at any time. We'll also try to get you some microphone time, too!

Stop in and operate. Or dial around and give us a call. We'll be using the W8ZHO call sign. Hope to QSO you!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3650. LST on the Air, Veteran's Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-06 00:05:38 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3649 Message: 3650

All:

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Bill, AB8SC

3651. Re: LST on the Air, Veteran's Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-06 13:37:51 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3649 Message: 3651

How did I manage to double post this? I'm sorry as the second post
was supposed to go to the MAARC's group. Oops.

This is important. . . Hope to see you there!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy
(and wondering how I managed this?)

3652. World's Smallest Radio

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-06 14:01:15 UTC
From: Ross
Topic: 3652 Message: 3652

I thought this would be an interesting article. They didn't mention
how many watts, or most likely mW that this puts out.

The World's Smallest Radio by Prachi Patel-Predd
A tiny radio made out of a single carbon nanotube could ultimately
find use in biological and environmental sensors.

http://www.technologyreview.com/Nanotech/19666/?nlid=650

Ross
N8GMY

3653. Kent County CERT / Disaster Preparedness training - Please pass on to anyone who may be interested

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-06 20:05:52 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3653 Message: 3653

If anyone outside of Kent County is interested you are more then welcome to come! During the final exercise bring your ham radios!

Hi All:

This is a reminder we will be starting a Community Emergency Response Team training this week Friday night. We still have seats open. This class is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about being prepared for emergencies and possibly getting involved with the team that is forming in 2008. Read below for some important details.

These class's include training in Search and Rescue, how to use a fire extinguisher, disaster medical / triage, disaster psychology and much more!

Cost - FREE!!!

Locations / Times

Classes are all from 6-10 PM and we try to have snacks for you at the class.

November classes:
Nov 9: Introduction to CERT - Kent County Sheriff's department 701 Ball Ave NE
Nov 13: Fire Suppression / use of a fire extinguisher
Nov 16: Disaster Medical / Triage
Nov 20: Search and Rescue
Nov 26: Final Exercise

If you are interested in signing up go to:

http://www.kcraces.net/signup/cert_class_nov.php

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3654. Kent County ARES program - Pass on to ALL hams living in Kent County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-06 21:48:54 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3654 Message: 3654

Hi All:

In the past few months we have seen the restart of the ARES program in Kent County. With this restart we have set up a sign up process for the program.

A few notes about the ARES program:

- We do not require a criminal history check of members as of November 2007
- The only requirement is a will to serve and an amateur radio license
- All HAMs are invited to the program living with Kent County
- ARES members are used for public service events, "non-secure" locations, severe weather spotting, CERT communications support and Disaster related activities.
- ARES members are encouraged to take independent study trainings provided free of charge from FEMA
- The ARES program uses amateur radio operators from around the community.
- This program is for radio operators NOT already involved with ARES / RACES / CERT.

Signup Link: http://www.kcvrm.net/resourcesignup.php

And use the following information:

Resource Code: ARES - This is Case sensitive
Password: HamRadio - This is case sensitive

This program is open to ANY amateur radio operator living or working in Kent County.

If you run into any issues while signing up please email aschultz@...

thank You

Jeff Nawrot
Kent County ARRL ARES Emergency Coordinator

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3655. D-STAR Forum at Ft. Wayne Hamfest, Saturday, 11/17 @ 1 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-07 09:13:19 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3655 Message: 3655
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

There will be a D-STAR forum at the Fort Wayne hamfest on Saturday, 11/17 at 1 pm.

I will present an Overview / Introduction of D-STAR and afterward there will be a discussion of D-STAR activity in Indiana by Indiana D-STAR users.

Last year we had a standing room only crowd of over 75 in attendance at the D-STAR forum.

In addition, dealer KJI Electronics will again be at the hamfest. Last year they had all the models of D-STAR radios & repeaters available for sale.

More information about the forums at the hamfest is at:
http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/forums.htm

General information about the hamfest & the hamfest flyer is at:
http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/images/Main%20Hamfest%20Flyer%2007.pdf

The D-STAR simplex frequency at the hamfest will be 145.67 MHz.

I look forward to seeing you there.

73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

More information about ALL the ham digital modes is available at:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

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3656. Fw: Letter from Dennis M at Yeasu

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-07 16:26:31 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3656 Message: 3656

----- Forwarded Message ----

From Dennis, K7BV:

Friends,

By now, many of you may have heard that Vertex Standard Co., Ltd, (Vertex Standard USA's parent company) announced that they have agreed to form a collaborative joint venture with Motorola, Inc. I personally believe the most important words in this sentence are "collaborative joint venture“ a business relationship that indicates a far different outcome intent than the demise of one of the venture partners.

Since Yaesu is the Amateur Radio Division of Vertex Standard, I am sure you are just as curious as me, a Yaesu employee with a job at stake, to know what this business transaction will mean to all of us in the hobby. Predictably, I see that the news about the pending new Motorola relationship with Vertex Standard, hence Yaesu, is giving life to all sorts of misinformation and "doomsday". Internet postings by the usual cast of characters who always seem to know so much more about things than the rest of us mere mortals. After studying public announcements and considering the internal information that is made available to me in my role as the leadership individual for North American sales at Yaesu, I would like to offer the following FACTS about this exciting development.
Motorola, Inc. (NYSE: MOT) will launch a tender offer to acquire a controlling interest in Vertex Standard Co., Ltd. (JASDAQ: 6821). Upon successful completion of the tender offer and subsequent restructuring process, Motorola will own 80% of Vertex Standard and Toko Giken, a privately held Japanese company, controlled by Jun Hasegawa, current president and CEO of Vertex Standard, will retain 20%, forming a joint venture. On 5 November 2007, the Board of Directors of Vertex Standard expressed their support of the tender offer. Yaesu, of course, as one of the Vertex Standard operations, will be included in this exciting development.

I want our Yaesu customers and concerned others to know the following about the proposed merger:

Vertex Standard (meaning Yaesu to us in the Amateur Radio hobby) will remain a separate, global organization with distinct resources governed by the Board of Directors comprised of four Motorola representatives and one Toko Giken representative. Toko Giken is a privately held Japanese company, controlled by the founderâ€™s family. It currently holds 29.2% shares of Vertex Standard.

Mr. Jun Hasegawa (my boss), son of Sato Hasegawa JA1MP, the founder of Yaesu will continue to take part in the management of Vertex Standard in his capacity as the Representative Director, President and CEO of Vertex Standard after the Tender Offer. The day-to-day management of the joint venture will be the responsibility of Mr. Hasegawa and his senior leadership team, who are also expected to continue. Count me as one of those who will continue with Yaesu.
Our business will continue to be operated as is, and we will continue to actively develop new products and operate the business as a leading manufacturer of amateur radio, marine,

land mobile, and airband radios.

The Vertex Standard brand of equipment (Standard brand in Japan) will continue to exist. The current Vertex Standard brand strategies are highly respected by Motorola and will be continued. Since Motorola appreciates our Yaesu brand strategy, there will be no change to it.
There will NOT be a Motorola brand of Amateur Radio equipment replacing or competing with Yaesu.

Yaesu customers can expect to see positive benefit from the fact that:
Vertex Standard has an experienced engineering team that, combined with Motorola's extensive engineering talent, will develop new innovative products. Personally, I cannot wait to see what this joint engineering effort will bring to Amateur Radio!

Cost synergies will be realized through the use of Motorola's buying power to reduce the joint venture's costs for raw materials. Hams are known to enjoy seeking out the best buy for their hard earned money - expect to see Yaesu products remain highly competitive and providing excellent value for your investment.

Because Mr. Hasegawa will continue to manage the day-to-day operations of Vertex Standard, we do not expect to see changes in the existing Yaesu dealership, pricing and rebate philosophies as a result of the joint venture.

These are historic exciting times for Yaesu, our customers, and Amateur Radio. The future is bright and the potential for incredible technological advancements for Amateur Radio are immense. We are glad you will be there with us as the positive affects of the Vertex Standard / Motorola joint venture unfolds.

73,
Dennis Motschenbacher K7BV
k7bv@vxstdusa. com

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3657. Winter Weather Observing

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-08 11:31:45 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 3556 Message: 3657
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This is a reminder for the Winter Weather Observing class to be held tonight at Muskegon Community College. (see attached flyer)

Muskegon Community College
7PM
Rm 1100 (Stevenson Center)

3658. Re: Bill, AB8SC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-08 13:44:55 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3329 Message: 3658

All:

The leash my doctor has me on is getting longer and longer. I'm not to return to the eye doctor for another month. In the meantime I can get a new pair of glasses, return to driving a car, and begin weaning my eye of the drops. The doctor won't say the detached retina is cured. He will say I can begin returning to my more normal routine.

I'll be keeping an "eye" on the situation and babying the eye for the next several months. Others have eventually almost forgotten the discomfort of the cure and recovery. I'm hopeful.

This event has surely shown me the Huge power of prayer. I thank each of you for your kind words and prayers. This has been one onerous recovery made more manageable with your words and thoughts.

Thank You!!

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3659. Re: Bill, AB8SC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-08 14:24:46 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3329 Message: 3659

All:

I have to make special mention of all the extra effort, caring, and nursing that Linda, AB8QH has offered, performed, and managed. This recovery could never have graduated to this stage without Linda's kind actions, words, and encouragement. Deep depression was just one side effect averted by her caring and compassion. A special gal, indeed.

Thank you, Linda!

Bill, AB8SC

3661. Re: Bill, AB8SC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-08 15:24:22 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 3329 Message: 3661

Awwww,shucks....<<<<<blush>>>>> Thanks, Bill.

73,
Linda,AB8QH

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> Bill, AB8SC
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3662. D-STAR UHF Freq at Ft. Wayne Hamfest

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-08 17:08:39 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3662 Message: 3662

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: w8rw <weightrw@...>
To: illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 8, 2007 9:57:20 AM
Subject: [illinoisdigitalham] Re: D-STAR Forum at Ft. Wayne Hamfest, Saturday, 11/17 @ 1 pm

Mark,

I am looking forward to meeting up with other D-STAR users at the
hamfest. In addition to 145.670, for those of us on UHF, I will be on
445.670 MHz.

73,

Rob W8RW

--- In illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com, Mark Thompson <wb9qzb@...>
wrote:
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3663. Re: [WestMichiganHams] World's Smallest Radio

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-08 20:13:14 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3652 Message: 3663

What did "Mork" use to say,nan-new,nan-new.(LOL)

KD8CBJ

********** See what's new at http://www.aol.com

3665. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Bill, AB8SC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-09 02:07:55 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3329 Message: 3665

What wonderfull news. I don't know what else to say. And what would we do without our better halfs.

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2007 8:44 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Bill, AB8SC

All:

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Thank You!!

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Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3666. CQD / SOS some history

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-09 02:21:55 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3666 Message: 3666

There was a rumor that the Titanic was the first to use SOS. According to this article they were not. It had been adopted years eailier. It also tells the meaning of CQD which was used before SOS. CQ representing a general call (i.e., "seek you") to other ships and D for danger.

Very interesting reading, Take a look.

http://www.snopes.com/history/titanic/sos.asp

73s Jim

3668. Tool Max open

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-09 17:42:15 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3668 Message: 3668

I still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

We will be OPEN this Saturday 9AM-12PM only.

New this week

Radio Shack HTX-242 2 meter 50 watt radio with added speaker $50
6-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
300 ohm twin lead 50Ft $10.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

We are the only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.
Technician Class $18.95
General Class $20.95
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)
300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Electronic Crystal Radio Kit $10
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
High Gain DB-1015 3 Element HF beam for 10/15 meters $35 New Price Must Sell GREAT BUY MUST GO
Channel Master light duty Rotor with control box and cable $20
SAS-1 Amp Supply HF wire antenna with control box $10
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Signalcrafter SW-77C SWR meter $5
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $160 New Price
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $135 NEW PRICE
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40

Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the Tool and Ham Radio retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 just north of the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant (Now tore down) in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios and parts for sale. For more information call or e mail Tom KB8VEE at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 9:00AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3669. Help needed in Hudsonville in the morning Nov 17th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-10 01:02:48 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 3669 Message: 3669

Hello Everyone ....

Please pass the word to your usual contacts that the annual Hudsonville Holiday Parade is Saturday, November 17, and we could use quite a few volunteers for traffic control. Most, if not all, of our positions to cover are residential streets, where vehicle lighting and other special equipment is not necessary. (The Sheriff's Office is covering the high-traffic intersections.)

The briefing will be at the Hudsonville EOC at 9:00 a.m. The parade is scheduled to start at 10:00 and should end before 11:30.

Anyone can respond directly to me by email or phone with their availability or any questions.

Thank you.

~ Dave.

Dave Dahl
Deputy Director, Emergency Management
City of Hudsonville, Ottawa County
(616) 430-2508
ddahl@...

3670. Fort Wayne Hamfest, Saturday, 11/17 & Sunday, 11/18

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-10 06:34:29 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3670 Message: 3670
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Fort Wayne Hamfest

Date: Saturday November 17 & Sunday, November 18
Time: All Day

Location: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and Exposition Center
Street: 4000 Parnell Avenue
City State Zip: Fort Wayne, IN

Notes: D-STAR Forum on Saturday at 1 pm in White Forum Room

Forum Schedule at:
http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/forums.htm

Hamfest Flyer at:
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3671. New Group

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-10 22:16:25 UTC
From: Jim Miller
Topic: 3671 Message: 3671

Greetings to all.

This has very little to do with amateur radio, but it seems that many folks that are involved in amateur radio are also involved in geocaching.

I started a group called West Michigan Geocaching in yahoo groups (can anybody guess where I got the idea for the name??).

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/westmichigangeogaching/join

If you are interested or participate in geocaching visit the group and sign up. Hopefully it will promote geocaching in the area.

Happy caching!

73

Jim - kd8fcv

3673. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Group

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-11 15:06:39 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 3671 Message: 3673

My favorite is whatcha wanna call it in Fremont at Branstrom park. It
is a multi stage that has a lot of neat challenging hides. It took me
a good week of lunch hours, and some emails to the Farmboy to solve
that one. Very fun hobby along with ham radio!!

Tim
KC8MSE
AKA The Deater Family
www.tdats.net

On Nov 10, 2007 10:19 PM, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
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> Geocaching rocks!!
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> The best one around Muskegon is 'Sherman's End', a 3 tier cache with a great
> view of Lake Michigan. It's a bit too cold to really enjoy it now, but for
> a summer hike Sherman's End can't be beat. A little geo-trivia....when you
> find the first cache you can work many repeaters with your HT due to the
> height.
>
> Count me in. I will be joining your group!
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Jim Miller
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2007 06:16
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] New Group
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> 73
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> Jim - kd8fcv
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3674. Fw: ARRL Club Newsletter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-11 22:45:37 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3674 Message: 3674

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Andy N9TGR <n9tgr@...>
Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2007 9:19:48 PM
Subject: ARRL Club Newsletter

ARRL Club Newsletter
November 10, 2007

Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, Editor

IN THIS ISSUE:
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Grow Your Club With New Hams
By Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

One of the most frequently asked questions that we hear from ARRL affiliated clubs is "How can we increase membership in our club?" On the surface the solution is a simple one - make more hams. A foundation of active Amateur Radio operators is required in order to maintain a healthy Amateur Radio club. If you lack a sufficient pool of licensed hams in your area then create some. Clubs that conduct licensing classes where they make recruitment part of the lesson continually increase membership. It does not matter if the course is an eight week program or a weekend crash course, a good instructor will pepper the syllabus with the advantages of membership in the local club and the Radio Amateur's national association -- ARRL.

Providing a license course for those people in the community who are interested in learning about Amateur Radio demonstrates the club's commitment to helping people. Reinforcing Amateur Radio's tradition of helping each other let's the new hams know that they are not just getting a license to operate a radio but that they are also earning a ticket to become part of a worldwide society whose existence is built on mutual contact. Whether on the air or in the community Amateur Radio has always been a two-way function.

From the moment the license class begins new hams need to know that your club is there to help them as they begin their Amateur Radio journey. This relationship begins not in the classroom but at the

time of registration or when that first contact is made whether in person or on the telephone or through the internet.

As the class progresses the new ham is made aware of the reciprocal bond between hams and while the novice may not believe that he or she has something to offer at the moment, their attendance and a desire to belong is sufficient contribution. As long as the club maintains a friendly environment that encourages participation and supports activities the novice will soon become the Elmer to the next group of new hams and will eventually take on leadership positions in the club. However, a club is destined to fade away if they choose to adopt the attitude "build it and they will come."

Be sure to invite the new licensees to your next club meeting. Using written invitations is a nice touch and sends a message that you really want them to attend. The focus of this meeting should be on your new hams and getting them into the mainstream. Several clubs have organized the meeting following a license class using the "Ham Radio 101" format where the entire evening's programming is to show the novices the basics of operating. Have refreshments on hand and be ready to talk about the fun activities such as Field Day or a community activity that your club is involved in. This is not the meeting where want to discuss politics or topics that will embattle the membership. Keep it light and focused on the needs of the newcomers.

New hams are thirsty for information no matter how basic. When and where are the club meetings held? How do I get on the air? What does this or that term mean? Be prepared to answer the simplest questions and provide details when you do. The Mt. Baker club in Bellingham Washington has developed a great handout for new hams that helps answer some of these questions. With Mt. Baker's permission ARRL has made this booklet available to download and customize for your use. The modified version provides a place for your club to insert club and local information.
< http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2005/03/06/1/MBARC-Info-Pack.pdf >
Use this brochure or develop one of your own but in any case be sure to give your new hams something informative to take home with them.

A closing thought when working with new hams, one person's favorite activity is not all that ham radio has to offer. Meeting programs and mentor sessions should stimulate new hams to explore the many options offered to the licensed radio amateur. Organizing and teaching an Amateur Radio license class where the students are encouraged to be a part of the fabric of ham radio and invited to participate in club activities is guaranteed to increase your club's membership with active hams.

ARRL has resources for instructors.

The Instructor's Manual < http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=9817 >
includes lesson plans for teaching a Technician license course and a
CD ROM with visual aids for the classroom.

Instructors can advertise their classes on the ARRL website so that
interested people can locate a class in their area. Visit the
instructor support page for more information.
< http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/instructor/ >

To become a registered instructor please contact ARRL Educational
Assistant, Rose-Anne Lawrence, KB1DMW at rlawrence@... or
860-594-0263

The Four Is
- Invite
- Inform
- Inspire
- Involve

Invite

- Invite everyone, the new hams and those who have not yet
received their CSCE, to attend the next club meeting where the
program will be based on things that the new ham will need to know.
- Invitations should be in the form of hard copy with day, date
and time. Hand an invitation to each student personally at the end of
the class or mail the invitations to everyone that attended the
class. A big shout out to come to the next meeting lacks sincerity.

Inform

- Provide a packet of information that has contact information
for people who can help the new ham get on the air.
- It's also a good idea to provide club information as well as
some operating aids like a list of local repeaters and how to access
them.

Inspire

- Congratulate your new hams and remind them that they have
just completed the first step toward a life long journey of learning
and fun.
- Encourage those who were not successful this time around to
keep trying because the reward is worth the effort.

Involve

- Welcome new members to your club and to the world of Amateur
radio.
- Encourage the new hams to participate in club functions and

on the air activities. Make sure that they know they are welcome to join the next on the air net, fox hunt or other club activity.

ARRL Awards Program For Clubs

Looking for an exciting way to challenge your club? Try earning DXCC, Worked All States (WAS) or VUCC award for your club. ARRL affiliated clubs are eligible to participate in all of the ARRL awards programs.
If your club does not have a station then use the club call from a member's station. Operate portable ala Field Day and activate a rare grid square. Use your imagination to come up with ideas to activate your club call and involve your members in chasing some very nice operating awards.
Complete information on the ARRL awards program is available on the web at:
http://www.arrl.org/awards/

For information on obtaining a club callsign:
http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/605ins.html#club

Clubs can use Logbook of The World.
http://www.arrl.org/lotw/

https://p1k.arrl.org/lotw/faq#clubcall

ARRL Affiliation Milestones for October 2007

25 Years

*W4 KY Woodford County Amateur Radio Club KY4WC

*W7 OR McMinnville Amateur Radio Club W7RXJ
WY Converse County Amateur Radio Club

*W8 OH Delaware Amateur Radio Association K8ES

*W0 MO Lake Of The Ozarks Amateur Radio Club N0ZS

50 Years

*W3 EPA Pocono Amateur Radio Klub W3PRK

*W5 NM Amateur Radio Caravan Club W5CSY

60 Years

*W5 MS Jackson Amateur Radio Club W5PFC

*W9 IN Tri-State Amateur Radio Society - TARS W9OG

IL Twin City Amateur Radio Club W9SEH

*W0 KS University Of Kansas ARC K0KU

75 Years

*W7 OR Valley Radio Club Of Oregon W7PXL

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3675. For Sale TMV7A 200.00

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-14 03:24:08 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3675 Message: 3675

I have a Kenwood TMV7a for sale. (dual band mobile)

If you're interested contact me direct 616 723 0917

Jeff - N8JSN

Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.488 / Virus Database: 269.15.0/1077 - Release Date: 10/18/2007
9:54 AM

3676. Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo This Weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-14 05:51:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3676 Message: 3676

This is one of the few remaining "Large" Hamfests in the country.

The 2007 Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo and the 2007 Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention will be held on November 17th and 18th at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and Exposition Center, located at 4000 Parnell Avenue in Fort Wayne, IN (at the corner of Parnell and Coliseum Blvd).

http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/hfmain.htm

3677. LARC Open Shack

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-14 13:22:16 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3677 Message: 3677
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3678. This Saturday Breafast, Mini Swap & SSB Sweeps

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-14 15:49:30 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 3678 Message: 3678

Attn: fellow hams, XYL's, Hunters & everybody else,

For those of you not going to Fort Wayne you need to come out to the MAARC W8ZHO clubhouse on Saturday the 17 th for a free breakfast and mini swap. Starting at 8:30 am. Feel free to bring items to sell. For the deer hunters you can take a quick break for a hot breakfast and check out the items for sale then head back out to the woods. Then later on in the afternoon we will begin operating in the Side Band Sweeps contest for the next 24 hours. We will have plenty of food and fun for everybody.

Any questions call Tom W8AMZ @ 231-767-1095

3679. Tool Max Closed This Saturday for Hunting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-14 18:04:34 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3679 Message: 3679

I still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

We will be Closed Thursday and this Saturday for hunting. Also next Saturday for a long Thanksgiving Holiday weekend.
Stop in during the week or call me for a off time to come in.

New this week From KF8VN All like NEW

MC-50 Kenwood Microphone $60
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
SWR-2 Vanco SWR meter $15
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
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J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
300 ohm twin lead 50Ft $10.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
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General Class $20.95
Extra Class $21.95
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300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Electronic Crystal Radio Kit $10
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
High Gain DB-1015 3 Element HF beam for 10/15 meters $35 New Price Must Sell GREAT BUY MUST GO
Channel Master light duty Rotor with control box and cable $20
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Signalcrafter SW-77C SWR meter $5
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B&K Model 2140 Oscilloscope $175
GW Model GDM-8135 Digital Multimeter $40
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $160 New Price
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40

6-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $135 NEW PRICE
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3680. Hoffmaster Trail Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-15 21:07:35 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 3609 Message: 3680

Greetings All.

I'm Still looking for help on the Hoffmaster Trail Run.

The run will be held at Hoffmaster State Park in Norton Shores this Saturday November 17, 2007. The race itself starts at 10AM. But, due to the distances and terrain we have to travel to get in position we need to be there at 8:45AM. The event will run no later that Noon.

I am looking for at least 12 people to help me. Once again we will be using a portable repeater supplied by AB8AZ.
The repeater frequency is 147.220 with a standard PLUS offset (147.820) and a PL/CTCSS of 94.8. This will make it easier to setup your radios.

Directions to Hoffmaster State Park.

For those using the US-31 Expressway get off at the Pontaluna Rd exit. Go west on Pontaluna RD approximately 2 miles and when the road starts to curve to the right the Entrance to the park will be on the Left. If you need assistance talkin will be on the Muskegon 94 repeater. Once you get to the park turn right at the first road after you pass the permit shack. You should be able to get into the park without a permit or having to buy a one day pass.

If you can help contact me at n8ctt@... or my cell phone 231-670-1284.

Denny N8CTT AEC/DRO Muskegon County
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

3681. WRC-07 Wrap Up, New Allocations, et. cetera

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-16 00:53:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3681 Message: 3681

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Disappointments

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3682. 1 Day Left Till Big Day At The Club House

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-16 14:09:34 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 3682 Message: 3682

Just one day left till the big events at the clubhouse.

1st Breakfast 8:30 am

2nd Mini Swap following breakfast, with items from NS8Z's estate. Icom 706, Icom AH-4 Auto tuner, Ham-IV rotor & controller and many other items like mobile antennas, fixed antennas & Towers and so on.

Feel free to bring any other items you may want to sell also. There is no charge for table space.

3rd other events in the afternoon such as a visit to Dale K8PY at the nursing home and then preparing for SSB Sweeps.

4th SSB Sweeps at 4:00PM big 24hour contest

Hope to see everybody there.

Tom W8AMZ

3683. Fremont EMWIN 163.300

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-16 18:56:46 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 3683 Message: 3683

After some software updates and a computer crash on my part, and finding time, the EMWIN transmitter is back on line in Fremont on 163.300. Also, the Fremont repeater on 146.920 pl 94.8 is running on one of my backup repeaters and seems to have a lot better range than before. Give it a try. It is a bit quirky right now, but I am hoping to get the bugs out soon.

73
Tim
KC8MSE

3684. Re: MITN Time Change

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-16 23:50:44 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 3684 Message: 3684

The MITN (Michigan Traffic Net) has moved to 6pm evenings due to long band conditions on 75 phone. The net will stay at 6pm until the spring time change or until changed by the manager of the net. Look for them on 3952khz. DE WD8USA
...-.-

********** See what's new at http://www.aol.com

3685. CRT's

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-17 02:28:29 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3685 Message: 3685

E mail Jim if anybody wants one. Tom

All,

I have some Dell and Compaq Computer monitors. They at at least 17".
FREE to new home. They only catch is they have to be gone by Monday AM.

Contact me ASAP at k8cop@...

Jim, K8COP

From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan Region 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

3686. WRC-07 Wraps Up in Geneva; Will Likely Meet Again in 2011

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-17 10:15:16 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3686 Message: 3686

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3687. Thanks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-18 22:59:27 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 1083 Message: 3687

Thanks to all who participated at the Hoffmaster Trail Run yesterday (11-17-07). Once again we had a great event.

We had 15 participants this year. This includes Darryl AB8AB who supplied and setup the portable repeater we used. This years route was the same as last year, but due to the numbers of helpers we were able to add a 3rd position on the beach (halfway point) and double up a few other positions which gave us more and better coverage then we have had in previous years.

Dave Paulsen our contact with the race people once again expressed their thanks for our assistance which made their job much easier.

Once again thanks to all of you who helped out with years Hoffmaster Trail Run. I'm looking forward to seeing you again next year.

Denny N8CTT AEC/DRO Muskegon County
n8ctt@...
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3688. Winter Field Day '08!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-20 14:48:27 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3688 Message: 3688

All:

Winter Field Day is coming in January. Get ready! We will enjoy the weather at the W8ZHO clubhouse. And the food. Look for a special fund raising meal. And the radio, too!

Details? Coming.

See the web site: http://www.spar-hams.org/contests/winterfd/index.php

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3689. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Field Day '08!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-20 15:00:25 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3688 Message: 3689

I'm going to put it out there now, I'm going to need a ride to the contest and more then likely from as well. I haven't been to any contests this year, and I am going through withdrawl. *laughs* thanks in advance, and 73,
Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2007 9:48 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Field Day '08!

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3690. Hearing impaired

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-21 02:51:14 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3690 Message: 3690

Does any have any expirience with hearing impaired/no hearing hams?

73 KD8CBJ

3691. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hearing impaired

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-21 03:39:47 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3690 Message: 3691

Paul, what is the reason for your question? I haven't had any experience with hearing impaired hams, but I'm pretty sure that Handi-Hams might be a resource for you if that's what you're looking for.
73,
Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: Paul
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2007 9:51 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Hearing impaired

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73 KD8CBJ

3692. Fw: ARRL D-STAR Web Survey Ongoing Now

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-21 03:50:33 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3692 Message: 3692

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Patrick Ryan KC6VVT <kc6vvt@...>
To: illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2007 8:56:12 PM
Subject: [illinoisdigitalham] ARRLWeb Survey ongoing now

ARRLWeb Survey ongoing now
side bar at www.arrl.org

Do you have any active D-STAR systems in your area?
Yes, several
Yes, one
No, but one is going on the air soon
No, but we're in the planning stages
No
I've never heard of it. What is D-STAR? <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D-STAR>

results at:
http://www.arrl.org/survey.php3

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R. Patrick Ryan
ARS: KC6VVT

kc6vvt@...

Yahoo! Groups Links

Get easy, one-click access to your favorites.
Make Yahoo! your homepage.
http://www.yahoo.com/r/hs

3693. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hearing impaired

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-21 09:52:55 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3690 Message: 3693

Chris,Handi-Hams was going to be my first stop.Met a 16yrl.kid up here in Fremont.Deaf from birth,no real speech capabilities.Not even much of a lip reader,but full American sign.Schools in Flint.He only has mom to sign with,hay it's Fremont.There isn't really anyone else up here that is in his situation,let a lone age.I have a code reader program he could see running.But I'm thinking some code audio on a speaker he can feel,toss a copy of the code/alphabet in front of him and I bet he makes the connection in 2 seconds.Let me see what Handi-Hams recommends for a proper intro through.Thank you Sir.

73 KD8CBJ

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(http://money.aol.com/special/hot-products-2007?NCID=aoltop00030000000001)

3694. Re: Winter Field Day '08!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-21 10:38:00 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3688 Message: 3694

Chris:

We've been going through withdrawals, too. We've missed you. At Sweeps this year we came in six sections short and we blame you for not being on the radio and finding those elusive sections. Hi

I'm sure we can get you a ride. Thanks for surfacing and mentioning it.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3696. Tool Max closed on Saturdays

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-21 15:24:02 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3696 Message: 3696

I still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

We will be Closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday for a long Thanksgiving Holiday weekend.

We will be closeing on Saturday until January.
Look for a FREE inside swap and shop in January on one Saturday of the month.
Stop in during the week or call me for a off time to come in if Saturday is the only day you can come in.
I will contiue to send out message 1 time a week with new items that come in on consignment.

New this last week From KF8VN All like NEW

MC-50 Kenwood Microphone $60
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
SWR-2 Vanco SWR meter $15
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock

HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
300 ohm twin lead 50Ft $10.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
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2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $12
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Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

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Extra Class $21.95
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ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)
300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Electronic Crystal Radio Kit $10
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
High Gain DB-1015 3 Element HF beam for 10/15 meters $35
Channel Master light duty Rotor with control box and cable $20
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Signalcrafter SW-77C SWR meter $5
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $160 New Price
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5

EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
6-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $135 NEW PRICE
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3697. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hearing impaired

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-21 15:40:50 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3690 Message: 3697

Well, the big thing will be just finding something that will convert the audio from cw to dots and dashes. With the differences in signals on the air, voice might be a bit tough. Mainly because of the different tones and pitches of everyone's voices, as well as signal strength and what not. I have a feeling that if he does become a ham, he's going to be a huge psk31 or some other digital mode user.
Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2007 9:15 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hearing impaired

I wonder if this software would work to change audio from a radio to text:

http://www.digitalriver.com/v2.0-img/operations/scansoft/site/367062/367062_dns-talk.html

They don't get into detail but it may be such that each person has to 'train' the software so it recognizes the voice and may not work with different people. One would have to contact the purveyor to find out.

73

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: KD8CBJ@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2007 04:52
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hearing impaired

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73 KD8CBJ

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No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.503 / Virus Database: 269.16.1/1141 - Release Date: 11/20/2007 11:34 AM

3698. Re: Hearing impaired

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-21 21:29:52 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3690 Message: 3698

I'd guess that Chris is right and the digital modes will be wonderful for this guy. I bet you could get something to flash a light to signal the code.

And there are a few folks in Fremont who sign. I can think of two or three without breaking a sweat. One or two even work with deaf folks. I can get you contacts if it would help. Granted, the signers are not hams.

Bill, AB8SC

3699. MFJ Factory Tour Video

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-21 22:12:53 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3699 Message: 3699

AmateurLogic.TV Episode 17 is now available for download.

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Every wonder how ham equipment is built.

Join us this month for a factory tour of MFJ Enterprises with Richard Stubbs. Very interesting… You don’t want to miss it!

Peter unvails his Amateur Television station and demonstrates ATV in Melbourne.

And Tommy shows us a new web site that makes finding repeaters a breeze. Google maps display the locations for easy viewing.

It’s 57:43 of Ham radio fun just in time for Thanksgiving.

www,AmateurLogic.TV

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Be a better pen pal.
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3700. Re: Hearing impaired

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-22 00:10:46 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 3690 Message: 3700

Good day everyone.
Being hearing impaired to the point that I wearing a hearing aid in each ear and have suffered through many ear sugeries, I find the digital modes the easiest. I am thankful to have the hearing I do have. Even with my hearing aids I find it difficult to hear voice transmissions at times. I have no problem with the CW as long as I zero in on it and watch the blinking light on the radio. That helps a lot when the signal is in that hearing loss range. Packet is good too.

Rich "Doc" Strait, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Bill" <bill_fries@...> wrote:
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> for this guy. I bet you could get something to flash a light to
> signal the code.
>
> And there are a few folks in Fremont who sign. I can think of two or
> three without breaking a sweat. One or two even work with deaf
folks.
> I can get you contacts if it would help. Granted, the signers are
> not hams.
>
> Bill, AB8SC
>

3702. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Digest Number 769

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-22 18:08:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3702 Message: 3702

Back in the dark ages, people who couldn't hear used a rectifier from the audio from a receiver which activated a light bulb so they could copy CW. This was in the days before computers, etc., and before good selectivity in receivers, so it wasn't all that good. I'd think a computer could be trained to listen to CW and activate a LED or something so your kid could learn code.

73 de n8xx Hg

KD8CBJ@... wrote:

> ----- Original Message -----
> From: KD8CBJ@...
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2007 04:52
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hearing impaired
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> 73 KD8CBJ

3703. LM 3900 or equivalent?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-23 03:36:18 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3703 Message: 3703

I think I'm in need of a LM 3900 or equivalent, made by either National Semiconductors or Texas Instruments? Does anyone have one of these devices in their junque box inventory? I can get one from Mouser Electronics or several other places, but if one is available near Grand Rapids, Michigan, it would save ordering and shipping delay.

Please advise by private message.

Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg

3704. jingle bell parade

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-24 23:21:38 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3704 Message: 3704

Hello Everyone ..
Again this year we have been asked by Grand Haven Public Safety to help out with the Grand Haven Jingle Bell Parade. The parade will be held this year on December 1st at 6pm this is one hour earlier then last year. This is always a fun event to do in that it is a short event and you get to welcome Santa Claus to town. There are a lot of floats and lots of people that are in the parade. There is a little traffic directing with the GHPS but most is people directing. Everyone that has helped in the past has said this is a event worth helping out with and is a good one to bring the family with you to watch the parade. If you can help us out with this event we will be meeting at 5:00pm in the GHPS training room for assignments, enter up the steps on the north east corner of the building talk in will be on the 145.49 repeater and net will be also on the 145.49 repeater. If you would like to help out with this event contact John Fisher KC8UNY or Don Meyer KB8ODB so we can put you on the list. If you have a place you would like to be at or close to let us know that also ..
Thank you for helping out on the events in the Tri-City's area .. 73 Don Meyer - KB8ODB

Email kb8odb@...
Phone 616-846-7307

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@sbcglobal.net

3705. IMPORTANT: THIS SAT -FREE BREAKFAST plus last MINI-SWAP for 2007, at HARC's T&T center.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-25 23:45:13 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3705 Message: 3705

I did not see this posted to West Mich and NOARC so hear it is not I am planing to go this Sat. Tom KB8VEE

Greetings all,

HARC has decided to see out 2007 with a twist.

In Summer we held our first breakfast combined with our regular monthly mini swap. Those who attended will know what a GREAT success that day was (people were queued out the door at 9am!!).

We've received numerous requests since to hold another, thus in view of that fact HARC shall be hosting another FREE* Breakfast (bacon, eggs, sausage, pancakes, coffee plus a few 'extras') and FREE Mini Swap this Saturday. Three world class top chefs (specially signed up) will be doing the honors in our kitchen (Sue Seidelman KC8RQS, Kim Lobart N8KAL and Ken Groom ZR5AAD/W8).

(*Whist the breakfast is free we would welcome any donations on the day, to help us offset expenses of large quantity of food purchases - thanks in advance*)

So bring a huge appetite, bring some surplus radio gear to dispose of or simply don't bring anything except yourself but be sure to attend, and join us for another great day of fellowship plus bargains. Non amateurs are also most welcome.

Details follow;-.

Free Parking available on site. DATE: SAT December 1st 2007 (Talk in : 147.060 94.8pl) SET UP TIME: SAT 09H30 - 10h00 Note: Friday night prior a limited opportunity exists between 19h00 - 20h30 to pre-setup your table. SWAP TIME: SAT 10h00 to 1.00pm BREAKFAST served : 09h30 onwards VENUE: 280 East 8th Street, Holland (right next to Holland Chamber of Commerce). ENTRY FEE : **FREE** TABLE COST : **FREE** HARC will provide once again.... * FREE table space * FREE trunk swap parking space (weather permitting) * FREE parking * FREE entry * FREE coffee * 50/50 Draw (To offset our new buildings upkeep, donations from sellers /visitors arealways very much appreciated!) Bring what ever surplus radio / computer equipment to sell / swap. Lastcouple of months a lot of equipment changed hands! Turn that surplus gearinto cash. We look forward to seeing everyone there. ANY QUESTIONS:Please contact HARC Building Manager - Ken ZR5AAD/W8Cell Ph: (616)726-3929E-Mail : rafaviator@...

You keep typing, we keep giving. Download Messenger and join the i’m Initiative now. Join in!

3706. skywarn day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-26 00:56:25 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3706 Message: 3706

is there anything going on for skywarn appreciation Day in the west michigan area

3707. : WEAVER'S WORDS -- Need a Longer Belt?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-26 02:52:00 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3707 Message: 3707

> [As always, please reply only to k8je@....]
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> - International Humanitarian Award
> - AM Privileges -- Under attack?
> - BPL and Related Issues.
> - ARRL Committee Studying Field Organization.
> - Director - Vice Director Elections Ahead.
> - A Poll - Your Input, Please.
> - Tentative Travel Schedule.
>
> First and foremost, I hope you each had a great Thanksgiving. It was a
> pleasant day in SW Ohio. I hope yours was at least as nice.
>
> +++ International Humanitarian Award +++
>
> Nominations are still open for the 2007 ARRL International Humanitarian
> Award. The award is conferred upon an amateur or amateurs who
> demonstrate devotion to human welfare, peace and international
> understanding through Amateur Radio. If you know of a ham who has
> provided extraordinary service to others and this service has involved
> Amateur Radio on an International basis, please submit a nomination by
> December 31 to ARRL International Humanitarian Award, 225 Main St.
> Newington, CT 06111. Details of the award are at
> http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/awards/humanitarian.html.
>
> +++ AM Privileges -- Under Attack? +++
>
> Definitely not!
>
> A few members contacted me with questions about the possible impact on
> US hams of a bandplan adopted by Region 2 of the International Amateur
> Radio Union -- IARU. The answer to the question is that the Region 2
> bandplan has no impact on US hams.
>
> For background, the IARU is the International organization of national
> Amateur Radio societies from around the world. These societies include
> the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), the Radio Society of Great Britain
> (RSGB) and the ARRL. Region 2 of the IARU covers the Western
> hemisphere. IARU cannot issue legally-binding rules or regulations.
>
> There are three regions in the IARU. Each of the regions has a
> voluntary bandplan. The Region 1 and Region 3 bandplans preceded the
> Region 2 plan. IARU Region 2 held a conference a few weeks ago.
> Among other actions, it adopted its new recommended bandplan during
> this conference.

>
> It is critical to understand that this recommended bandplan has
> absolutely no relevance to countries such as Canada and the US which
> have federal agencies (e.g. the FCC) that define and regulate Amateur
> Radio bands. In addition, IARU bandplans are merely recommendations to
> amateurs in countries that do not have such government agencies. There
> is no force of law behind the voluntary bandplans.
>
> The concern of some amateurs seems to be that the FCC will adopt the
> Region 2 bandplan; thereby reducing the US's frequency allocation for
> AM. One writer from the GLD said the FCC has previously adopted a
> number of practices recommended by the IARU. To this moment, he has
> not responded to my request to identify just which IARU recommended
> actions were picked up and adopted by the Commission. Similarly, a
> writer from outside the GLD has accused IARU President Larry Price,
> W4RA of a written attempt to manipulate International Treaty to reduce
> AM privileges. To date, he too, has not responded to my request for a
> reference to the source of his accusation.
>
> Finally, CQ Magazine has jumped into the fray by accusing ARRL of using
> the recent IARU Conference to further regulation by bandwidth. I enjoy
> reading CQ; however, as much as I enjoy reading it I equally strongly
> assure you that its editor has gotten caught-up in bad journalism. The
> basis for the editorial appears merely to be ARRL's
> publicly-acknowledged support of regulation by bandwidth and the fact
> that the Region 2 bandplan specified bandwidths. This logic is similar
> to claiming 1 plus 1 = 6.
>
> The fact is that ARRL did not participate in developing this bandplan.
> We had no representation on the bandplan committee. Could it be that
> in reality, the plan was developed in its present form because the
> delegates who drafted it believe this is the way it should be and that
> there was no dastardly conspiracy after all? Or is it too hard to
> believe in this day of ever-present conspiracy theories is it too much
> to expect that some things are done in a fully responsible manner?
>
> The bottom line to this small flurry of concern by some AM colleagues
> is that the Region 2 bandplan represents nothing to worry about. The
> IARU has no impact on US FCC regulations . . . the FCC has no apparent
> intent to act against AM in the foreseeable future . . . the ARRL has
> no thought of recommending the FCC take action against AM . . . and I
> will vote against any effort to get ARRL to recommend action against
> AM.
>
> My recommendation to AM operators is to relax and enjoy your favorite
> form of Amateur Radio . . . for a long time.
>
> +++ BPL and Related Issues +++
>
> You will recall that the ARRL has brought suit against the FCC in

> Federal Court in the District of Columbia. Although BPL is listed as
> the prime issue in the suit, it is far from the only issue. The issue
> that is at least equal to BPL is FCC's ruling that give Part 15 devices
> (including BPL) precedence over licensed radio services such as Amateur
> Radio under some circumstances. Part 15 devices are not licensed and
> have previously been allowed to radiate signals only provided they did
> not cause interference to licensed services.
>
> ARRL's day in court was a couple of weeks ago. We don't expect to hear
> anything from the judges for up to six months. If we win, we expect
> the Court to direct the FCC to review its decisions concerning BPL. In
> this situation, we would expect FCC to develop BPL regulations that are
> more realistic and consistent with the historic action of the
> Commission. It is not a guarantee either that we will win or that our
> expectation will be fulfilled if we win.
>
> Still on the topic of BPL, we may be seeing the early stages of its
> novelty wearing off. The FCC reported there has been a sharp decline
> in the number of homes using BPL for the past year. Consistent with
> this observation, Duke Energy announced it will not expand its current
> use of BPL. Duke also said it has no plans to discontinue BPL in
> present markets such as Cincinnati.
>
> The final comment on BPL is that the new installation for the Lansing,
> MI, area is reported to use a "non-interfering" version of BPL. The
> BPL provider has worked with the ARRL laboratory in developing its
> system.
>
> +++ ARRL Committee Studying Field Organization +++
>
> Many of you may be aware that the Programs & Services Committee of the
> ARRL Board has been tasked with studying the governance of the Field
> Service organization. As a member of this Committee, I can say that we
> are reviewing the present design and operation of Field Services to see
> if changes or improvements should be made.
>
> As one phase of the Committee's search for information, a survey was
> taken of the 73 Section Managers in ARRL. Similarly, Board members and
> officers were surveyed.
>
> Nothing in the study has been predetermined. The study has not been
> set-up to obtain pre-designated conclusions and actions. All aspects
> of the field organization are being reviewed.
>
> +++ Director - Vice Director Elections Ahead +++
>
> Elections for the Great Lakes Division Director and Vice Director will
> be held next year. Even though the call for nominations will not be
> made until July and August, it is not too early for members to consider
> making a run for either of these offices.

>
> As usual, I encourage eligible members to run for office. I especially
> encourage members who are dissatisfied with the way I have been
> performing the duties of the director to toss their hats in the ring.
> Similarly, I encourage people who feel they can perform the duties of
> the Vice Director to run for this office.
>
> ARRL is a democratic organization. I firmly believe that members who
> do not run for office or do not vote in ARRL elections have no right to
> complain about decisions elected officials make. Although the topic at
> this moment is the election of directors and vice directors, I hold the
> same opinion regarding the election of section managers.
>
> The following excerpt from the ARRL By-Laws addresses most aspects of
> elections for Director and Vice Director. I thought everyone should
> have the opportunity to become aware of this important information.
>
> "17. Each director shall keep himself informed as to conditions and
> activities in his territorial division and as to the needs and desires
> of the members therein in order that he may faithfully and
> intelligently represent the true interests of such members. He shall
> attend all meetings of the Board. At least 14 days prior to each annual
> meeting of the Board of Directors each director is encouraged to file
> with the Secretary a written report on the status of the affairs of the
> League in his division, together with a statement of his
> recommendations as to any actions required for the effective
> administration of the objectives and affairs of the League.
>
> "18. In the July and August issues of QST, the Secretary shall solicit
> nominations for the office of Director in each division in which the
> term of the incumbent is to expire on the subsequent January 1, in a
> notice that shall include the name of the incumbent. On any date
> between the appearance of the first solicitation for same in QST and
> noon Eastern Time on the second Friday of August of any election year,
> any Full member of such division may request official nominating
> petition forms. To constitute a valid nomination, the original copy of
> such an official nominating petition form as provided by the Secretary
> must name a Full member of the division as a candidate for Director;
> must be signed by ten or more Full members of the division; must be
> accompanied by a statement signed by the candidate attesting to his
> eligibility, willingness to run, and willingness to assume the office
> if elected; and must be filed with the Secretary no later than noon
> Eastern Time on the third Friday of August of that year. Only original
> documents shall be accepted by the Secretary, and he is not authorized
> to accept facsimiles of any kind. The Secretary shall immediately
> acknowledge the receipt of nominations to the candidate, and shall
> forward the nominations to the Ethics and Elections Committee.
>
> "19. The Ethics and Elections Committee shall delete the name of any
> nominee who may be ineligible to election and the name of any who may

> withdraw by written communication. The remaining names shall be listed
> on a ballot, in alphabetical order. If there be but one eligible
> nominee, the Ethics and Elections Committee shall declare him elected
> without balloting by the membership. If there be more than one eligible
> nominee, then on or before October 1 of each year the Secretary shall
> send by mail to every person who on the tenth day of September of that
> year was a full member of the League in the divisions in which
> elections are being held, a ballot listing the candidates for director
> in his division, and a return envelope, soliciting a vote for one name.
> The ballot shall contain a copy of By-Laws 18 and 20.
>
> "20. The Ethics and Elections Committee shall appoint a committee of
> three tellers including at least one director and shall arrange to have
> a certified public accountant present to certify the results of the
> balloting; but any member of the League who shall deliver to the
> Secretary on or before the first day of October of election year a
> written petition signed by at least ten full members of a division,
> stating their desire that he witness the counting by the committee of
> tellers of the ballots from that division, shall be permitted to do so
> and shall be accorded reasonable opportunity to satisfy himself of the
> correctness of the count reported by the committee. Ballots, to be
> counted, shall reach the mailing address established for their return
> no later than noon Eastern Time on the third Friday of November of
> election year. No outer envelopes marked as containing ballots shall be
> opened until the meeting of the committee of tellers held for the
> purpose of counting the ballots. The committee of tellers shall meet at
> the headquarters office of the League as soon thereafter as possible
> and in the presence of each other shall open the envelopes containing
> ballots and shall count the vote, after first eliminating the ballot of
> anyone disqualified from voting. They shall forthwith prepare and sign
> in the name of the Ethics and Elections Committee a report of the
> results of the vote, declaring duly elected as new directors the
> candidate in each division receiving the greatest number of votes
> therein; and they shall turn over all their records and ballots to the
> Secretary for presentation at the next annual meeting of the Board of
> Directors."
>
> In addition to other considerations, a candidate for director or vice
> director must have been a licensed amateur and a full member of ARRL
> for four continuous years. Licensing and membership must continue
> throughout the elected term of a successful candidate.
>
> +++ A Poll - Your Input, Please +++
>
> The ARRL Letter is published weekly throughout the year with only a
> couple of exceptions. This past week (Thanksgiving) is one of the
> exceptions to this regular publication schedule. There is no ARRL
> Letter during Thanksgiving week. One of our GLD members feels rather
> strongly about this.
>

> What I want to learn is how you feel about interruptions of this type
> in the publication schedule. To make it easy to express your general
> opinion, please send an e-mail to me and include two pieces of
> information. These are the number (listed below) that expresses your
> feeling about this issue and your call sign.
>
> The number: Please use one of the following three numbers to express
> your opinion -
>
> 3 - Drop other things at HQ to get the ARRL Letter out every week -- no
> exceptions.
> 2 - I'd prefer the Letter comes out every week, but occasional lapses
> are no big deal.
> 1 - I really don't care if an occasional week is missed.
>
> Don't forget to add your call sign. Also, if you wish to discuss your
> choice, feel free to add the discussion below your numeric vote.
> Thanks.
>
> +++ Tentative Travel Schedule +++
>
> Dec 1: Motor City RC 75th Ann., Wyandotte, MI - Jim
> Dec 8: Programs & Services Committee, Newington, CT - Jim
>
> 2008
>
> Jan 17: Programs & Services Committee, Houston, TX - Jim
> Jan 18-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Houston, TX - Gary & Jim
> Apr 14: PCARS (OH) Meeting - Jim
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
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> ARRL Great Lakes Division
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> k8je@...
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> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.

> -- webmaster@...

3708. SRD Update 2-WCM-OTR-

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-26 02:52:47 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3708 Message: 3708

To all HAMs,

National SKYWARN Recognition Day is a little more than a week away. This 24 hour amateur radio event begins at 0000 UTC on December 1, 2007. Since my last update, we have gained roughly 30 more participants. This puts the running total of registered offices at 86, including our friends at the Prairie Storm Prediction Center. I realize hamradio.noaa.gov does not currently show 86 offices. Since yesterday was Thanksgiving, no 'push' to the web server was done. So, if you have registered with in the last two weeks, please be patient and watch for an updated website next week.

If you haven't already read the December issue of QST, SRD is mentioned on page 64 under the Public Service Section. SRD is also mentioned as a special event on the ARRL website special events calendar (for more info: http://www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html). I wanted to thank Steve Ewald for making this possible.

If you're office would like to publicize this special ham radio event I do have some generic press releases. Email me and I can send them to you for distribution.

As mentioned last week, if you know of an office that has not registered yet, please inform them the deadline is approaching and to send in their registration form. If they need another copy of the SRD sign up form, please e-mail me and I'll send it to them.

Lastly this is a reminder to those offices working from airport grounds to notify the airport manager about this event, including any temporary antennas you plan to erect, and what frequencies will be in use. This is done as a courtesy to make certain that our operators do not interfere with airport communications.

If you have any other questions, let me know.

73…..
Matt
KC0TER

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Matt Mehle
matthew.mehle@...
Spotter Program Manager-Monterey
National SKYWARN Day Coordinator
Call Sign-KCØTER

3709. FW: LINK: SRD Registration-WCM-OTR-

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-26 04:33:38 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3709 Message: 3709

I am not sure if this made it out to the general population or not so here it is..

Once again Jeff Nawrot has set up our registration for Skywarn Recognition Day at the link below. Please register for the time you plan on attending at WFO GRR thanks.
and Thanks again to Jeff,
Mike

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3710. MDXA PSK Death Match, Saturday, December 15 00:00Z - Sunday December 16 24:00Z

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-26 11:13:19 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3710 Message: 3710

Michigan DX Association PSK Death Match
Saturday, December 15 00:00Z - Sunday December 16 24:00Z

http://www.mdxa1.org/deathmatch.html

Be a better sports nut! Let your teams follow you
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http://mobile.yahoo.com/sports;_ylt=At9_qDKvtAbMuh1G1SQtBI7ntAcJ

3711. hearing impaired

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-26 11:23:06 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3711 Message: 3711

Thank you all for the responces.Wow PSK31 would be a great intro for someone in his situation.
73 KD8CBJ

3712. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Hearing impaired

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-26 11:24:55 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3690 Message: 3712

Bill,I'll get back to you on the locals.

73 KD8CBJ

**********Check out AOL's list of 2007's hottest products.
(http://money.aol.com/special/hot-products-2007?NCID=aoltop00030000000001)

3713. Re: Hearing impaired

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-26 13:08:26 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3690 Message: 3713

Paul:

One is easy. You'll see Jim, N8ACL this Saturday for breakfast. If
memory serves me right his wife teaches sign language.

Bill, AB8SC

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, KD8CBJ@... wrote:
>
> Bill,I'll get back to you on the locals.
>

> 73 KD8CBJ
>
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>
> ************************************Check out AOL's list of 2007's
hottest
> products.
>
(http://money.aol.com/special/hot-products-2007?NCID=aoltop00030000000001)
>

3714. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FW: LINK: SRD Registration-WCM-OTR-

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-26 22:58:47 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3709 Message: 3714

thanks Jeff this is the first that message about this thanks again
----- Original Message -----
From: Jeff's Lists
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, November 25, 2007 11:33 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] FW: LINK: SRD Registration-WCM-OTR-

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3715. Fw: [MIDSTAR] D-STAR Repeater Project - Price List - from Jim - KC8NTE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-29 07:03:54 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3715 Message: 3715

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: kc8nte <kc8nte@...>
To: MIDSTAR@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2007 5:46:41 PM
Subject: [MIDSTAR] D-STAR Repeater Project - Price List - from Jim - KC8NTE

NMARES - Northern Michigan Amateur Radio Emergency Services

D-STAR Repeater Project - Price List

ComDaC has advised pricing for the NMARES group D-Star equipment
order will be at or lower than, the current AES price. prices are
listed on the (http://www.nmares. net website) as listed in AES
Fall/Winter 2007 catalog)

There will be no sales tax added to your order and the payment will be
made with a single check drawn on the NMARES Organization account.

Shipping costs will be provided upon request and must be prepaid.
Local orders may be picked up in Elmira with no additional shipping
charges.

Please use the following information to determine your costs on the
D-STAR equipment.

Estimated prices reflect current rebates which may or may not be
available when the NMARES order is placed.

I have listed the D-STAR equipment by model number, from least
expensive to most expensive on the nmares website.

All orders must be prepaid in US dollars with cash, cashiers check or
money orders made out to James E. Davis.

The NMARES D-STAR group order deadline is December 31, 2007.

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

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Thanks - 73 for Now
Jim Davis - KC8NTE

NMARES Logo Northern Michigan Amateur Radio
Emergency Services Organization
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- Website http://www.nmares. net/
- YaHoo group http://groups. yahoo.com/ group/NMARES/

- NMARES Meets the Third Wednesday of each Month. 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm,
Elmira Township Hall, 2035 Mountain Jack Road, Elmira, MI 49730-9717
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3716. Building a crystal CW transmitter for 12m...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-29 16:07:33 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3716 Message: 3716

For almost a year now, I've been planning to put up a 12 meter beacon. Early in the summer I put up a 1/4 wave groundplane antenna in the trees south of my house (which has since fallen apart), turned my FT-857 (which I no longer have) down to 5 watts and ran a beacon for awhile. I got a few e-mail QSLs from hams around the gulf coast, all of whom were amazed to hear a signal on the 12m band.

Seeing how useful such a beacon was for the ham community in general prompted me to try to come up with a dedicated transmitter, so the main rig would not be tied up to run it. I initially tried to convert an old CB, but that never really worked out.

Anyway, I was considering a few things last night and realized that I have a crystal for exactly twice the frequency I want to operate the beacon on. I'm trying to put it near (but obviously not exactly on) 24.930 MHz, and about 3 years ago I took a 49.860 MHz crystal out of an old toy walkie-talkie.

So, I want to try making a transmitter with that crystal. I know I'll need something like this:

Xtal oscillator - Freq divider - Low-pass filter - Amplifier - Antenna

Unfortunately, I don't have any idea where to even begin trying to design or build any of these (except for the antenna). I have spent hours Googling the various components, and although I've found a few schematics and descriptions, I'm no closer to understanding how to actually make them. Right now I have:

* The crystal
* A bag of 2N3904 transistors
* An enclosure
* A few capacitors pulled out of computer power supplies, values unknown

Anyone have any advice to offer?
-Joe, N8FQ

3717. SkyWarn Recognition Day info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-29 18:42:25 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3717 Message: 3717

I only caught part of the net the other night.Is the Muskegon groups time slot 19:00 to 23:00 Fri.night in Grand Rapids at the weather center?

73 KD8CBJ

3718. RE: [WestMichiganHams] SkyWarn Recognition Day info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-29 19:04:58 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3717 Message: 3718

Paul,

You can sign up for any time slot you want / that is available.. For those time slot’s that are already full you can still come but the operators signed up get first dibs on the radios.

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3720. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Building a crystal CW transmitter for 12m...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-30 00:55:01 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 3716 Message: 3720

Buying a new crystal is not needed nor is a freq. divider needed. you just use the crystal as is and tune the transmitter for the correct freq. That's why we have tuned circuits in a transmitter to remove harmonics above and below the fundamental freq. of the oscilater circuit. It was quite common for a ham to use an 80m crystal on 40m and a 40m on 20m. and so on.

Tom W8AMZ

k8mhz@... wrote:
Hi Joe,

Wouldn't it be cheaper / easier / more reliable to just buy a different crystal?

http://www.kenselectronics.com/lists/cbxtal.htm

Of course, that would take all the fun out of it.....

73

Mark K8MHZ

----- Original Message -----
From: Joe Veldhuis
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2007 11:07
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Building a crystal CW transmitter for 12m...

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-Joe, N8FQ

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3721. Still in need of help and update on lunch before parade ....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-30 02:16:10 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 3721 Message: 3721

We are still in need of help for this event and also invited by Sgt Bo of GHPS for BBQ's and drinks in the GHPS area at 4:00 ..so if you come early you can have something to eat ..... thanks again for all your help in the events in the Tri-City Area...73 Don

Hello Everyone ?.
Again this year we have been asked by Grand Haven Public Safety to help out with the Grand Haven Jingle Bell Parade. The parade will be held this year on December 1st at 6pm this is one hour earlier then last year. This is always a fun event to do in that it is a short event and you get to welcome Santa Claus to town. There are a lot of floats and lots of people that are in the parade. There is a little traffic directing with the GHPS but most is people directing. Everyone that has helped in the past has said this is a event worth helping out with and is a good one to bring the family with you to watch the parade. If you can help us out with this event we will be meeting at 5:00pm in the GHPS training room for assignments, enter up the steps on the north east corner of the building talk in will be on the 145.49 repeater and net will be also on the 145.49 repeater. If you would like to help out with this event contact John Fisher KC8UNY or Don Meyer KB8ODB so we can
put you on the list. If you have a place you would like to be at or close to let us know that also ?? Thank you for helping out on the events in the Tri-City?s area ?. 73 Don Meyer ? KB8ODB

Email kb8odb@sbcglobal. net
Phone 616-846-7307

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB
Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County
e-mail:kb8odb@ sbcglobal. net

3722. Tool Max items for Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-30 15:19:09 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3722 Message: 3722

still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

We will be closing on Saturday until January. Look for a FREE inside swap and shop in January on one Saturday of the month.
Stop in during the week or call me for a off time to come in if Saturday is the only day you can come in.
I will continue to send out message 1 time a week with new items that come in on consignment.

New this week From Dan N8MQS

1 APC Interruptible back up supply $35
1 B&K DC1651 Triple Power Supply $25
1 Ampprobe Clamp-Pn Meter $15
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 Box of Assortment Trimers and Relays $15
5 PS-28 2 amp power supply NEW Price $8 each
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
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New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
300 ohm twin lead 50Ft $10.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
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BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
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Laser pointers $2 ea
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300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
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LED Strobe Light with Case $45
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Tri-Field Meter $64

MC-50 Kenwood Microphone $60
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
High Gain DB-1015 3 Element HF beam for 10/15 meters $35
Channel Master light duty Rotor with control box and cable $20
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Signalcrafter SW-77C SWR meter $5
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
Rocky Mountain Radar Detector $160
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15

Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
6-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $135 NEW PRICE
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@verizon.net

3723. Puerto Rico Straight Key Party

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-11-30 20:12:44 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3723 Message: 3723

Puerto Rico Straight Key Party, 2 December 2007 1800Z to 3 December 2007 0200Z

http://www.prarl.org/skp2007rules.htm

Not exactly QRP, but QRP is allowed, and it's CW, which is a favorite mode of QRP operators.

3724. local author

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-03 13:05:47 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3724 Message: 3724

Either I'm slow,or I missed the memo.Ralph Taggart author of Weather Satellite,Image Communications handbooks is a local.Found him researching AutoGyros.
http://taggart.glg.msu.edu/

73 KD8CBJ

3725. Perfboard needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-04 03:35:43 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3725 Message: 3725

Well, I'm continuing to work on my previously announced 12m beacon project. Although I'm making progress with the design phase, the actual construction of it (and about half a dozen other projects) is being held up by one thing: I don't have anything to build it on. So, does anyone have some perfboard around that you'd be willing to give or sell to me for a reasonable price?

-Joe, N8FQ

3726. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Perfboard needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-04 16:57:53 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 3725 Message: 3726

I beleive Radio Shack still sells it. Seeing how it is a relitively simple circuit you might want to consider useing barrier strips. It was quite common for that practice to be used. Even Heathkit did that with it's earlier solid state kits.

Tom

Joe Veldhuis <kd8atu@...> wrote:
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3727. ARRL RTTY/Digital Mode Round-Up, January 5 - 6 (Includes Baudot RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR, PSK31 & Packet)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-04 18:15:44 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3727 Message: 3727

2008 ARRL RTTY Round-Up Rules
General Rules
Object: Amateurs worldwide contact and exchange QSO information with other amateurs using digital modes (Baudot RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR, PSK31, and Packet–attended operation only) on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. Any station may work any other station.
Date and Contest Period: First full weekend of January, but never on January 1. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 2400 UTC Sunday (January 5-6, 2008).
2.1. Operate no more than 24 hours.
2.2. The six hours of off time must be taken in no more than two blocks.
Entry Categories:
3.1. Single Operator:
3.1.1. Low Power.
3.1.2. High Power.
3.2. Multioperator, Single Transmitter:
3.2.1 Power.
3.2.1.1. Low Power
3.2.1.2. High Power
3.2.2. Stations are allowed only one transmitted signal at any given time.
3.2.3. Includes those single operators that use any form of spotting assistance such as from nets or packet.
3.2.4. Includes those that receive assistance with logging or relief operators, etc.
3.2.5. Limited to 6 band changes (maximum) in any clock hour.
3.2.6. The clock hour is from zero through 59 minutes.
3.2.7. Band changes are defined so that, for example, a change from 20 meters 15 meters and then back to 20 meters constitutes two band changes.
Exchange:
4.1. United States: Signal report and State.
4.2. Canada: Signal report and Province.
4.3. DX: Signal report and consecutive serial number, starting with 001.
Scoring:
5.1. QSO Points: Count one point for each completed QSO.
5.2. Multipliers: Each US state (except KH6 and KL7) plus the District of Columbia (DC), Canadian provinces/territories: NB (VE1, 9), NS (VE1), QC (VE2), ON (VE3), MB (VE4), SK (VE5), AB (VE6), BC (VE7), NWT (VE8), NF (VO1), LB (VO2), NU (VYØ), YT (VY1), PEI (VY2) and each DXCC country. KH6 and KL7 count only as separate DXCC entities.
5.2.1. Count only once (not once per band).
5.2.2. The US and Canada do not count as DXCC entities.
Reporting:
6.1. All entries are must be postmarked or emailed by February 5, 2008.
6.2. Entries in electronic format may be submitted to RTTYRU@... or submitted on 3.5” diskette to RTTY Round-Up, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.
6.3. All logs that are created electronically are required to submit their electronic log file in Cabrillo file format. A print out of an electronically generated log is not an acceptable substitute. A hand-written log that is later entered into a logging or other

electronic program is considered an electronically generated log and must meet electronic file requirements.
6.4. The Cabrillo entries include the header and the complete QSO list.
6.5. Submissions may be made using the web applet at www.b4h.net/cabforms
6.6. Hand-logged entries may be submitted to RTTY Round-Up, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.
Miscellaneous:
7.1. Packet radio contacts made through digipeaters or gateways are not permitted.
7.2. All ARRL Contest rules and forms may be downloaded from the ARRL Contest web page at: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms or obtained from the Contest Branch by sending an SASE with 2 units of postage.
7.3. For contest information contact contests@... or (860) 594-0232
Awards:
8.1 Certificates will be awarded to:
8.1.1. Top high power and low power Single Operator and Multioperator scorers in each ARRL/RAC Section.
8.1.2. Top high power and low power Single Operator and Multioperator scorers in each DXCC country (other than W/VE).
8.2. Plaques, if sponsored, will be awarded to the top scoring low and high power entrant in each category overall, each ARRL Division, and Canada.
8.2.1. Unsponsored plaques may be purchased from the ARRL.
Other: See “General Rules for All ARRL Contests” and “General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands below 30 MHz (HF)” November 2001 QST.
Recommended HF Digital Operating Frequencies (MHz)
North and South America Europe/Africa
3.590 RTTY DX 3.580-3.620
See Note
7.040 RTTY DX 7.035-7.045
7.080-7.100
14.070-14.099.5 14.080-14.099
21.070-21.100 21.080-21.120
28.050-28.150

NOTE: With the recent realignment of frequency allocations on the 80-meter band, we offer no specific recommendations at this time. We remind stations that RTTY and digital modes are restricted to frequencies below 3.600 MHz in the US effective December 15, 2006. We also encourage participants to be mindful of other stations and activates on the 80-meter band.
Recommended Novice Digital Operating Frequencies (MHz)
10 meters 28.100-28.150*
Suggested simplex packet-radio frequencies
28.102.3
28.104.3
*Authorized power output 200-watts maximum for Novices / Tech Plus only in the 10-meter Novice sub-band.

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3728. Southwest Ohio Digital Symposium Saturday, January 12th,

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-04 18:38:33 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3728 Message: 3728

Planning is underway for the 22nd annual SW Ohio Digital Symposium to be held from approximfrom 8 AM to approximately 4:30 PM EST, Saturday, January 12, 2008 in Thesken Hall, on the Middletown Campus of Miami University, Middletown, Ohio. If you have a particular subject of interest which you'd like to present, or know of someone who is qualified to present, please contact, Jay Slough, K4ZLE, k4zle@...

http://www.swohdigi.org/ will give a good idea of what goes on at these events.

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3729. West Michigan Hams - Adopting a Family this Christmas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-05 02:50:19 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 3729 Message: 3729

Hello fellow West Michigan Hams members:

In the sprit of Christmas giving I have came across a fellow ham that by no means of his own has come on hard times. We as hams are willing to help out our communities with events, preparing and practicing in case of emergency so we would be able to help out others. We should also make sure we help out our own and with this in mind I would like to adopt this ham and his family to help out this Christmas with taking a collection up for them and keep this going in future years by putting a committee in place this coming year to handle this. Greg and Tom at Tool Max have agreed to be the collection point for all donations.

Here is some information on the family we are trying to help this year

Mark Strait - KD8BIG has in the past helped out ARES with runs and races and also been involved with the Red Cross this all came to a halt after he suffered a heart attack in June 2006 and he has not worked since. He has been diagnosed with diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome, numerous tumors on the soft tissue, thyroid problems and the a few more things. Needless to say he will not be returning to work anytime soon. His wife is working and he does draw disability. They have a daughter Shelby who is mentally challenged and a son Cameron.
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Cameron will be 13 on December 30th. He loves Game-Boy stuff and Play Station games. I do not know if they still have a PS2 or not. Mark liquidated a lot of stuff to pay bills.
Shelby will be 11 in August and she loves dressing Barbie dolls. Keep in mind Shelby's mental status is that of roughly a five or six year old. She can turn just about anything into a toy. She too has a love for Game Boys and Play Station stuff.
Cash donations can be give to Tom for gift cards and nonperishable food goods will also be collected at Tool Max

Donations can be dropped off or sent to:

Tool Max Industrial Supply
6516 Schamber Dr

Muskegon, MI 49444
Attn: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE

Thank You all for giving this your consideration and thank you for being part of West Michigan Hams

73 from my Family to yours Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Don Meyer - KB8ODB

Any comments or qustions please contact me off the reflector at:
kb8odb@...

3730. Announcing New Chicago Area Amateur Radio Yahoo Group

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-05 14:23:11 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3730 Message: 3730

Chicago Amateur Radio Group

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ChicagoAmateurRadio/join/

The Chicago Amateur Radio Yahoo Group is dedicated to promoting closer communication and sharing of amateur radio knowledge & technique among fellow amateur radio enthusiasts.

The goals of the Chicago Amateur Radio Group are:

To provide an efficient means of disseminating amateur radio news, announcements, and event information;

To promote the activites, newsletters, events, and meetings of ALL participating radio clubs;

To encourage better communication and coordination among local radio clubs;

To foster positive discussions of news and topics relating to amateur radio, including but not limited to, DXing, contesting, digital modes & technology, homebrewing, antennas, portable operation, satellite communication, fox hunting, and other Amateur Radio topics;

To share information about amateur radio related electronic issues, problems, troubleshooting tips, work-arounds, and fixes among its members, and;

To provide a forum fostering improved operating techniques.

Membership is free and open to all licensed Amateurs. Postings by other Amateur Radio Clubs announcing meetings, activities or other events are encouraged.

73 de Dennis, N9DMK
krawczak@...

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http://www.yahoo.com/r/hs

3731. Re: West Michigan Hams - Adopting a Family this Christmas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-06 17:46:58 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3729 Message: 3731

All:

We're going to pass the hat at tonight's MAARC meeting. Please find a
few dollars to donate to a wonderful cause.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3732. Good HAM Radio Coverage

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-06 19:38:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3732 Message: 3732

A Friend sent this link to a blog. I thought you might enjoy the front page news ham radio is getting today on a heavily viewed website.

http://www.dslreports.com/shownews/Hams-To-The-Rescue-In-Northwest-Flooding-89995

It has to do with the flooding in the Pacific Northwest.

Enjoy.

3733. FW: [Kcarpsc] FW: Kent County ARES program - Pass on to ALL hams living in Kent County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-06 19:52:44 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3733 Message: 3733

Hi All:

In the past few months we have seen the restart of the ARES program in Kent County. With this restart we have set up a sign up process for the program.

A few notes about the ARES program:

- We do not require a criminal history check of members as of November 2007
- The only requirement is a will to serve and an amateur radio license
- All HAMs are invited to the program living with Kent County
- ARES members are used for public service events, "non-secure" locations, severe weather spotting, CERT communications support and Disaster related activities.
- ARES members are encouraged to take independent study trainings provided free of charge from FEMA
- The ARES program uses amateur radio operators from around the community.
- This program is for radio operators NOT already involved with ARES / RACES
- We request that hams pre-register before a disaster hits the area so we know how to better use the resources available.

Signup Link: http://www.kcvrm.net/resourcesignup.php

And use the following information:

Resource Code: ARES - This is Case sensitive
Password: HamRadio - This is case sensitive

This program is open to ANY amateur radio operator living or working in Kent County.

If you run into any issues while signing up please email aschultz@...

thank You

Jeff Nawrot
Kent County ARRL ARES Emergency Coordinator

Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.488 / Virus Database: 269.15.0/1077 - Release Date: 10/18/2007 9:54 AM

3735. Special Event on Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-07 02:57:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3735 Message: 3735

This is on the ARRL Web.

Dec 1-Dec 9, 1500Z-2000Z, Baltimore, MD. W3HEM/W3GR Historical Electronics Museum ARC, W2W. Usage of electronics during Pearl Harbor. 14.271 14.071 7.271 7.071. Certificate. Historical Electronics Museum, PO Box 1693 MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21203. US hams please submit $1.00 with an 8-1/2 x 11 SASE to help defray costs.

For info on this particular operation see: http://www.qsl.net/w3hem

For more info on the museum see: http://www.hemarc.us/

3736. Re: West Michigan Hams - Adopting a Family this Christmas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-07 14:07:58 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3729 Message: 3736

Group:

At last evening's meeting we raised $166. Wow!! We thank everyone
who donated. We can do better and the need is great. Please stop by
Tool Max and add a little green to the cause. Green as in green stamps.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3737. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: West Michigan Hams - Adopting a Family this Christmas

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-07 22:31:25 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3729 Message: 3737

Great Job all. Can someone drop the money off at Tool Max and I will add it to what I have now. Thanks Tom KB8VEE

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, December 07, 2007 9:07 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: West Michigan Hams - Adopting a Family this Christmas

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3738. Misleading and Incorrect Rumors Surround IARU Region 2 Band Plan

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-07 22:53:41 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3738 Message: 3738

Misleading and Incorrect Rumors Surround IARU Region 2 Band Plan

Misleading and incorrect rumors are surrounding the recently revised band plan of IARU Region 2, adopted at its triennial conference in Brazil in September. The following statement was authorized by ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN.

During the conference, held September 10-14 in Brasilia, representatives from IARU Region 2 societies met in committees prior to a final plenary session and adopted recommendations concerning a number of items important to Amateur Radio in the region. These included plans to improve emergency communication, enhance education and reduce interference to national emergency nets, as well as revising the Region 2 HF band plan.

The revised Region 2 band plan for 160-10 meters takes effect January 1, 2008. The band plan is based on the band plan adopted by IARU Region 1 at its conference in Davos, Switzerland in September 2005.

IARU regional band plans have been in existence for many years. They are developed, reviewed and approved at regional conferences of the IARU Member-Societies. The band plans provide voluntary guidelines and recommendations for good operating practice that are intended to assist amateurs in making the most effective use of our limited frequency allocations. They are not restrictions and carry no regulatory authority.

Unlike the US, where the FCC's Part 97 rules regulate the frequencies allocated to the Amateur Radio Service by emission designator, many countries do not have government-regulated sub-bands within their amateur allocation. Because of this, the national Amateur Radio societies in these countries look to a band plan to provide guidance for the location of operating preferences. In such cases, these countries are urged to promote incorporation or recognition of a band plan into their regulations. In the United States, however, ARRL's band plans will continue to provide guidance for recommended operating preferences including the 160 meter band plan that was revised in 2001 on the basis of membership input.

One virtue of voluntary band plans is that they are more flexible and can be amended more easily than the FCC rules; writing them into the rules would be counterproductive. As voluntary guidelines, the band plan cannot by definition be "more severe" than regulations; however, if the band plan did not suggest an operating pattern that is a subset of the regulations, it would serve no purpose.

There is also a mistaken assumption that the new IARU Region 2 band plan is an ARRL initiative seeking regulation by bandwidth. It is not, nor is it in any way a vehicle to achieve regulation by bandwidth.

It happens that the ARRL's "regulation by bandwidth" petition, the now-withdrawn RM-11306, also drew on the Region 1 band plan. This is acknowledged on page 10 of the petition. The similarities between RM-11306 and the Region 2 band plan are the result of having some common roots, but the two are not otherwise related.

While a number of Amateur Radio organizations and publishers support and agree with the ARRL on the concept of regulation by bandwidth as an essential element to the orderly introduction of new digital modes into the HF bands, ARRL will not be pursuing a rulemaking until some degree of consensus can be achieved in the amateur community.

ARRL has conducted an open process of soliciting input regarding matters of importance to the Amateur Radio Service. That will continue prior to the submission of any proposals for

future regulatory changes to improve the Amateur Radio Service.
As one of the 39 Member-Societies of IARU Region 2, the ARRL will, as always, continue to openly work to improve the Region 2 band planning process prior to the next conference and give its members ample opportunity to offer comments and suggestions. Members may provide input to their elected representative (identified on page 15 of QST), or to our Ad-hoc Band Plan Committee and e-mail address that was established in 2006 at bandplan@....

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3743. PSK31 Operating Video

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-08 22:27:47 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3743 Message: 3743

PSK31 Operating Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaAXMzGIUGA

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http://mobile.yahoo.com/;_ylt=Ahu06i62sR8HDtDypao8Wcj9tAcJ

3744. Inexpensive Emergency Power Generator

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-09 22:48:23 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3744 Message: 3744

Pep Boys has a 800 watt generator, 950 watts peak, plus a small air compressor combination for $79.90.

I have one of these, and the generator works okay. Not the best regulation in the world, but if I keep it loaded with about 200 watts of incandescent lamps it will purr along nicely with a 100 watt output transceiver attached to it, with CW or SSB. Without the resistive load the governor has a hard time keeping up with key down/key up when using CW. I've used it with SSB to some extent, and the regulation problemme isn't as severe.

It also has a 10 amp, 12 VDC output, which would keep an automobubble battery topped up when using CW or SSB @ 100 watts output (probably <20 amp maximum draw from the car battery, with <50% average draw.)

It has a 2 cycle engine, but for <$100 it's a "throwaway" item, if there is ever a major problemme.

Pep Boys has a store on Alpine Avenue in Walker, near Grand Rapids, as well as other places in Michigan.

I have no stock in Pep Boys, nor any financial interest in selling these things.

73 de n8xx HG

3745. Adopt a Family going very well

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-11 00:17:33 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 3745 Message: 3745

Hello fellow Hams: I just wanted to let you know that the Adopt a family is going very well and that I would like to get the donations in by Dec. 19th so they can be taken to Marks family in time for Christmas. Here is my phone #616-846-7307 if you have any questions or need something picked up.
I am resending the information in case someone needs it.

Thank you for being part of West Michigan Hams ... 73 Don

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Muskegon, MI 49444

Attn: Tom Vander Mel - KB8VEE

Thank You all for giving this your consideration and thank you for being part of West Michigan Hams

73 from my Family to yours Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Don Meyer - KB8ODB

3746. WEAVER'S WORDS -- A wrapping we will go.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-11 02:26:56 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3746 Message: 3746

> [As always, please reply only to k8je@....]
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> - A Poll - I Heard You.
> - Region 2 Band plan -- Skepticism Persists.
> - Section HF Nets.
> - ARRL Offers Customizable Awards.
> - Congratulations to our Vice Director.
> - Happy 75th Anniversary.
> - Call Signs Issued.
> - Sunny Future.
> - Tentative Travel & Events Schedule.
>
> +++ A Poll - I Heard You +++
>
> In the last issue, I asked for your opinions concerning the publication
> schedule of the ARRL Letter. Here is what you told me:
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> - 180 said, "I really don't care if an occasional week is missed."
> - 97 said, "I'd prefer the Letter comes out every week, but occasional
> lapses are no big deal."
> - 12 said, "Drop other things at HQ to get the ARRL Letter out every
> week -- no exceptions."
>
> I appreciate the wishes expressed by each responder. Based upon the
> responses I believe there is no justification for me to push HQ to
> expand the publication schedule.
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> FYI, each issue of the ARRL Letter contains the following statement:
> "The ARRL Letter is published Fridays, 50 times each year, by the
> American Radio Relay League: ARRL--the National Association for Amateur
> Radio, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111; tel 860-594-0200; fax
> 860-594-0259; <http://www.arrl.org>. Joel Harrison, W5ZN, President."
>
> Because Thanksgiving is always on Thursday, there is no Letter each
> Thanksgiving week. This year, a second exception to publication will
> be Christmas week. This will still leave us with 51 weeks of
> publication of the Letter this year. Depending on personnel schedules
> at HQ, one more issue could be skipped and we would still have the
> promised 50 issues for 2007. Watch the ARRL Letter for any details.
>
> Thanks to everyone who answered the poll. I appreciate your input.
> I'm sorry I didn't have time to acknowledge each vote personally.
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> +++ Region 2 Band plan -- Skepticism persists +++
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> To set the stage for the following discussion, you need to know that
> some AM operators believe the new IARU Region 2 voluntary band plan
> will cost them operating privileges. This is true even though the plan
> is strictly voluntary and the fact that FCC regulations clearly take
> precedent over any voluntary band plan. Some of these operators accuse
> ARRL, a member of Region 2 of manipulating the new Region 2 plan in an
> effort toward abolishing AM and getting Regulation by Bandwidth adopted
> in the US.
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> I do not intend to get into a point-counterpoint discussion of this
> issue; however, I will expand the explanation I put in the last issue
> of Words. The bottom line still is precisely what I said the last
> time. ARRL was not involved in developing the Region 2 voluntary band
> plan, and the new Region 2 band plan has absolutely no relevance to US
> amateurs.
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> Fact: The committee I loosely referred to as the band plan committee
> is properly named the Region 2 HF Committee. This is the group that
> developed the new voluntary band plan. There was no ARRL involvement
> with the HF Committee.
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> Fact: As stated in the Region 2, conference news release, "A new
> Region 2 band plan for 160--10 meters was adopted, effective January 1,
> 2008. The new plan is modeled on one adopted previously by IARU Region
> 1, with regional differences taken into account."
>
> The Region 1 voluntary plan was developed in 2005. It became effective
> January 2006. This voluntary band plan has had no impact on operations
> in the US. ARRL is not a member of IARU Region 1 and has no vote in
> its meetings.
>
> After developing its new voluntary band plan, the Region 2 HF Committee
> submitted its new voluntary band plan to the Region 2 B/C Committee.
> This committee forwarded the proposed plan to the plenary session where
> it was adopted. ARRL Chief Technical Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI was
> secretary to the B committee. He had no vote in its proceedings and
> merely recorded the Committee's activities.
>
> I assure you that when the Region 2 voluntary band plan becomes
> effective January 1, 2008, it will have no effect on US operations --
> AM or otherwise. Any changes in operation by US operators will come
> only if they, themselves, choose to make changes.
>
> As your Director, I repeat that I will actively oppose any effort to
> curtail AM operating privileges for US amateurs. No such proposal has
> been introduced by ARRL in the five years I've been on the Board, and I
> do not expect any one to be forwarded in the future. The fact is that
> ARRL has been and continues to support any mode of operation that is
> legal in the US and the operators who use these modes -- AM included.
>

> Now, you know the rest of the story.
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> For another discussion, see
> www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/12/07/100/?nc=1.
>
> +++ Section HF Nets +++
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> The following lists HF Section nets in the Great Lakes Division (GLD).
> Feel free to join one or more of these nets. If you are new to net
> operation, the best thing to do is to listen until you are familiar
> with general net practice -- then check in. Net Control will be happy
> to help anyone learn to become a top-notch operator.
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> In Kentucky:
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> KEN - Kentucky Emergency Net; Monday, 3972.5 kHz, 1930 ET.
> KYN - Kentucky CW Net; daily, 3596 kHz, 2000 ET.
> KSN - Kentucky Slow CW Net; daily, 3579 kHz, 2200 ET daily.
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> In Michigan:
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> MACS - Michigan Amateur Communications System; Mon-Sat, 3953 kHz 1100
> ET.
> MIARPSC - Michigan Amateur Radio Public Service Corps; Sunday, 3932
> kHz, 17:00 ET.
> UPN - Upper Peninsula Net; Sun-Sat, 3920 KHz, 17:00 ET; Sunday 3921
> kHz, 12:00 ET.
> MITN - Michigan Traffic Net; Sun-Sat, 3952 kHz, 1800 ET.
> QMN - Michigan Net; Sun-Fri, 3563 kHz, 1830 & 2200 ET.
> WSSBN - Wolverine Single Sideband Net, 3932 kHz, 1900 ET.
> UP-ARES - UP ARES Net; Friday, 3932 kHz, 1930 ET.
> GLETN - Great Lakes Emergency and Traffic Net; Sun-Sat, 3932 kHz, 2030
> ET.
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> In Ohio
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> BNE - Buckeye (Early); Daily, 3577 kHz, 1845 ET.
> BNL - Buckeye (Late); Daily, 3577 kHz, 2200 ET.
> OSN - Ohio Slow Net; Daily, 3535 kHz, 1810ET.
> OSSBN - Ohio Single Side-Band Net; Daily, 3972.5 kHz, 1030 1615 & 1845
> ET.
>
> Both Michigan and Ohio are developing digital networks that are in
> differing states of completion. Anyone interested in these should
> contact SM Dale Williams, WA8EFK (wa8efk@...) for Michigan and SM
> Joe Phillips, K8QOE (k8qoe@...) for Ohio.
>
> +++ ARRL Offers Customizable Awards +++
>
> ARRL HQ has just announced the availability of awards that can be

> purchased to give to special amateurs. The awards are modestly-priced
> and can be personalized for the recipient. These are suitable to give
> to a club Amateur of the Year or other award recipient. Go to
> www.barkerstores.com/arrl and click on Custom Awards. The current
> selection is somewhat limited. Expect it to be expanded as time goes
> by.
>
> +++ Congratulations to our Vice Director +++
>
> Unknown to most members is the fact that GLD Vice Director, Gary
> Johnston, KI4LA is a history buff. Not only is he a member of the ARRL
> Board's Historical Committee, but he is the President of the
> Behringer-Crawford Museum in Covington, KY. The museum re-opened
> December 1 after being closed for 8-months for a $2+ million expansion
> and remodeling. Among his other duties, Gary was primarily responsible
> for obtaining funding from the Commonwealth of Kentucky that made this
> possible.
>
> Great job, Gary
>
> +++ Happy 75th Anniversary +++
>
> I was fortunate to have been able to join SM Dale Williams, WA8EFK and
> ARRL CEO Dave Sumner, K1ZZ to take part in the December 1 celebration
> of the Motor City Radio Club's (W8MRM) 75th Anniversary. It was a
> great evening with members and guests filling the banquet room at a
> major restaurant. I was particularly impressed with the high number
> (14) of past presidents who participated in the evening in spite of bad
> travel weather.
>
> Similarly, the Hiawatha ARA (K8LOD) in Marquette, MI, also recently
> celebrated reaching the 75th Anniversary mile post.
>
> Congratulations to each club. Each is strong and active. Each is ARRL
> Affiliated Clubs. This is a great achievement.
>
> +++ Call Signs Issued +++
>
> The FCC is issuing KJ4A** 2X3 call signs. The most recent call I've
> seen for Kentucky is KJ4AUJ. The poor fellow's last name is Weaver.
> No relation to me, though. KD8HHZ is the most advanced 8-call reported
> to date. This call was issued to a ham in Saginaw.
>
> Calls that are more alphabetically-advanced certainly have been issued.
> These have not yet been included in reports I typically see. Even
> without having seen the latest calls, my original call of WA8COA
> definitely demonstrates I am an old timer.
>
> +++ Sunny Future +++
>

> I've never been known for having great insight into the future. The
> best I can do is to look at events of the past and present, and attempt
> to anticipate how any trends apparent from these might be used to
> predict what will come in the days ahead. My take on the future of
> Amateur Radio during the next several years is that it will grow in
> significance and importance to the pubic.
>
> What is the basis for this belief? Here are a few observations that
> lead me to this conclusion:
>
> 1. State and local EMA directors and the Salvation Army (SATERN) have
> come to credit amateurs publicly with the emergency relief work we are
> doing.
> 2. Amateurs are becoming increasingly skilled in providing high-quality
> emergency communications support to served agencies.
> 3. There is a modest growth in Amateur Radio licensing in recent
> months.
> 4. Youngsters are becoming interested in hamming when it is presented
> to them properly.
>
> How do these observations fit together? As we continue to make strong,
> favorable impressions on EMA and Salvation Army, they will talk even
> more about us. Still more agencies might even begin to talk of our aid
> to them. This good press will interest still more people in learning
> what hamming is and how it works. Some of these people will become
> amateurs.
>
> Regarding youngsters, they, too will be impacted by the positive press.
> This will be particularly true of youngsters who attend schools that
> feature ARRL's "Big Project" Amateur Radio program. Big Project
> schools already have shown that youngsters still buy-in to Amateur
> Radio when they are shown its relevance to today's life.
>
>
> +++ Tentative Travel Schedule +++
>
> A note to program and hamfest/swap schedulers: Gary and I are
> beginning to look toward the 2008 year to schedule trips. If you would
> like for either of us to visit your hamfest/swap, meeting or
> celebration, please let us know as soon as possible. We already have a
> few requests, some from clubs that we have visited regularly. We are
> always happy to revisit old friends; however, we also need to visit
> different places when this is possible. Because of this, I am delaying
> scheduling additional meetings until after January 1. This will give
> me an opportunity to view any additional requests before adding visits
> to my schedule.
>
> As one final point, the cost of gasoline is hitting our travels just as
> it is yours. Please consider having two or more clubs join together to
> host Gary or me at a combined meeting. Doing this will help us spend

> your dues money more efficiently.
>
> I wish you each Happy Hanukah and Holy Ramadan (I'm a little late), and
> a very Merry Christmas filled with love and joy. All the best in
> 2008.
>
> Our tentative schedule and significant Great Lakes Division events so
> far for 2008 are:
>
> Jan 12: Southwest Ohio Digital Symposium, Middletown, OH - Jim
> Jan 17: Programs & Services Committee, Houston, TX - Jim
> Jan 18-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Houston, TX - Gary & Jim
> Apr 14: PCARS (OH) Meeting - Jim
> Jul QST: To noon, Aug 8: Nominations for Director/Vice Director are
> open.
> Sep 23-Oct 1: Ballots for Director/Vice Director mailed.
> Nov 21, noon: Deadline for return of ballots. Ballots counted.
> Nov 22 by end of day: Candidates notified of election results
> electronically.
>
> 2009
>
> Jan 1, noon: Terms end for current GLD Director/Vice Director. Newly
> elected/re-elected Director/Vice Director terms begin.
>
> 73,
>
> Jim
>
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
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> k8je@...
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
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3747. Fw: Southwest Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium, January 12th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-11 17:02:14 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3747 Message: 3747

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: K8CM <K8CM@...>
To: illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2007 8:58:05 AM
Subject: [illinoisdigitalham] SWO Digital and Technical Symposium

The 22nd annual Southwest Ohio Digital and Technical Symposium will
be held from 8 AM to approximately 4:30 PM EST, Saturday, January 12,
2008 in Thesken Hall, on the Middletown Campus of Miami University,
Middletown, Ohio.

Symposium planners have issued a "call for papers" and
presenters. If you have a particular related subject of interest
which you'd like to present, or know of someone who is qualified to
present, please contact Jay Slough, K4ZLE <K4ZLE@...>.

If you have not attended previously, here's some additional
information. This symposium is unusual in that there are no
attendance fees, there is no flea market and there is no commercial
sponsorship. It is not a way to raise money; rather, it is a way to
raise the knowledge level of ham radio-related technology. In
addition to the formal presentations, informal sharing of information
is encouraged through a demonstration room and one-on-one
conversations and small group discussions.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the 22nd Annual Southwest
Ohio Digital and Technical Symposium on Saturday, January 12,
2008. Check http://www.swohdigi.org/ for future updates on the agenda.

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http://mobile.yahoo.com/;_ylt=Ahu06i62sR8HDtDypao8Wcj9tAcJ

3748. New Tool Max items for Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-12 17:52:49 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3748 Message: 3748

I still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

We will be closing on Saturday until January. Look for a FREE inside swap and shop in January on one Saturday of the month.
Stop in during the week or call me for a off time to come in if Saturday is the only day you can come in.
I will continue to send out message 1 time a week with new items that come in on consignment.

New this week From Fred KB8UPX
Cushcraft AR-6 6 meter Ringo like new $25
Cushcraft AR-2 2 meter Ringo Antenna $20
Cushcraft 222 5 Eleament 220mhz Beam $25
LDG Electronics Z11 Automatic Antenna Tuner $50
Yaesu FT-790R II UHF All Mode Radio $80
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J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
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300 ohm twin lead 50Ft $10.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
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Laser pointers $2 ea
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Signalcrafter SW-77C SWR meter $5
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
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MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
MFJ 407C keyer $15
Code Key $15
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
6-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $135
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up
Other items coming in Daily

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply
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E Mail toolmax@...

3749. For Sale: Battery for TH-D7AG (PB-39)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-14 15:52:46 UTC
From: Zach Lassiter
Topic: 3749 Message: 3749

I lost my Kenwood TH-D7AG radio when I moved about a year ago, but I still have the spare battery I have. Its in good cosmetic shape, with no damage visible or cracks on the plastic tabs.

I'm asking $15 for it if picked up or handed off at a local amateur radio club (Kalamazoo Area) meeting or will ship to someone at cost of shipping.

Thanks,

Zach Lassiter

zach@...

http://www.thezach.net <http://www.thezach.net/>

3751. Re: Fw: Is a New Solar Cycle About to Begin?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-15 00:08:58 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3750 Message: 3751

Yes!!!

The crawl in my web browser says the solar flux is 92. When was the last time we saw that high a number? And I was trying to break the pile-up on an ET earlier today. No joy there (no joy breaking the pile-up that is, but great happiness even hearing the DX) although we will look forward to the Pakistan that will get on the air rather soon. Gosh I wish the tower were constructed. Hi!

Maybe I need to take a road trip to the clubhouse shack.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3752. Re: Fw: Is a New Solar Cycle About to Begin?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-15 00:31:23 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3750 Message: 3752

". . . look forward to the Pakistan . . ."

Oops! Meant the E4, Palestine. He has been spotted on both eighty
and forty meters. Let the fun begin!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3753. Is a New Solar Cycle About to Begin?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-15 01:47:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3753 Message: 3753

NASA Science News for December 14, 2007
The solar physics community is abuzz this week. No, there haven't been any great eruptions or solar storms. The source of the excitement is a modest knot of magnetism that popped up on the sun, possibly heralding the start of a new solar cycle.

FULL STORY at
http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2007/14dec_excitement.htm?list882656

Check out our RSS feed at http://science.nasa.gov/rss.xml!

3754. Opinion please...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-16 15:39:50 UTC
From: Jim Miller
Topic: 3754 Message: 3754

I saw this station advertised on qrz.com:

http://www.qrz.com/ib-bin/ikonboard.cgi?s=205b4b17bcd80718053fa832ea5986\
6e;act=ST;f=1;t=176986
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It's older, but the reviews that I have looked at say this is a pretty good rig. I emailed the seller with a list of questions.

For a little less money I can get a used Yaesu 857. I would still need to purchase a power supply and tuner.

Which, in your opinion, is the better way to go?

I am going to upgrade to general in January and am looking for a rig to get on the HF bands. I would like to purchase a set up that I will be able to use for the next several years.

I will be operating from an appartment using some kind of simple antenna. I was considering the MFJ-1622.

Any suggestions or opinions would be greatly appreciated!

Jim - kd8fcv

3755. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Opinion please...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-16 17:28:37 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3754 Message: 3755

Jim I would go with the 857 a tunner and power supply its is an all band allmode rig and if you ever want to go hf mobil your all set . John kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: Jim Miller
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2007 10:39 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Opinion please...

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3759. Re: Opinion please...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-17 15:20:38 UTC
From: Charlie Chapman
Topic: 3754 Message: 3759

Wow, I can't say that I've had experience with the 301, but it came out in 1976!!!! No contest, I'd get the 857 if it was only between the two of them. I have an FT-897 which is the same "brain" as the 857 and find it a nice, modern radio.

Charlie, KB8SFR

3760. Re: Opinion please...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-17 16:53:10 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3754 Message: 3760

My two cents worth:

I agree that a newer rig would be a better choice. You might have trouble getting service for such an older rig. Or you might argue that all its problems have been resolved?

I'm an Icom guy and have a 735 that works great. It has been in the "hospital" a few times. The fix-it guy is good, friendly, and handy. I have no experience with Yaesu.

You don't need the power supply, rig, and antenna tuner from the same manufacturer. Power supplies, in particular, are inexpensive. And there are great manufacturers who make automatic antenna tuners that work wonderfully with all rigs.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3761. Re: Opinion please...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-17 17:03:18 UTC
From: Jim Miller
Topic: 3754 Message: 3761

Ok, so a newer rig it is!

Now for the great debate... why did you choose Icom over Yaesu? I currently have a Yaesu 7800 in my truck and love it (of course it's the only one I have had, so I have nothing to compare it to).

Thanks again for the help.

Jim-kd8fcv

3762. New items at Tool Max

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-17 18:16:54 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3762 Message: 3762

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E Mail toolmax@...

3763. Re: Opinion please...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-17 20:38:23 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3754 Message: 3763

Why Icom, or Kenwood, or Yaesu? Its probably because of the mobile rig we first purchased. Or the other radio brand was available for a reasonable price. Or the wind blew just right. There are a ton of reasons. Your idea of staying with Yaesu has as much merit as my reason I'm using Icom.

I'd suggest you choose a newer rig from the 1990s or later. Get a hundred watts or more (life's too short for QRP in your early stages) and don't worry about the specifications too much. QST has likely reviewed the rig and you will certainly find reviews on eHam. They won't sway you much either way but are good reading. You will be able to stuff bells and whistles inside as you learn you need a CW filter or another microphone.

If I were doing it over I'd ask around a club meeting to see what other hams might have to offer. The other ham won't stick you with a lousy rig at a too high price because you'll eventually find out and he knows you'll be around for a few years to remind him of the poor treatment. Or get with KB8VEE and get one of his consignment rigs.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3764. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Opinion please...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-17 20:51:10 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3754 Message: 3764

Jim the ft857 is yaesu and not icom
----- Original Message -----
From: Jim Miller
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2007 12:03 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Opinion please...

Ok, so a newer rig it is!

Now for the great debate... why did you choose Icom over Yaesu? I currently have a Yaesu 7800 in my truck and love it (of course it's the only one I have had, so I have nothing to compare it to).

Thanks again for the help.

Jim-kd8fcv

3765. Re: Opinion please...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-17 21:59:53 UTC
From: ke8fo
Topic: 3754 Message: 3765

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Jim Miller" <kd8fcv@...> wrote:
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> I saw this station advertised on qrz.com:
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http://www.qrz.com/ib-bin/ikonboard.cgi?s=205b4b17bcd80718053fa832ea5986\
> 6e;act=ST;f=1;t=176986

Jim: I would agree, that's a little much for an old rig. Search around eham.com classifieds and see what comes up. Try eBay, too.

3766. 4 New Extras

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-18 02:22:22 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 3766 Message: 3766

Congrats go out tonight to four students from the Holland Amateur Radio Club "Extra Class" class.
Studying for ten weeks, these four took and passed the Extra:

Tonight, at the Holland Red Cross:

Chris, KC8RQT
Pete, W8BUX
Jim, KB8VZY

and Sunday morning at the Lowell Hamfest,

Charlie, N8HMD

If you hear any of these four on the radio, stop and pat them pn the back for the hard studying they did.

73

Tom Bosscher K8TB

3767. Re: Opinion please...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-18 16:56:30 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 3754 Message: 3767

Jim- also, please be aware that the FT-301 was available in both a QRP (10W) and 100W model. The 10W model had an accessory outboard amp available, which is HIGHLY sought after yet today. It was the FL-110. I have owned an FT-301 QRP model, with the amplifier. It was a very good radio for it's vintage. I'm not sure if it would matter to you, but if my memory serves me correctly, you could fit the volume of about 4 or 5 FT-857's inside the FT-301. It was quite a good sized rig. I think I know a ham who owns one yet, if you wanted to test drive one before you purchase. Contact me direct, if you need his info. I would agree that you are better off spending your hard earned $$ on a used (LOCAL) late model rig. Same goes for the tuner and power supply. Go get that upgrade!!!!

73-
Greg, KC8HXO

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> 66e;act=ST;f=1;t=176986>
>
> It's older, but the reviews that I have looked at say this is a pretty
> good rig.

SNIPPED

3768. Anybody in West Michigan homebrew their own equipment?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-19 16:46:50 UTC
From: Curt
Topic: 3768 Message: 3768

Just wondering who's near me (in GR) that's interested in building ham equipment. I'm always looking for tips, help and parts to swap, etc. I haven't finished too many projects but I've done a fair amount of experimenting and I have a nice parts stockpile.

Curt, K8AI

3769. New DXCC entity

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-19 21:07:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3769 Message: 3769

Good News for all the DXers in the audience:

From: ARRL Web site www.arrl.org

The ARRL DXCC Desk is pleased to announce the addition of St Barthelemy (FJ) to the DXCC List, making the island entity number 338 with an effective date of 14 December, 2007. Cards with contacts dated December 14, 2007 or after will be accepted for DXCC credit. New card submissions for St Barthelemy will not be accepted until January 1, 2008 in order to allow time for administrative adjustments.

3770. Re: Anybody in West Michigan homebrew their own equipment?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-19 21:29:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3768 Message: 3770

Hi, Curt:

I have a Heathkit HW-9 which has a sick receiver, and maybe a parasitic or two in the PA which I need to troubleshoot. I'm 99.44% sure it has some "dry" electrolytic capacitors because it has been sitting on the shelf for something like 10 years or more. The rig works, but the audio out is mushy and very low compared. I made a successful contact with it, but the transmitter output is finiky with tuning of the antenna matchbox. The HW-9 was known for having parasitics, but I didn't notice them earlier when I first build the rig back in the 80's.

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Earlier in my ham career I designed and did troubleshooting on a 100 watt transmitter. I had trouble because I screwed up and connected the rotor of the split stator capacitor to the center tap of the coil on a push pull output stage. It took me several weeks to figure out why I was getting two dips in the final current - that's when I found that the ARRL's Technical Informaton Service was very worthwhile!

What kind of projects do you have up your sleeve right now?

73 de n8xx Hg

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3771. Re: Anybody in West Michigan homebrew their own equipment?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-19 22:41:34 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3768 Message: 3771

Only tangentially related: Have you discovered Solder Smoke? Plug into your browser: http://www.soldersmoke.com/ An interesting podcast is available every two or so weeks. The folks hanging around there do quite a bit of soldering and building.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

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3772. Re: New DXCC entity

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-19 22:44:23 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3769 Message: 3772

You all know how I like to brag. I scored FJ from the MAARC clubhouse on twenty meters, phone. The Caribbean is a rather easy chip shot from Michigan. Gosh there were or are a lot of lids transmitting over the DX. Ugly.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3773. HARC Tech/General class

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-21 12:13:59 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3773 Message: 3773

Winter Class Offering:

The Holland Amateur Radio Class again will offer a technician/General licensing class. Pass the word to your friends and relatives that they too can get on the air and talk across the country and around the world. Even though bands have been rough for phone other means are available such as Ecko Link and IRLP.

A class to learn and practice cw will also be offered. Since there are no longer licensing requirements, this will be for fun and no fee. Just learn a new way to communicate.

WHAT? TECH/GENERAL LICENSING CLASS

WHERE? HOLLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 280 E. 8TH ST. HOLLAND

WHEN? MONDAY, JANUARY 14 FOR TEN WEEKS 7:15 PM.

COST? FEE $20 AND $20 IF YOU NEED A BOOK

CONTACT? ED HEYBOER, KF8EV
616-772-4811
EHEYBOER@...

3774. Coffee Break, 12/22/2007, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-21 13:57:35 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3774 Message: 3774

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday December 22, 2007
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(This event repeats every week.)
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3775. Re: Anybody in West Michigan homebrew their own equipment?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-21 15:11:12 UTC
From: Curt
Topic: 3768 Message: 3775

Hank, I could probably help with the SMD stuff. I've held certification in surface mount soldering, etc. and I do SMT repairs at work and I like to use it in my ham experiments and projects.

A current project that I started a year or so ago is a 6m transverter. I completed the RX converter portion but I ran into a snag with a driver stage to drive the final stages of the TX. I'm planning on giving it another "go" with another driver amp circuit.

Another project I sure would like to finish is a 80m CW transciever. The snag I ran into with that is a not-so-sensitive RX. I put together a single-stage superhet with a SBL-1 for the mixer and product detector, a 9.6MHz xtal filter, a MC1350P IF amp and a LM386 AF amp. I think my problem is that I need a post-mixer amp. I just got tired of these setbacks and put the thing away. Well, now I'm interested again...

Last year I ordered all the parts I could wish for to homebrew and now it's just a matter of putting them together in the right order to create something :)

Curt, K8AI

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> >
> > Curt, K8AI
>

3776. Thanks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-22 01:16:13 UTC
From: muskegonjimquay
Topic: 1083 Message: 3776

All ,

My wife and I would like to thank you for the Christmas gift , well wishes and support .
It is very difficult being on the receiving side . It is comforting knowing that so many care .
Merry Christmas

73

Mark Strait and Family

3777. need Ic ca3028a

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-22 01:48:41 UTC
From: Ben Docter
Topic: 3777 Message: 3777

Hi all , I am trying to get a homebrew receiver receiving again. I am in need of a ca3028a ic. Does anyone have one around. These things are getting rather hard to find. Digikey has some but I was hoping to find one a little closer. Ben k8ar

3778. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Thanks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-22 02:05:59 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 1083 Message: 3778

You are most welcome Mark,

The club events sure haven't been the same without you and your family there. We look forward to hearing you on the air hopefully in the near future. Merry Christmas to you and your family.

73' de Tom W8AMZ

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Looking for last minute shopping deals? Find them fast with Yahoo! Search.

3779. Re: need Ic ca3028a

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-22 11:21:24 UTC
From: Curt
Topic: 3777 Message: 3779

I think the equivalent is a ECG724 (now, NTE724). They might have them
at SF Supply or T&W in Grand Rapids, I don't know.

Curt, K8AI

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3780. Re: Fw: Is a New Solar Cycle About to Begin?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-22 14:08:55 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3750 Message: 3780

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Al Pepping" <kv8x@...> wrote:
>
> It's FINALLY here !!!!!....we hope......KV8X
>

Then, when all hope is alive, comes this from the ARRL's propagation bulletin:

Sunspot 978 held no indication for the next sunspot cycle, because the magnetic polarity was the same as spots from Cycle 23, which is now ending. It was also at mid-latitude, and spots from a new cycle tend to be high latitude. But there was quite an interest this week in a high-latitude area of reverse magnetic polarity. So far this has not turned into an actual sunspot, so we wait. You can read about it at, http://sidc.oma.be/news/100/welcome.html.

Back in the 60's were there some folks from California who did sun dances and cheered the coming sun spot cycle? Where are these friends now? It must be a lost art. Hi

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3781. WhatLocalRestaurantsOfferFreeBirthdayMeal?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-22 15:29:01 UTC
From: gary_lauff
Topic: 3781 Message: 3781

Hi all, four students of the Holland ARC Amateur Extra class took the Extra test at the Holland Red Cross, Monday, December 17th, and passed: Chuck / N8HMD, Chris / KC8RQT, Pete / W8BUX, and Jim / KB8VZY. Congratulations to all four of you!
P.S. It's my sister's birthday today! Does anybody know which local restaurants currently offer free birthday meals? I am financially tapped out for Christmas, but would still like to celebrete her day. I would appreciate any information, as I don't get out to restaurants very often.
73, and Merry Christmas to all,
Gary / KD8AZM

3783. Re: need Ic ca3028a

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-22 20:59:56 UTC
From: Curt
Topic: 3777 Message: 3783

I see Dan's Small Parts (Ebay user: twisttwinkel) has
some on Ebay:

http://cgi.ebay.com/1-Piece-RCA3028B-8-PIN-METAL-
CAN_W0QQitemZ130181281418QQihZ003QQcategoryZ4663QQcmdZViewItem

3784. Re: need lc ca3028a

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-23 16:44:15 UTC
From: Ben Docter
Topic: 3777 Message: 3784

Thanks Curt for the new hints. I will check out the nek274 on Monday. Meanwhile researching I found that the ca3053 is supposed to be a replacement also. I found the following address http://hamradio.cmcorp.com/inventory/Inventory.html who has some available on a honor system for payment providing he approves what you need it for. I apparently passed. We'll see what shows up. The Dan's link is apparently unavailable today anyway. I did look in his website and nothing was available there. Ben k8ar

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3785. Ameritron Amplifier Tour, AmateurLogic.TV Episode 18

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-24 05:08:57 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3785 Message: 3785

AmateurLogic.TV Episode 18 is now available for download.
http://www.amateurlogic.tv/blog

Ameritron builds the most popular RF linear amplifiers on the market today. Come with us behind the scenes to see what's inside them and how they are built. It's the Ameritron http://ameritron.com/ Amplifier factory tour, where you will learn all about these tube type and solid state amplifiers.

We hope you enjoy this 28:30 of Ham radio fun for your Christmas holiday viewing.

AmateurLogic.TV
http://amateurlogic.tv/blog

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http://www.yahoo.com/r/hs

3786. Satscape TV

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-24 05:13:13 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3786 Message: 3786

Satscape TV

Satscape is one of the most popular programs for tracking Amateur Radio Satellites. Now Scott Hather G7LIU has added Satscape TV to his website.

On the website Scott says:

Satscape TV is a 24 hour TV Channel that broadcasts Videos all about Satscape, Space exploration, NASA, ESA, Amateur Radio and Amateur Satellite Radio tutorials and 'how-tos', and anything else I can think of that I think you'll want to watch.

We will also have special days where we'll put the serious stuff to one side and have a "comedy day", or some other theme, so what do you need to watch Satscape TV?

You probably already have everything, just a web browser and Flash installed, it works on Windows, Linux and Mac (much like Satscape for Java!).

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http://www.satscape.co.uk/download.html

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know-it-all with Yahoo! Mobile. Try it now.
http://mobile.yahoo.com/;_ylt=Ahu06i62sR8HDtDypao8Wcj9tAcJ

3787. MFJ Enterprises Interview, AmateurLogic.TV Episode 16

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-24 06:16:11 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3787 Message: 3787

Episode 16: MFJ Enterprises Interview

October 12th, 2007

AmateurLogic.TV Episode 16 is now available for download.
http://www.amateurlogic.com/downloads.htm

It’s another fun packed episode.
George has a very interesting interview with Martin F. Jue, President and founder of MFJ Enterprises http://www.mfjenterprises.com/.

Peter demonstrates his WokTenna from the mountain tops downunder.
Tommy talks about the automatic tuning Yaesu ATAS-120 mobile antenna.
Jim has another Network Tools segment featuring the powerful Netstat.

And George demonstrates the Softrock Software Defined Radio using the M0KGK SDR decoder software http://www.m0kgk.co.uk/sdr/index.php.

It’s 55:20 of AmateurLogic you don’t want to miss.

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http://tools.search.yahoo.com/newsearch/category.php?category=shopping

3788. Reward for Capture of a convicted criminal

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-26 03:50:50 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3788 Message: 3788

A reward of 500 micro farads is offered for information leading to the arrest of this desperate criminal Hop-A-Long Capacity

This unrectified criminal escaped from a western primary cell where he had been clamped in ions awaiting the gauss chamber.

He was charged with the induction of an 18 turn coil named Milli Henry who was found choked and robbed of valuable joules. He is armed with a carbon rod and is a potential killer.

Capacity is also charged with driving DC motor over a Wheatstone bridge and refusing to let the band-pass. If encountered, he may offer series of resistance.

The electromotive force spent the night searching for him in a magnetic field, where he had gone to earth. They had no success and believed he had returned ohm via a short circuit. He was last seen riding a kilocycle with his friend eddy current who was playing a harmonic.

73

3789. How NOT to install an antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-26 18:57:03 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3789 Message: 3789

Nothing more needeth be sed

http://www.hamsexy.com/cms/?p=929

3791. Re: [WestMichiganHams] How NOT to install an antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-26 23:27:44 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3789 Message: 3791

I hope the rest of the rungs on the ladder are better than the top one......
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 6:02 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] How NOT to install an antenna

I saw that yesterday. Actually, if you look real close you can see that she is leaning right against the tri-plex. I wonder why they did her the favor of not having her face visible? Someone that stupid should be identified so people know enough to stay away from her, or ever let her anywhere near a tool.

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: West Michigan Hams
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2007 01:57
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] How NOT to install an antenna

Nothing more needeth be sed

http://www.hamsexy.com/cms/?p=929

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.516 / Virus Database: 269.17.9/1197 - Release Date: 12/25/2007 8:04 PM

3792. Re: How NOT to install an antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-27 02:20:50 UTC
From: Curt
Topic: 3789 Message: 3792

Yeah, it looks like a wad of duct tape holding the top rung
together.

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
wrote:
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3793. Fw: ARLX008 New Prefix for Bosnia-Herzegovina Officially Announced

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-27 15:48:30 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3793 Message: 3793

Here's something for all you dxers out there.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@...>
To: <tbehler@...>
Cc: <Subscribed ARRL Members:>
Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2007 9:28 AM
Subject: ARLX008 New Prefix for Bosnia-Herzegovina Officially Announced

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> ARLX008 New Prefix for Bosnia-Herzegovina Officially Announced
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> ZCZC AX08
> QST de W1AW
> Special Bulletin 8 ARLX008
> From ARRL Headquarters
> Newington CT December 27, 2007
> To all radio amateurs
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> ARLX008 New Prefix for Bosnia-Herzegovina Officially Announced
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> In response to a request from the Ministry of Communications and
> Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina in August, the International
> Telecommunication Union (ITU) withdrew the call sign prefix
> allocation T9A-T9Z for Bosnia and Herzegovina and made a new
> allocation, E7A-E7Z. The change was made initially on a provisional
> basis under authority of the ITU Secretary-General and was confirmed
> by the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference to be effective
> November 17, 2007.
>
> According to International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Secretary
> David Sumner, K1ZZ, the Ministry of Communications and Transport
> (BiH) held a press conference in Sarajevo on December 18 to formally
> announce the change. Minister Dr Bozo Ljubic explained the
> desirability of changing a prefix that initially was allocated
> during wartime and how it was now being replaced with one that has
> no connection to that troubled time; similar steps have been taken
> with regard to passports, drivers' licenses and automobile
> registrations, he said. Ljubic also observed that the costs
> associated with the change were minimal compared to the benefits.
>
> Amateur Radio station licenses bearing E7 prefixes will be issued
> beginning in January 2008, and the use of other prefixes will be

> phased out.
>
> Sumner and IARU Region 1 President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, of Norway,
> were invited to speak at the press conference. Accompanying them
> was IARU Region 1 Executive Committee member Nikola Percin, 9A5W, of
> Croatia. They expressed congratulations and support for the change,
> eliminating an issue that has complicated relations among the radio
> amateurs of Bosnia-Herzegovina.
>
> Also invited to speak was Miroslav Nikse, President of the Union of
> Radioamateur Associations of Bosnia and Herzegovina (URAS), a
> recently formed umbrella organization of amateur radio associations
> based in different parts of the country. He thanked those involved
> in promoting the change. In his remarks, Dr Ljubic pledged support
> from the Ministry of Communications and Transport to the umbrella
> organization for the development of Amateur Radio repeater and
> digital networks that would cover the whole of the country,
> enhancing emergency communications capabilities.
> NNNN
> /EX
>

3794. Re: Fw: ARLX008 New Prefix for Bosnia-Herzegovina Officially Announced

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-27 20:01:56 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3793 Message: 3794

All:

There are tons of various wallpaper to chase. One interesting one is the WPX which CQ Magazine awards for contacts with over four hundred different prefixes. It's fairly easy to earn. This new prefix counts. Not to brag but I've got 1600+ QSOs in the log and over 400 prefixes. Hit a few contests and the call signs mount up.

Speaking of contests, I've been working on my presentation to the MAARC January meeting. We'll be talking about contesting. We'll look at hardware, software, propagation, and having fun in another part of the universe of ham radio. Stop in and I'm sure you'll enjoy a new tidbit and a new opportunity to "play" radio.

Bill, AB8SC

3796. Contesting for DX, Play our Game!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-27 22:17:12 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3793 Message: 3796

Yes, contests are GREAT for chasing DX. I especially enjoy the three or five days before when the DX is putting the shack together. He will often call CQ before the 'test to check out the shack. That's a great time to put a new one into the log. The competition is not so stiff.

And in a contest the exchange is short, sweet, and the DX really likes to have your QSO in the log. In and out, then chase the paperwork. That's a great way to get new ones. And the contesters seem to like sending out a card in exchange for the point in the contest.

However, your antenna problems will take you out during some juicy contests. Isn't the CQ WPX in early March? Phone? I'll have to check. I so want to get my tower together. Some really great DX is coming. Check out Clipperton Island, for example. Not that they'll be contesting. Yes, that was an official "thread drift."

Bill, AB8SC

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> "Not to brag but I've got 1600+ QSOs in the log and over 400
> prefixes."
>
> You were using an antenna, weren't you? :)
>
> My HF station is down due to the recent windstorms taking out my antennas. They won't be back up until spring. And then, I think I am going with a vertical as all three of the one's I have survived. (2m, 440, 10/11m all on the roof) and have been up for years without coming down, even with Category 1 hurricane force winds. Yes, that is what we had here Monday. 78 mph gusts. When we had the derechos Muskegon only clocked 62 mph winds.
>
> Cool about the presentation for contests. I have found that when the contests are on the air they provide a great means to work all sorts of DX that you wouldn't normally be able to do. I only have about 325 QSL cards from 60 or so entities but many of them came from working contest stations. All hard cards, none of this LOTW stuff, either. (My dad collects stamps, I collect *real* QSL cards.) :)
My cards are worth more to me than my radios. The radios can be replaced.
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>

3797. dx and cw question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-28 00:33:17 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3797 Message: 3797

Hello list:

Although I don't have hf right now, I will hopefully before June. My question is, do you have to be able to send CW at an extremely high rate of speed in order to break through some of those pile ups and get noticed by dx stations? I send extremely slow right now, and hopefully will get faster over time, but I don't want to be pounding away with my callsign if I can't send very fast and taking up valuable air space with that to try and get a dx station if it's required that you have to be quick on the key/paddle.

73,
Chris, w8cjs

3799. Re: [WestMichiganHams] dx and cw question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-28 01:28:25 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3797 Message: 3799

Well, what I want to do is start trying and making at least one cw contact a day, hopefully more, but at least one, so that way I can keep my practice up.

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2007 8:15 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] dx and cw question

Now you know why people want short call signs....

I still think the rule applies that you send at the rate you can reliably copy.

Send slow, but try to send LOUD. :)

Hopefully some of the better CW dudes can give you some tips on snagging that DX via CW. Hank? John?

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From: Chris Schulte
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2007 07:33
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] dx and cw question

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73,
Chris, w8cjs

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.516 / Virus Database: 269.17.11/1200 - Release Date: 12/27/2007 1:34 PM

3800. Latest wrinkle concerning FJ/OH2AM

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-28 05:23:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3800 Message: 3800

Thought the DXers in the audience would be interested in this info concerning FJ/OH2AM

Courtesy Minnesota Wireless Association

Latest FJ development

http://arp75.free.fr/Lettreaucomitedxcc_english.pdf

Seems like the French in Paris, etc., are getting involved.

73 de n8xx Hg

3801. Local boatanchor repair?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-28 13:55:14 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3801 Message: 3801

What options are there for local boatanchor repair?Say within 100 miles.Beast in question--Yeasu FT-101EX.I haven't been able to use the 10meter privileges we were given a few months ago.

73 KD8CBJ

3802. Re: dx and cw question

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-28 14:05:59 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3797 Message: 3802

Chris:

No, you do not have to send a call sign really fast. For a few reasons:

First, in contests the DX will generally send faster than he can send. He will probably be able to copy call signs faster than he can send. In a contest the intent is to log as many calls as he can. So he sends CQ fast to cut down the time it takes to get a return call. However, the DX might also send the exchange rather fast. I'll often hang around the frequency before calling and after getting into the log to get the fill on the exchange.

Second, you should get a memory keyer. You can load the keyer with your call, the exchange, and the like. Then crank the speed button to throw out the call sign. Works very well.

Third, a QSO a day is a great way to get comfortable with the code. My DX elmer has suggested this tactic. I remember a board sailor saying you won't get good at board sailing until you have fallen a thousand times. Maybe you need a few QSOs in the log before you get better with code.

Fourth, the code is intimidating. You can get into the novice parts of the bands where you are expected to work the code with training wheels. And there are nets designed to help you with code. And don't forget the FISTS guys can get you a code buddy. I'm beginning to realize it is much more putting time on the paddles than any other skill set.

Fifth, there is a rhythm to a QSO. You know this from the phone contacts you are already good at. Same with a CW QSO. And especially when you are chasing DX. I am embarrassed to tell you that my DX elmer was trying to help me get into the log of a rare DX. I was totally way off the rhythm. Totally lost. It's a bit better now. Maybe only a bit, though.

I think the great CW operators are kind and skillful folks who encourage and support. Very few CW contests go by that I don't marvel at the "fraternity" of the code. And I'm nowhere near ready to pledge.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3803. Re: Local boatanchor repair?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-28 15:39:11 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3801 Message: 3803

I'd drop into a club meeting in Muskegon. There are any number of boat anchor folks who generally attend. And it is such a small community that they all know each other.

Or give Doran, WA8EOW a call. He has repaired one or more rigs for hams in the recent past.

Bill, AB8SC

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Paul" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
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> miles.Beast in question--Yeasu FT-101EX.I haven't been able to use the
> 10meter privileges we were given a few months ago.
>
> 73 KD8CBJ
>

3805. Sat. Jan 19 Free inside Swap and Shop

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-28 18:13:47 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3805 Message: 3805

I still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

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3 Standard HX 320 Business Band Radio $10
1 Regency H600B UHF Mobile Business Band Radio $25
1 APC Interruptible back up supply $35
1 Ampprobe Clamp-Pn Meter $15
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
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3806. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Local boatanchor repair?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-28 18:31:06 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 3801 Message: 3806

Paul,

Contact Dave kc8pcl@... . He lives in Grand Rapids and services commercial as well as Amateur radios. He's retired and does an excellent job.

73

de Tom KD8DEG
----- Original Message -----
From: Paul
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2007 8:55 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Local boatanchor repair?

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73 KD8CBJ

3808. Fw: Last chance to work all of the Canadian Provinces for 2007 HF Challenge

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-28 20:52:02 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3808 Message: 3808

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: ah6ez <ah6ez@...>
To: frrl@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2007 12:34:19 PM
Subject: [frrl] Last chance to work all of the Canadian Provinces for 2007 HF Challenge

In case you did not know, there is a Canadian Day HF contest from 0000
to 2359 UTC on December 29 where you may be able to work the rest of
the Canadian Provinces missing from your HF Challenge worksheet.

The suggested CW freqs on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10m is xx.025 MHz.

The suggested Phone frequencies are 1850,3775,7075(not our phone
band), 14175,21250,and 28500.

The exchange you give is RST and serial number.

By the way, I am just looking for VE8. I hope the propagation Gods
smile on me...

73, Dick AH6EZ

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3811. Ham Radio BrowserToolbar and PocketDigi & Mobile Log forWindows Mobile/PocketPC PDAs by N0HR

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-29 05:13:01 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3811 Message: 3811

N0HR Software & Resources

N0HR's ham radio website, http://www.n0hr.com has many free resources for ham radio:

The Ham Radio Toolbar for Internet Explorer & Firefox:
http://www.n0hr.com/Ham_Radio_Toolbar.htm

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Features of the HamLinks ham radio toolbar
Here are a few of the features of the HamLinks ham radio toolbar.
Powerful search box. Simply enter some text in the box or select it in your browser, then use the search menu to quickly search any of the following:
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Ham Radio Links (search the links directory)
Product reviews (select a ham radio product and instantly find reviews for it!)
Ham Radio Classifieds at eHam and QTH.com (select a product and see if there are any for sale). Of course, you can also find ham radio products at eBay as well further down the menu.
Links to popular ham radio websites.
Access to the DXpedition Map.
Ham Radio Blog Feeds
Customizable email notifier and weather icon
UTC Time
WWV gadget to show propagation bulletins
Podcast player with ham radio related podcasts
Propagation Data from WWV - similar to Propfire

PocketDigi for Windows Mobile and PocketPC PDAs:
http://www.n0hr.com/PocketDigi/PocketDigi_intro.htm

What is PocketDigi?
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MobileLog PocketPC PDA Logbook Application:
http://www.n0hr.com/MobileLog/MobileLog_2_Tour.htm

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3812. RE: SPAMWARNING [WestMichiganHams] Ham Radio BrowserToolbar and PocketDigi & Mobile Log forWindows Mobile/PocketPC PDAs by N0HR

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-29 05:55:06 UTC
From: Zach Lassiter
Topic: 3811 Message: 3812

Can I have bacon and eggs with my spam please?

Thanks,

Zach Lassiter

HYPERLINK "mailto:zach@..."zach@...

HYPERLINK "http://www.thezach.net/"http://www.thezach.net

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Mark Thompson
Sent: Saturday, December 29, 2007 12:13 AM
To: NS9RC@yahoogroups.com; frrl@yahoogroups.com; k9bar@yahoogroups.com; amateurradiomilwaukee@yahoogroups.com; IndyHamRadio@yahoogroups.com; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com; ChicagoAmateurRadio@yahoogroups.com; Racine-Hams@yahoogroups.com
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* FindU.com (APRS location information with a call search from the hamlinks toolbar)

* Ham Radio Links (search the links directory)

* Product reviews (select a ham radio product and instantly find reviews for it!)

* Ham Radio Classifieds at eHam and QTH.com (select a product and see if there are any for sale). Of course, you can also find ham radio products at eBay as well further down the menu.

* Links to popular ham radio websites.

* Access to the DXpedition Map.

* Ham Radio Blog Feeds

* Customizable email notifier and weather icon

* UTC Time

* WWV gadget to show propagation bulletins

* Podcast player with ham radio related podcasts

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* WAS reports

* Save reports as CSV, Tab delimited or HTML files

* Landscape mode

* User-defined fields

* Easy to update prefixes and DXCC entities

* Advanced reports which allow you to create a filtered listing of worked or confirmed QSOs

* Logbook view

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* An improved / simplified installation process

* Automatically uses GMT

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3813. ARRL RTTY/Digital Mode Round-Up , 1/5 - 1/6

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-29 07:22:24 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3813 Message: 3813

ARRL RTTY/Digital Mode Round-Up

Date: January 5-6, 2008

Location: Baudot RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR, PSK31, and Packet—attended operation only on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands

Notes: 2008 ARRL RTTY Round-Up Rules
General Rules

Object: Amateurs worldwide contact and exchange QSO information with other amateurs using digital modes (Baudot RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR, PSK31, and Packet—attended operation only) on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. Any station may work any other station.

Date and Contest Period: First full weekend of January, but never on January 1. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 2400 UTC Sunday (January 5-6, 2008).
2.1. Operate no more than 24 hours.
2.2. The six hours of off time must be taken in no more than two blocks.

Entry Categories:
3.1. Single Operator:
3.1.1. Low Power.
3.1.2. High Power.
3.2. Multioperator, Single Transmitter:
3.2.1 Power.
3.2.1.1. Low Power
3.2.1.2. High Power
3.2.2. Stations are allowed only one transmitted signal at any given time.
3.2.3. Includes those single operators that use any form of spotting assistance such as from nets or packet.
3.2.4. Includes those that receive assistance with logging or relief operators, etc.
3.2.5. Limited to 6 band changes (maximum) in any clock hour.
3.2.6. The clock hour is from zero through 59 minutes.
3.2.7. Band changes are defined so that, for example, a change from 20 meters 15 meters and then back to 20 meters constitutes two band changes.

Exchange:
4.1. United States: Signal report and State.
4.2. Canada: Signal report and Province.
4.3. DX: Signal report and consecutive serial number, starting with 001.

Scoring:
5.1. QSO Points: Count one point for each completed QSO.
5.2. Multipliers: Each US state (except KH6 and KL7) plus the District of Columbia (DC), Canadian provinces/territories: NB (VE1, 9), NS (VE1), QC (VE2), ON (VE3), MB (VE4), SK (VE5), AB (VE6), BC (VE7), NWT (VE8), NF (VO1), LB (VO2), NU (VYØ), YT (VY1), PEI (VY2) and each DXCC country. KH6 and KL7 count only as separate DXCC entities.

5.2.1. Count only once (not once per band).
5.2.2. The US and Canada do not count as DXCC entities.

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3814. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Local boatanchor repair?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-29 12:18:04 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3801 Message: 3814

Thank you Al,right crystals,right places-para service manual.Got a 4 page schematic as a wall poster here in the lab.This is some thing I played with last winter,spent lots of time e-mailing back and forth with Fox Tango Yahoo group guys.Can't get all the way through "tune up"procedure let alone go onto alignment.So my asking for a pro.Now my Siltronix I know was C.B. hacked,but when I got it,it was hit the power-blow a fuse.A few diodes and caps.and she glows.

73 KD8CBJ

**********See AOL's top rated recipes (http://food.aol.com/top-rated-recipes?NCID=aoltop00030000000004)

3816. Two Michigan hamfest in January 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2007-12-29 20:27:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3816 Message: 3816

Two hamfests in January - both on the east side of the state - anyone going?

19 Jan 2008 + ARAY Swap 2008 - Flint, Michigan
Sponsored by Genesee County ARES, Inc. http://www.gcaresinc.org (The link to the swap doesn't work on my browser)
Bentley Middle School, 1180 North Belsay Road, Burton, MI
contact n8hxq@... <mailto:n8hxq@...> for details

20 Jan 2008 + Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club http://www.hparc.org (Nice web site and link to a flier)
Contact: Sean Fleming, K8KHZ Email: k8khz@... for details
Location Hazel Park High School, 23400 Hughes, Hazel Park, MI

3817. Welcome to 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-01 05:27:40 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3817 Message: 3817

Happy New Year and best wishes you and your families in 2008

God Bless JIm

3818. hny

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-01 05:32:46 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3818 Message: 3818

Happy 2008 from kc8uny

3819. 3905CCN work all states nets

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-02 22:29:26 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3819 Message: 3819

If anyone is interested in a worked all states net, this is one that I have checked into many times. They have a free bureau for sending QSL cards. When I am active on the nets I get an envelope of cards every few weeks. I generally send in 5-7 cards in one envelope have saved a good amount in postage.

For more information on the nets http://www.3905ccn.com/

Here are some stats for 2007.

40 METER BUREAU WM9H BUREAU
INCOMING MAIL 5,738 PCS
OUTGOING MAIL 6,793 PCS
TOTAL WT 783 LBS
SASES ON FILE 9,063
THIS EQUATES TO APROX 50,000 TO 70,000 QSL CARDS

Other 3905CCN Bureau,s except the 40M bureau
INCOMING MAIL 11,949 PCS
OUTGOING MAIL 10,912 PCS
TOTAL WT 1,428 LBS
SASES ON FILE 13,633

3820. Re: 3905CCN work all states nets

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-03 00:59:30 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3819 Message: 3820

Jim:

As you know, and as those in our audience should know, this organization is an excellent one to use when chasing wallpaper like the Worked All States from the ARRL. This organization also has other fun ways to enhance the experience from working their club officers to working YLs and such. These folks have tremendous fun and provide a great service.

I, too, highly recommend their nets.

Bill, AB8SC

3821. Launch of 30m balloon beacon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-03 22:49:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3821 Message: 3821

put your ears on for 10.1257 KHz 0300Z this evening.....

From: <GQRP@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, 03 January, 2008 04:19 PM
Subject: [GQRP] attempt to fly a Amateur Beacon across atlantic

Hello,

An attempt to fly a amateur beacon across the atlantic is going to
happen at 0300 etc Friday morning.

http://www.spiritofknoxville.com

the frequency is 10.1257 mhz.

at the last attempt 4 weeks ago the beacon ended up in the sea 400 miles
from the us coast.

Best Wishes Martin 2E0AYQ<

3822. ham in a day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-04 01:13:52 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3822 Message: 3822

Hello to all. January 26 2008 the North Ottawa ARC will hold are second ham in a day class and testing session at the Grand Haven community center in the Raritan room starting at 8:30 am until 3:00 pm testing to start at 2:00 walk ins and upgrades are welcome . the books are the Gordon west technicians manual that are in stock at tool max . if you know anyone that is interested contact John Fischer at 616-402-0665 or kc8uny @ arrl.net

3823. FT-7800R memory battery?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-04 13:04:13 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3823 Message: 3823

Does my FT-7800R have a memory battery?Manual and schematics doesn't show one.

73 KD8CBJ

3824. Silent Key

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-04 13:44:28 UTC
From: Ross
Topic: 3824 Message: 3824

HEYKOOP, MR. GERALD E. Widower of Betty Muskegon Mr. Gerald E. "Jerry" Heykoop, age 81 died Monday evening, December 31, 2007, at Mercy Hospital following a short illness. He was born May 7, 1926 in Shelby Twp., MI to Leonard & Minnie (TenBrink) Heykoop; and had resided in the Muskegon area most of his life. Immediately following high school graduation, Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during WW II as a Radio Man. On October 13, 1950 he married the former Betty J. Zuidema and she preceded him in death, on May 16, 2007. He was also preceded in death by his infant daughter, Bonnie. Together, Jerry and Betty started and owned White Lake Electronics, a Radio Shack franchise for 12 years prior to his retirement in 1992. He was a member of Bethany Christian Reformed Church and had volunteered as a board member and usher for the Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts for many years. Jerry was also an Amateur Radio Operator (W8EHO) and loved organic gardening. SURVIVORS include 4 children, Ken Heykoop of Thailand, Sally (Dave) Wagenmaker of Muskegon, Peggy (Kelly) Drake of North Muskegon and Terry (Leanne) Heykoop of Fremont; 9 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Louis (Donna) Heykoop of New Era and by 2 sisters, Wilma Vannette of Holland and Carol (Ed) Wiers of Marne. SERVICES will be 10 AM Saturday, January 5, 2008 at Bethany Christian Reformed Church with the Rev. David Sieplinga officiating. Burial will be in Restlawn Cemetery. VISITATION with Jerry's family will be 5-8 PM Friday at The Sytsema Chapel Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 737 Apple Avenue 231-726-5210 MEMORIAL GIFTS may be made to the Endowment Funds of Muskegon Christian School or Western Michigan Christian High School or to Harbor Hospice. You are also invited to sign the family's On-line Guest Book @ www.sytsemafh.com

Published in the Muskegon Chronicle on 1/3/2008.

3825. Tool Max Message this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-04 16:10:25 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3825 Message: 3825

I still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

Mark your calendar for Saturday January 19 for FREE inside Swap and Shop.
Bring your items to sell and a table from 9AM-12PM
Call me for your reservation. 231 798-7898

No New items this week

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea
HF Antenna 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $8
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

We are the only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.

Technician Class $18.95
General Class $20.95
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)

300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

HP PDA Pocket PC Model Jornada 545 16MB Ram Color PDA $100
Paum Zire Black & White PDA $30
Radio Shack Model 12-259 Hand Held Weather Radio $30
Radio Shack PRO-94 1000 Channel Handheld Trunking Scanner $75
Icom W21AT 2 meter/440 Hand held with BP-130 AA Bat. pack and PB-132 Bat Pack $100
Arrow 222 5 Element 220mhz Beam $25
Yaesu FBA-8 Battery Pack for above Radios $25
3 Standard HX 320 Business Band Radio $10 ea.
1 Regency H600B UHF Mobile Business Band Radio $25
1 APC Interruptible back up supply $35
1 Ampprobe Clamp-Pn Meter $15
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
High Gain DB-1015 3 Element HF beam for 10/15 meters $25
Channel Master light duty Rotor with control box and cable $20
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25

Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
6-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $125 New lower price
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the Tool and Ham Radio retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 just north of the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant (Now tore down) in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios parts for sale. For more information call or e mail Tom KB8VEE at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3827. Re: FT-7800R memory battery?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-05 02:05:16 UTC
From: kc8rqt
Topic: 3823 Message: 3827

Paul,

The Yaesu FT-7800 does not have a memory battery as some of the older rigs do. The FT-7800 uses a memory chip(non volatile memory)to store all of your radios information. If you remove the radio from a power source it will keep all it's memory information.

I hope this helps.

Chris
KC8RQT

73

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Paul" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
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> show one.
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> 73 KD8CBJ
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3828. This is Homebrewing at its Finest

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-05 06:03:27 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 3828 Message: 3828

The following comes from another group. Fascinating. Enjoy.

Laryn K8TVZ

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Thanks to Rod Wallberg KB8DNS for this pointer....

Trust me guys, you really want to watch this video all the way through...

<http://paillard.claude.free.fr/>

The Babelfish translation service is here:
<http://babelfish.altavista.com/babelfish/tr>

Plug in his URL, select "French to English" and hit "Translate".

And in true McGuyver style, he starts out with a Swiss army knife.

Mike WA6ILQ

3829. Next FJ Operation Begins Tomorrow (1/6)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-05 16:23:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3829 Message: 3829

See details at:

http://www.f6exv.org/index.html

3830. Re: Next FJ Operation Begins Tomorrow (1/6)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-06 00:41:39 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3829 Message: 3830

Let me see . . .

Suffer another mid winter thaw and then the inevitable snow storm (or THREE) or bask in the sun on a Caribbean Island? Oh the difficulty! Pile-up management is just so difficult! I wonder . . .

> http://www.f6exv.org/index.html

Bill, AB8SC

3831. Re: This is Homebrewing at its Finest

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-06 04:02:54 UTC
From: muskegonjimquay
Topic: 3828 Message: 3831

I translated the french for those who do not want to use the translation service . I know French so it was easy enough to type it out for you all .

Lamps radio

Detailed history of lamps radio
Building of a transmitter using ancient lamps
Manufacture of a triode and all tools necessary for his realization
Small balance sheet of activity with the fabricated triodes

The author

Claude slob begins as many in the fifties, by the remote control of reduced models. The mechanics being one of its favourite violins of Ingres, it puts a full stop of honour to construct the motor which will equip the boat.
In 1959 he becomes F2FO and takes the exam on a transceiver AM 5 bands of his manufacture. DXCC is although quickly fastened traffic is not its " cup of tea " and serves mostly only for validating a personal realization. It gives joy therefore in heart with BLU which becomes established little by little on bands amateurs. Then a period RTTY, on re-conditioned machines comes.

His first article for Radio-ref (in 1959) is BFO for " command set " BC453 who hold attention for their remarkable selectivity. He becomes the editor of the " Analyses of magazines ", column which he will hold several years. He will also be councilman of administration of REF for 3 years.
It publishes an implement, between others, a linear booster equipped with 811, oscillographique allowing the permanent control of the quality of modulation but also the purity of the issued sign, a camera TV equipped with integrated circuits and several equipment BLU of which a transistorized transceiver which will be broadly used in motive.

It is then the realization of a station 2300 MHz then an equipment 10 GHz descriptions of which appear in Radio-ref. These two achievements are crowned on the ground by first " Frances-England " in 1968 and 1969. A superb QSO "cross-country running-band " 2,3 - 10 GHz on a 40 km distance still stays in the memory of the sacred good instants of the signatories!

Loving and respectful of the old and venerable components, he makes relive tubes of reception of the twenties by making them issue 3 watts in the band 80m in telegraphy. QSO in all Europe will be accomplished... See Broadcasting chapter QRP.

His veneration for the equipment of mister Arthur Collins, leads it to restore a certain number of transceivers Collins, and particularly the 618-T.

And then, it is to participate in its manner in the centenary of the creation of the triode by Lee De Forest in 1906, it launches into the manufacture of the mythical TM put in the point by the general Ferrié in 1915. Make a lamp, it is not so easy, but to complicate difficulty a bit, F2FO is going to construct all essentials in this plan, and particularly various pomps, of which a molecular, to acquire a space allowing job in program of the accomplished tubes.

A dozen lamps is so going to come into the world...

To prove measurements, QSO will be accomplished on the January 1st, 2005 on 80m in CW between Montrouge / 92 and Camaret / 29. Tubes are robust and will make other contacts...

The initial purpose, which was to cross Atlantic, was attained by F6BWO who accomplished of numerous QSO on 4 continents.

Work

Work

*Lamps: history of lamps radio, of their appearance in 1906 up to the advent of the transistor by 1960
*Transmitter QRP: realization of a transmitter using lamps dating former on 1925
*Triodes: manufacture of a triode TM and the necessary tools (pomps, étuve etc)
*Photographs: some photographs of stages of manufacture
*Mr Mignet (format PDF: 58 pages - 2 Mb): original document representing the manufacture of " lamps with space in électrodes 3 " by a forerunner in the twentieth
*Supplementary benefits of October 6th, 2005 (not reproduced in format PDF)
*Balance sheet of activity after one year of use of fabricated triodes (published in MEGAHERTZ magazine N ° 281 - August, 2006)

Printable versions of the first four chapters in format PDF are available below:

Lamps (left 1) 72 pages - 68 Mb
Lamps (left 2) 49 pages - 61 Mb
Transmitter QRP 41 pages - 5 Mb
Triodes (left 1) 36 pages - 31 Mb
Triodes (left 2) 25 pages - 15 Mb
Triodes (photographs) 6 pages - 24 Mb

If you want to know about it more, continue unwinding these pages.
Texts, photographs and video are of AUTHOR F2FO.

Video

Very Kewl Larry . Thanks for sharing .

73 KD8BIG

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3832. New facet of the hobby

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-06 21:37:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3832 Message: 3832

Want a new facet of hamming? Why not go retro, with vacuum tubes, but build your own.

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x3wrzo_fabrication-dune-lampe-triode_tech

Considerably beyond my capabilities, one would need a machine shop, experience with glass blowing, etc..... But, wouldn't it be a thrill to make a contact with a rig made from your own vacuum tubes? :)

73 de n8xx Hg

3833. SSB getting started

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-07 18:31:13 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3833 Message: 3833

Just got an all mode 2 meter rig.Any tips on getting started with SSB?
Or times and places to find activities?

73 KD8CBJ

3834. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSB getting started

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-07 19:31:10 UTC
From: Wilson
Topic: 3833 Message: 3834

Hi Paul,

Go to the groups site and under "files" I uploaded a spread sheet listing all the known, so far, net's from 160 M ~ 70 cm. Add any you run across to the sheet and upload it to the file's section.

73

de Tom KD8DEG

----- Original Message -----
From: Paul
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 1:31 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] SSB getting started

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Or times and places to find activities?

73 KD8CBJ

3835. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSB getting started

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-07 21:00:37 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3833 Message: 3835

Thank you.

73 KD8CBJ

**********Start the year off right. Easy ways to stay in shape.
http://body.aol.com/fitness/winter-exercise?NCID=aolcmp00300000002489

3836. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSB getting started

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-07 21:06:05 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3833 Message: 3836

OOOPs can't do spread sheet,other options?

73 KD8CBJ

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3837. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSB getting started

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-07 21:21:25 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3833 Message: 3837

There are two nets I can think off off the top of my mind. Both are on 144.155 USB. One is run every day at 8:30 AM by N9NDP in Racine, WI. The other is on Sunday nights at 9:30 PM by K8NFT in Holland.

The USB calling frequency is 144.200. The keyboard digital frequency is 144.150, and the meteor scatter calling frequency is 144.140.

At the moment, I'm down to using a half-deaf Icom 706 for 2m SSB but it's probably enough for digital, and maybe SSB if you want to set up a sked.

-Joe, N8FQ

On Mon, 07 Jan 2008 18:31:13 -0000
"Paul" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:

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> Or times and places to find activities?
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> 73 KD8CBJ

3839. Re: SSB getting started

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-08 04:08:47 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 3833 Message: 3839

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Al Pepping" <kv8x@...> wrote:
When the band
> is open, you can typically talk 200-300 miles without any problem.
Simplex
> range is around 100 miles with station using yagis.

I was on 2M SSB a number of years ago and my range was typically 200+ miles with a dead band, and up from there with better conditions. Of course there are numerous variables here.

Laryn K8TVZ
>

3840. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSB getting started

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-08 12:44:10 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 3833 Message: 3840

Don't skimp on feed line! Antenna,feedline then power and height! Can't beat that combo! DE WD8USA ...-.-

**********Start the year off right. Easy ways to stay in shape. http://body.aol.com/fitness/winter-exercise?NCID=aolcmp00300000002489

3841. ssb

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-08 15:14:44 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3841 Message: 3841

I have a spare 5 element 2meter homebrew yagi,worked great for satellite.Just polarizes it horizontal?(horizontal to the earth-non satellite).
Just hang on 144.220 usb for activety?
Local/hearable beacons?I checked DX zone didn't find much.

73 KD8CBJ

3842. FWEAVER'S WORDS -- A new year, a new beginning!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-09 02:55:45 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3842 Message: 3842

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL GL Division" <memberlist@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2008 9:51 PM
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- A new year, a new beginning!

> Message-Id: <20080109025139.B59CF30375@...>
> Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008 21:51:39 -0500 (EST)
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> [As always, please reply only to k8je@....]
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> - New Year's Resolution.
> - Regulation by Bandwidth.
> - Section VHF/UHF Nets.
> - Regulation by Bandwidth.
> - Frequency Coordinators Council, Inc.
> - SM Elections.
> - Happy nn*th Anniversary.
> - Board and EC Minutes, and Annual Reports Available.
> - 200 Meters & Down Index Available.
> - Cartoons by Gil Reprinted.
> - Just a No-Coder
> - Tentative Schedule.
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> +++ New Year's Resolution +++
>
> How about getting back a little more to the Golden Rule for our New
> Year's Resolution? Even those among us who do a decent job of living
> The Rule can probably do a little better. Certainly, we all have heard
> amateurs who do not live The Rule. Some of us may even know one or
> more of these folks. Maybe we can help them do a better job of
> observing The Rule?
>
> The resolution I propose is:
>
> "I will treat my fellow ham with courtesy, understanding and patience
> whether I am on the air or meet them in-person."
>
> +++ Regulation by Bandwidth +++
>
> By now you've probably heard there is a petition before the FCC that I
> understand would bring a form of Regulation by Bandwidth to the US.
> Before anyone jumps to the wrong conclusion, this petition was neither
> developed nor is it supported by ARRL.
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> How can I be sure of this? I would have had to vote on a motion to
> develop or to support the proposal. This had not happened and is not
> scheduled to happen at our Board meeting next week.
>
> So far as Regulation by Bandwidth is concerned, I've made the following
> statement in a number of ways, but I will make it as a straight forward
> promise to you. I will not vote in favor of a motion to support
> Regulation by Bandwidth until the time comes that its provisions are
> thoroughly understood by you and you support the idea.
>
> Regardless, of my personal conclusion, I do not believe regulating by
> bandwidth offers sufficient benefit at this time to warrant supporting
> it.
>
> One additional item is that I continue and will continue to support the
> availability of all now-legal modes of amateur operation. If the mode
> is legal today, I will continue to support its availability for amateur
> use.
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> +++ National Frequency Coordinators Council, Inc. +++
>
> I recently received a notice titled the "National Frequency
> Coordinators Council, Inc. (NFCC) Announces Reformation." Being
> unfamiliar with the NFCC, I asked what it is. You, too, may be
> interested to learn that I found there appear to be two (2) NFCCs.
>
> The original NFCC is an organization open to frequency coordinators
> from throughout the US. Its purpose is to help facilitate
> communication between local coordinator organizations and the FCC.
> This organization was founded in 2006. It has a Memorandum of
> Understanding (MOU) with the ARRL. Its web site is at
> http://www.arrl.org/nfcc/index.htm.
>
> Based upon the press release I received, the newer NFCC seems to claim
> to be a reincarnation of the original NFCC. The problem is that the
> original NFCC has never gone away. This raises questions about the
> legitimacy of the reincarnated NFCC. The new organization does not
> have an MOU with the ARRL.
>
> I learned one additional point. The original group is the National
> Frequency Coordinators' Council, Inc. uses the word coordinators in the
> possessive plural and the new group uses it in the plural, only.
> Details, details.
>
> +++ SM Elections? +++
>
> You can put this in the "I have no proof of what I say, but I'll keep
> saying it anyway" category.
>
> Someone who obviously doesn't know what he/she is talking about is

> spreading the rumor that the Board of Directors has decided to do away
> with electing Section Managers. Instead, they would supposedly be
> appointed by the Directors.
>
> This rumor is not true.
>
> As is true of many false rumors, there is a glimmer of fact in this
> one. The fact is that last July the Programs & Services Committee
> (P&S) of the Board was charged with conducting a study of all aspects
> of how ARRL Sections are administered (governed). I'm on the P&S
> Committee. In doing this study, it is necessary to all options for how
> SMs should be selected.
>
> As the first step in the study, P&S sent questionnaires to each of the
> 71 Section Managers, the officers and members of the Board and a couple
> of additional folks. I can assure everyone that P&S entered this study
> with no preconceived conclusions.
>
> We received good cooperation from the SMs and others who received our
> questionnaire. Very frankly, they provided more information than we
> could manage by the coming January Board meeting. Therefore, the study
> will most likely be extended at least until July. Nonetheless, it is
> possible to report certain aspects of the study to the Board in January
> in an interim report.
>
> Regarding the rumored coming change to appointing Section Managers,
> what I can say is that this rumor is simply false.
>
> +++ Happy nn*th Anniversary +++
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> *nn = any number.
>
> No sooner had the last issue of Words begun to arrive in in-boxes than
> I was informed of clubs in the GLD that are older than the 75 years I
> mentioned. Try these on for "size:"
>
> - The Cambridge (Ohio) ARA, W8VP, is 94 years old this December. It
> has been affiliated with ARRL since February 1946.
>
> - The Mahoning Valley ARA (Youngstown, OH) is 89 years old. As I
> understand, the group has records that show it to have been the first
> ARRL Affiliated Club in Ohio -- since 83 years ago. The club call is
> W8QLY.
>
> Congratulations CARA and MVARA for their being able to remain so active
> and to maintain interest for so many years. Thanks, too, for your
> support of the ARRL.
>
> If I've missed listing a club that has reached or is reaching a
> particularly notable age, let me know.

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> +++ Board and EC Minutes, and Annual Reports Available +++
>
> Board members and officers of ARRL occasionally are asked how members
> (and non-members) can see copies of the minutes of Board of Directors
> and Executive Committee meetings, as well as Annual Reports of the
> corporation. These have been available online for a considerable
> length of time.
>
> To access the minutes and Annual Reports, go to the ARRL web site and
> click on the ARRL Info link and then General Information. The window
> that opens next contains links to the Annual Reports, Board Meeting
> Minutes/Reports and Articles of Association and Bylaws. The EC is an
> extension of the Board; therefore, EC meeting reports are filed with
> the Board minutes.
>
> In other words, information so many people keep trying to tell you and
> others is being kept secret by the League is fully public. All one
> needs to see it is access to the Internet.
>
> +++ 200 Meters & Down Index Available +++
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> The book "200 Meters & Down" is probably the best early history of
> wireless radio in general, and particularly on Amateur Radio that
> exists. Written in 1936 by Clinton B. DeSoto the book is a must for
> anyone who wants to learn how our great radio service and wireless
> developed, and how hams played such an integral roles in advancing the
> art from its inception through the mid-'30s. DeSoto, W1DCB, wrote the
> QST article that led to establishing the ARRL DXCC program.
>
> The book was published without an index and has been "index free" ever
> since. An index to it has recently been prepared and can be found at
> www.arrl.org/?artid=7897. The book is still available.
>
> +++ Cartoons by Gil Reprinted +++
>
> For about 40 years, issues of QST carried whimsical cartoons by Philip
> "Gil" Gildersleeve, W1CJD. As one would imagine, the cartoons were
> about Amateur Radio and radio amateurs.
>
> A few copies of a collection of Gil's cartoons were available to
> bidders during the recent ARRL online Auction. They went like the
> proverbial hot cakes. Since the Auction, HQ received many requests for
> the book. Because of this, the book, "Gil: A collection of cartoons
> from QST" has been reprinted. It is available for $15.95. See
> www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=0364.
>
> +++ Just a No-Coder +++
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> If one stops and thinks about this phrase, it becomes immediately

> apparent it is not one of praise. The question is just what value does
> the phrase bring to any conversation? The blood-thirsty Romans might
> have used a similar phrase -- "just a Christian" or "just a slave"
> --back when the Cesars forced slaves and others to fight (and die) in
> the coliseum.
>
> Think about it -- "just a no-coder."
>
> Do you suppose that decades ago old-time hams referred to new licensees
> who jumped into continuous wave (not spark gap) transmitting as being
> "only CW ops?" Or do you think the CW gang referred to operators who
> used the new AM mode as "just AMers?" Or when SSB first began
> Donald-ducking on the frequencies, do you suppose CW and AM ops thought
> of them as "just SSBers?"
>
> It is the "just" or "only" or whatever other demeaning qualifier that
> is objectionable to me. The fact that the FCC no longer requires
> aspiring hams to pass a CW test is simply a fact of life. This fact of
> life does not justify ridiculing others. Rules, of one type or another
> change all the time.
>
> The important thing is that the operator has a valid Amateur Radio
> license and operates legally and courteously. My observation has been
> that amateurs who received their licenses without needing to pass a
> Morse test are no worse or no better than we who took Morse exams. The
> reverse is equally true.
>
> Newer licensees are typically not the hams who hog the frequency ("Get
> off this frequency. We've been holding our net at this time and on
> this frequency for over 25 years.") Similarly, they are typically not
> the hams who sit on a DX station and transmit a series of dits . . .
> for 30 minutes or longer. It has been my observation that these and
> other LIDisms are usually performed by us good-ole boys -- we who
> passed 13 or even 20 wpm code tests.
>
> Code proficiency does not a good amateur make.
>
> Let's stop labeling our fellow amateurs with demeaning terms. They are
> as much hams as we are. They have as much right to use the frequencies
> allowed by their licenses as we have with our licenses.
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> +++ Tentative Schedule +++
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> 2008
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> Jan 12: Southwest Ohio Digital Symposium, Middletown, OH - Jim
> Jan 17: Programs & Services Committee, Houston, TX - Jim
> Jan 18-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Houston, TX - Gary & Jim
> Jan 22: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM
> Feb 10: Mansfield, OH, Hamfest - Jim & Gary

> Mar 5: Miami Valley ARA Meeting
> Mar 20: Bellbrook ARC Dinner
> Apr 2: Lake County ARC, Painesville, OH - Jim
> Apr 14: PCARS (OH) Meeting - Jim
> Apr 22: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM
> May 16-18: Dayton Hamvention(TM) - Gary & Jim
> Jul QST 'til noon Aug 8: Nominations for Director/Vice Director are
> open.
> Jul 10: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown, OH - Jim
> Jul 17-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim & Gary
> Jul 22: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM
> Sep 21: Cincinnati Hamfest, Cincinnati, OH - Jim.
> Sep 23-Oct 1: Ballots for Director/Vice Director mailed.
> Oct 28: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM
> Nov 21, noon: Deadline for return of ballots. Ballots counted.
> Nov 22 by end of day: Candidates notified of election results.
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> 2009
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> Jan 1, noon: Current terms end for GLD Director/Vice Director. Newly
> elected/re-elected Director/Vice Director terms begin.
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> 73,
>
> Jim
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
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> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> --
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

3843. Kent County Severe Weather Spotter training 2008 Feb 21st

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-10 00:56:42 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3843 Message: 3843
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Please pass on to all who may be interested

Date: February 21st, 2008
Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Location:
Grandville Middle School Auditorium,
3535 Wilson Avenue SW, Grandville, MI 49418
Cost: FREE!
Bring yourself and a friend.

RSVP required:

http://www.kcraces.net/signup/skywarn.php

Or

spotterinfo@...

3844. OCEC - Training Reminder

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-10 21:42:18 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 3844 Message: 3844

Hello, and Happy New Year.

Just a quick email to allow everyone to review their calendars. OCEC monthly meetings are being slated for the second Thursday evening of each month. The final arrangements with Fillmore are being worked out to have access to the room, etc. Unless you hear different, please plan on the next OCEC meeting being held on February 14 (Valentine's Day).

The January OCEC meeting is not being held this month with the intend of cutting down the number of meetings we all attend in a month's time, which will hopefully allow everyone to attend this month's training meeting.

The training this month will be presented by Rich Brand KB8FXD who will share his insights as it relates to weather. The timing for this training will not only prepare us for our Spring severe weather, but also with our unique January weather. The training meeting is scheduled for January 17 at 7:00pm at Fillmore. Hope to see everyone there!

Best regards,

Steve

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3845. Coffee Break, 1/12/2008, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-11 13:55:19 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3845 Message: 3845

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Coffee Break
Saturday January 12, 2008
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for Coffee and sweets at the only Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3846. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Coffee Break, 1/12/2008, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-11 17:21:24 UTC
From: kb8vee@comcast.net
Topic: 3846 Message: 3846

THIS WAS NOT FOR THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK IS THE INSIDE SWAP AT TOOL MAX
TOM KB8VEE

---------- Original message ----------
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com

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3847. Tool Max this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-11 17:36:52 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3847 Message: 3847

I still need some more items on consignment. Bring your items in today

Mark your calendar for Saturday January 19 for FREE inside Swap and Shop.
Bring your items to sell and a table from 9AM-12PM
I only have resevations for 3 tables now Call me for your reservation. 231 798-7898

New items this week

1 KVM Switch for switching Keyboard, video, mouse on computer $10
1 Box of Large Compactors 10-12 pc total $5
2 boxs of New CR-RW Pocket CD's by Memorex $3
1 W- 4 Drake Wattmeter $20

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other items in Stock

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea
HF Antenna 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $15 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $2.50 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $8
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

We are the only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.

Technician Class $18.95
General Class $20.95
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95

ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)

300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

HP PDA Pocket PC Model Jornada 545 16MB Ram Color PDA $100
Paum Zire Black & White PDA $30
Radio Shack PRO-94 1000 Channel Handheld Trunking Scanner $75
Arrow 222 5 Element 220mhz Beam $25
Yaesu FBA-8 Battery Pack for above Radios $25
3 Standard HX 320 Business Band Radio $10 ea.
1 Regency H600B UHF Mobile Business Band Radio $25
1 APC Interruptible back up supply $35
1 Ampprobe Clamp-Pn Meter $15
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
High Gain DB-1015 3 Element HF beam for 10/15 meters $25
Channel Master light duty Rotor with control box and cable $20
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50

MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
6-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $125 New lower price
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Keychain LED lights $1.50 and up

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3848. SSB beacon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-12 03:02:44 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3848 Message: 3848

Any 2meter SSB beacons to tune into?

73 KD8CBJ

3849. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSB beacon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-12 16:27:41 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 3848 Message: 3849

Paul wrote:
>Any 2meter SSB beacons to tune into?

Paul, I am not aware of any SSB 2 meter beacons, but, APRS is a great tool to check out any 2 meter SSB radio. Where 144.200 MHz is the 2 meter SSB calling frequency, there is a gaggle of signals just above there at 144.39, for APRS. A lot of signals, and all the time. From my house I don't think there is ever more than 15 seconds without a signal, and they come from all over.

I'm off 2 meter SSB right now, had to pull the antennas off the roof to redo the roof, but they will be back up when this white stuff goes away for good.

73 de tom K8TB

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> __,-.-,--

3850. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSB beacon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-12 17:30:40 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3848 Message: 3850

Thank you Tom.Yea any consistent signal so I can get a feel for SSB is what I was looking for.I might have to try UI-VIEW again.

73 KD8CBJ

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3851. Reminder of our Monthly Training, Thurs, 1/17/08, 7:00 PM, EOC, In-depth Severe Wx

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-14 19:59:33 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 3851 Message: 3851

-----Original Message-----
From: bsmith@... [mailto:bsmith@...]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2008 3:11 PM
To: Elushik, Rick; brockj@...; Brouwer, Dave; dave356@...; Howard Fitzgerald; rafaviator@...; Hoekstra, Marv; alandbarbk@...; Dave Lamer; Lohman, Laryn; Malarik, Paul; Don Meyer; Mokma, Ron; Larry Redder; JIM TANIS; Ted VandenBrink; kb8vee@...; dphilli@...; Weersing, Dave; bsmith@...; Steve VanderHill; SINDEE MAXWELL; John Klaassen; Bill King; Bok, John; bthomas@...; csaddler@...; Gerry Dawson; Vollink, Josh; Don Stephens; Phil Metten; Rich Brand; John Fisher; Perry Zimonick; Tim Smith; Mark Jongekrijg; Mark Jongekrijg; mbennet@...; mbrookh@...; lhoekse@...
Subject: Reminder of our Monthly Training, Thurs, 1/17/08, 7:00 PM, EOC, In-depth Severe Wx

EOCVOLUNTEERScowide:

Just a reminder of our regular EOC Staff Training, scheduled for Thursday, 1/17/08, 7:00 PM at the EOC.

This months Training is the Special Severe Weather Training, presented by Rich Brand.

I can assure you it will be worth your time attending. Rich has some indepth insight on our local weather patterns that will enhance your observation and reporting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office.

Thanks

Smitty
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3852. Skywarn Training - Muskegon County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-15 05:03:09 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 3852 Message: 3852
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

All,
Please see attached flyer for the February 23, 2008 Skywarn training at Muskegon Community College.
Tom, N8YJT
Muskegon County Skywarn Coordinator

3853. Leadership Development Workshop

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-15 15:10:47 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3853 Message: 3853

All:

This weekend our Muskegon area radio club is inviting you to their annual Leadership Development Workshop. This event will train you in how our successful club operates. We will give you key leadership tips. We will brain storm on the subject of making our club even better. We will generate the year's calendar. We will also discuss the financial operation of our club. This meeting is open to you and you are extended a special invitation.

We will meet at 9 o'clock at the EOC on Oak Street in Muskegon. Use the '94 repeater as a "talk in." We will be there until the early afternoon hours. Lunch will be a version of stone soup. Please bring along a can of your favorite soup. Other fare will also be provided.

This important occasion sets the tone for the coming club year. Won't you come down and help make a difference? There are so many ways we can direct the resources in our club.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3854. ARRL VHF Sweepstakes, Saturday/Sunday, 1/19-1/20

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-15 15:23:08 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3854 Message: 3854

2008 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
General Rules
Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Foreign stations work W/VE amateurs only.
Date and Contest Period: The date will be announced annually by the ARRL but will generally be the third or fourth weekend in January. Begins 1900 UTC Saturday, ends 0400 UTC Monday (January 19-21, 2008).
Entry Categories:
3.1. Single Operator.
3.1.1. Low Power
3.1.2. High Power
3.2. Single Operator Portable
3.3. Rover.
3.3.1. Rover
3.3.2. Limited Rover
3.3.3. Unlimited Rover
3.4. Multioperator.
3.5. Limited Multioperator.
Exchange: Grid-square locator (see April 1994 QST, p 86).
4.1. Exchange of signal report is optional.
Scoring:
5.1. QSO points:
5.1.1. Count one point for each complete 50- or 144-MHz QSO.
5.1.2. Count two points for each 222- or 432-MHz QSO.
5.1.3. Count four points for each 902- or 1296-MHz QSO.
5.1.4. Count eight points for each 2.3 GHz (or higher) QSO.
5.2. Multiplier: The total number of different grid squares worked per band. Each 2 degrees x 1 degree grid square counts as one multiplier on each band it is worked.
5.3. Final score: Multiply the total number of QSO points from all bands operated by the total number of multipliers for final score.
5.4. Rovers only: The final score consists of the total number of QSO points from all bands times the sum of unique multipliers (grid squares) worked per band (regardless of which grid square they were made in) plus one additional multiplier for every grid square from which they successfully completed a contact.
5.4.1. Rovers are listed in the contest score listings under the Division from which the most QSOs were made.
Reporting:
6.1. Electronic submissions may be emailed to JanuaryVHF@... and hand-written paper logs or diskettes mailed to January VHF, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.
6.2. Entries that have been electronically generated must submit their log file in the Cabrillo file format. Paper printouts of electronic files are not acceptable substitutes.
6.3. Entries must be emailed or postmarked no later than February 20, 2008.
6.4. Entries may be submitted using the web applet at www.b4h.net/cabforms
6.5. Rovers who submit scores for the club competition must submit a second summary sheet

indicating QSOs and score if they make any contacts from outside of the club territory. Indicate clearly on the summary sheet and in log if the log is the total entry or that portion to be counted for the club score.
Miscellaneous:
7.1. Stations may be worked for credit only once per band from any given grid square, regardless of mode. This does not prohibit working a station from more than one grid square with the same call sign (such as a Rover).
7.2. Only one signal per band (6, 2, 11/4, etc) at any given time is permitted, regardless of mode.
7.3. Multi-operator stations may not include QSOs with their own operators except on frequencies higher than 2.3 GHz. Even then, a complete, different station (transmitter, receiver and antenna) must exist for each QSO made under these conditions.
Awards: Certificates will be awarded in the following categories:
8.1. Single operator.
8.1.1. Top single operator in each ARRL/RAC Section for high and low power.
8.1.2. Top single operator on each band (50, 144, 222, 432, 902, 1296 and 2304-and-up categories) in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Note: Since the highest score per band will be the award winner for that band, an entrant may win a certificate with additional single-band endorsements.) For example, if KA1RWY has the highest single-operator all-band score in the CT Section and her 50- and 222-MHz scores are higher than any other CT single operator’s, she will earn a certificate for being the single-operator Section leader and endorsements for 50 and 222 MHz.
8.2. Top single-operator portable in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Single operator portable entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
8.3. Top rover in each ARRL Division and Canada where significant effort or competition is evident. (Rover entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
8.4. Top multi-operator score in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
8.5. Top limited multioperator in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Limited multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
8.6. Top DX stations where significant effort or competition is evident.
Other:
9.1. See “General Rules for All ARRL Contests” and “General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands above 50 MHz (VHF)” in November 2001 QST or on the ARRL Web at www.arrl.org/contests
9.2. For more information contact contests@... or (860) 594-0232.

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3855. Spaghetti Dinner at the MAAR Club House

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-15 16:00:20 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 3855 Message: 3855

Spaghetti Dinner at the MAARC Club House

Saturday January 26, 2008 @ 5:00 PM

$5.00 a person

If you are concerned about transportation due to weather then contact
Bill Fries AB8SC or Tom Nickisch W8AMZ and we will arrange
transportation.

Don't forget Sat. the 26th is also Winter Field Day from 12:00 Noon ☐
12:00 Noon Sun. So come on out and help operate

3856. Annual Kent County Severe Weather Spotter Training for the 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-16 01:06:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3856 Message: 3856

Date: February 21st, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location:

Grandville Middle School Auditorium,

3535 Wilson Avenue SW, Grandville, MI 49418

Cost: FREE!

Bring yourself and a friend.

RSVP required:

http://www.kcraces.net/signup/skywarn.php

Or

spotterinfo@...

3857. Winter Field Day '08!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-16 02:07:42 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3688 Message: 3857

All:

We will be enjoying the Winter Field Day event this year at the W8ZHO clubhouse. You are invited to attend, enjoy, and assist. We will need operators, stations, and loggers. Come by to enjoy an informal contest and operating session on the HF bands. Help us make this the best fun of the season!

The event starts at noon local time on January 26 and runs nonstop for the following twenty-four hours until noon on Sunday.

You can operate an hour or the entire time. There will be a special fund raising dinner Saturday evening at five o'clock. Cost is $5. Stop in early or late but don't miss the dinner.

Contest details? See:
http://www.spar-hams.org/contests/winterfd/index.php

We hope to see YOU there!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3858. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Field Day '08!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-16 02:18:54 UTC
From: CHRISTOPHER SCHULTE
Topic: 3688 Message: 3858

Still need a ried for that party. *smile*

Chris, w8cjs
Check out my web site,
http://mysite.verizon.net/w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2008 9:07 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Field Day '08!

All:

We will be enjoying the Winter Field Day event this year at the W8ZHO clubhouse. You are invited to attend, enjoy, and assist. We will need operators, stations, and loggers. Come by to enjoy an informal contest and operating session on the HF bands. Help us make this the best fun of the season!

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http://www.spar-hams.org/contests/winterfd/index.php

We hope to see YOU there!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3859. Chicago D-STAR Repeaters On-the-Air & Internet Gateway On-Line

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-16 04:17:02 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3859 Message: 3859
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

The first D-STAR repeaters in the City of Chicago were installed last August by the NSRC (North Shore Radio Club).

The system's internet gateway came on-line on Friday, January 11th. You can access the repeaters at:

NSRC Digital Voice Repeaters
NS9RC B 442.09375 Mhz (+5)
NS9RC A 1292.2000 MHz (-20)

NSRC Digital Data Access Point
NS9RC 1242.200 MHz

The NSRC repeaters are located in the city of Chicago 6 miles north of downtown Chicago & 1/2 mile west of the Lake Michigan lakefront on a building 57 floors above ground level.

We are in the process of enhancing the D-STAR antenna system which should occur soon. The new antennas should result in D-STAR coverage similar to the existing NSRC FM repeater on 442.725 MHz at the same site providing excellent coverage to the city of Chicago and north, northwest, west & southwest suburbs, including coverage for boaters well into Lake Michigan.

The repeaters are open, but access to the gateway requires club membership or gateway authorization by another club or organization. More information about the North Shore Radio Club can be found at: http://www.ns9rc.org

The NSRC repeaters join the FRRL(Fox River Radio League) D-STAR repeaters which came on the air during the fall of 2006. They are:

FRRL Digital Voice Repeaters
W9CEQ B 442.10625 Mhz (+5)
W9CEQ C 145.2700 MHz (-600)

The FRRL repeaters are located in the far western suburb of Elburn, 45 miles west of downtown Chicago. They use high-gain antennas with a directional pattern towards the east on a 400 ft. tower and cover the west, northwest & southwest suburbs of the Chicago area. More information about the FRRL is at: www.frrl.org

We look forward to hearing you on the air whether you're in the Chicago area or using the D-STAR network.

73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

More Information about D-STAR and All Other Digital Modes Can be Found at:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

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3860. Fw: APRS W9YJ-11 Near Space balloon experiment (time critical)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-17 19:26:29 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3860 Message: 3860

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Patrick Ryan KC6VVT <kc6vvt@...>
To: illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2008 1:15:36 PM
Subject: [illinoisdigitalham] APRS W9YJ-11 Near Space balloon experiment (time critical)

Currently tracking a balloon carrying APRS over Canada launched
earlier today from a school near Terra Haute Indiana.
Current position reported:
http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=W9YJ-11

For a complete track, and to follow progress, see
http://aprs.fi/ and log in, then track W9YJ-11 over last 6 hours.

For launch information, see
http://www.ARHAB.org
AMATEUR RADIO HIGH ALTITUDE BALLOONING LAUNCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Update #617 : Wednesday 16Jan08 14:00UT
BASE-20

Logged this flight on my APRS terminal from NC IL while near Toledo, OH.

Enjoy
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R. Patrick Ryan
ARS: KC6VVT

kc6vvt@...

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3861. ARLX002 Lunar Echo Experiment looking for Amateur Radio Participants

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-17 20:17:00 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3861 Message: 3861

SB SPCL @ ARL $ARLX002
ARLX002 Lunar Echo Experiment looking for Amateur Radio Participants

ZCZC AX02
QST de W1AW
Special Bulletin 2 ARLX002
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT January 17, 2008
To all radio amateurs

SB SPCL ARL ARLX002
ARLX002 Lunar Echo Experiment looking for Amateur Radio Participants

The HF Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) in Alaska and the Long Wavelength Array (LWA) in New Mexico are planning an additional lunar echo experiment for January 18-19.

Interested radio amateurs are invited to participate in this experiment by listening for the lunar echoes and submitting reports.

On January 19, listen on 6.7925 MHz from 0500-0600z, and on 7.4075 MHz from 0600-0700z. On January 20, listen on 6.7925 MHz from 0630-0730z and on 7.4075 MHz from 0730-0830z (depending on frequency occupancy at the time of operation, it may be necessary to adjust the frequency slightly).

Based on previous experiments, investigators believe it should be possible to hear the lunar echoes with a standard communications receiver and a simple 40 meter dipole antenna. The format for the transmissions will follow a five second cycle beginning on the hour and repeating continuously.

The HAARP transmitter will transmit for the first two seconds. The next three seconds will be quiet to listen for the lunar echo. Then HAARP will transmit again for two seconds, repeating the cycle for one hour. In the second hour, this five second repetitive cycle will be repeated at a different frequency. All transmissions from HAARP will be CW (no modulation).

Depending on ionospheric conditions, it may or may not be possible to hear the HAARP transmission directly via skywave propagation. Since HAARP will not be using any modulation, set your receiver on to CW mode to hear HAARP and the lunar echo. Investigators are interested in receiving signal reports from radio amateurs who may be able to detect -- or not detect-- the lunar echo or the transmitted skywave pulse from HAARP.

Submit reports via e-mail to mbreport@... and list your
call sign and the type and location of your receiving equipment and
antennas.
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3862. SSB and SWR meter?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-18 12:44:18 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3862 Message: 3862

When my all mode is on FM SWR meter reads fine,but I get nothing when set to SSB.Normal?Not?

73 KD8CBJ

3863. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSB and SWR meter?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-18 12:57:54 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3862 Message: 3863

Could be that because your average power is so much lower when running SSB, the SWR meter isn't seeing as much reflected power as it does when you're running FM, where the power is continuously at its maximum level.

-Joe, N8FQ

On Fri, 18 Jan 2008 12:44:18 -0000
"Paul" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:

> When my all mode is on FM SWR meter reads fine,but I get nothing when
> set to SSB.Normal?Not?
>
> 73 KD8CBJ

3864. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSB and SWR meter?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-18 13:45:48 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3862 Message: 3864

Thanks Joe,the meter is a cheapy just enough for fire prevention.I think I'm going to build a halo next week so I have something to work with.

73 KD8CBJ

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3865. Swap and Shop, 1/19/2008, 9:00 am

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-18 13:55:37 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 3865 Message: 3865

Reminder from: WestMichiganHams Yahoo! Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/cal

Swap and Shop
Saturday January 19, 2008
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Tool Max Industrial Supply Store
Street: 6516 Schamber Dr
City State Zip: Muskegon MI
Phone: 231 798-7898

Notes:
Come join other local Hams for a inside Swap and Shop at your local Ham Hangout located just off US-31 and Pontaluma Rd in Muskegon

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3869. This Saturday is Tool Max inside Swap and Shop

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-18 18:04:02 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3869 Message: 3869

This Saturday January 19 is the Winter FREE inside Swap and Shop.
Bring your items to sell or trade and a table from 9AM-12PM See bottom of e mail for location to Store.

New items this week
None

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other NEW items in Stock

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea
HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $20 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $3.25 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $8
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

We are the only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.

Technician Class $18.95
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FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)

300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Bell Action Kit $9

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LED Binky Kit $8
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Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Other Used Equipment on Consignment Call and make a offer

1 KVM Switch for switching Keyboard, video, mouse on computer $10
1 Box of Large Compactors 10-12 pc total $5
2 boxes of New CR-RW Pocket CD's by Memorex $3
1 W- 4 Drake Wattmeter $20
HP PDA Pocket PC Model Jornada 545 16MB Ram Color PDA $100
Paum Zire Black & White PDA $30
Radio Shack PRO-94 1000 Channel Handheld Trunking Scanner $75
Arrow 222 5 Element 220mhz Beam $25
Yaesu FBA-8 Battery Pack for above Radios $25
3 Standard HX 320 Business Band Radio $10 ea.
1 Regency H600B UHF Mobile Business Band Radio $25
1 APC Interruptible back up supply $35
1 Ampprobe Clamp-Pn Meter $15
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
High Gain DB-1015 3 Element HF beam for 10/15 meters $25
Channel Master light duty Rotor with control box and cable $20
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10

M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
6-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $125 New lower price
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3870. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSB and SWR meter?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-18 19:43:52 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3862 Message: 3870

Thank you Mark,rig is 2 meter all mode,so I am safe there.And whistle applied to mic.made the meter move.

73 KD8CBJ

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3871. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SSB and SWR meter?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-18 19:47:41 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3862 Message: 3871

Thanks Al,rig has cw but that trick is now filed in my "nuts and volts"file.

73 KD8CBJ

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3872. Audio equipment

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-18 22:40:01 UTC
From: vinnierock79
Topic: 3872 Message: 3872

Hello Gentlemen, I hope you won't mind this post. It's for a good cause. Hopefully a new HF rig for myself. :-) I have appx. $700.00 worth of mobile audio equipment for sale. I had no luck on Ebay and was hoping that somebody may know a person in need.

800 watt audiobahn bridgeable amp.
640 watt kenwood 4 channel amp.
Poineer supertuner III.
2 kenwood 6x9 speakers
1 MTX 800 watt sub woofer
2 infinity 5 1/4 in front speakers.

Again thanks in advance for the post. and please keep all the great information coming, I've learned so much from the wealth of knowledge that is shared on the group.

P.S. I'm looking for a speaker mic. the will fit my ft-60r. If anybody has one for sale.

Jeff Stapel (KD8FXA)
Stapeljb79@...

3873. [Fwd: [Flexradio] Living Will] -- originally posted to FlexRadio reflector by Bill W9OL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-19 17:38:07 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 3873 Message: 3873

Last night my Wife and I were sitting in the den and I said to her,

"I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle to keep me alive. That would be no quality of life at all, If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

So she got up, closed DXLabs, unplugged the computer & radio, and threw out my beer.

3875. Re: Winter Field Day '08!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-20 20:11:35 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3688 Message: 3875

All:

It's coming! The Winter Field Day event. A combination of a group gathering, contest, party, dinner, fun, and a just plain fun operating event. Winter Field Day!

We'll be playing radio at the W8ZHO clubhouse, 2888 Scenic Drive, Muskegon, between Muskegon and White Lakes. Saturday, noon until Sunday morning.

Spaghetti Dinner at five o'clock on Saturday. The cost is a minuscule five bucks.

Will we see you there? Or will you give us a contact and a point? We need help! Please?

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3876. Fw: [MIDSTAR] NMARES D-Star Poject Update from Jim - KC8NTE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-21 00:22:07 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3876 Message: 3876

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: kc8nte <kc8nte@...>
To: MIDSTAR@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2008 6:10:41 PM
Subject: [MIDSTAR] NMARES D-Star Poject Update from Jim - KC8NTE

Last Friday stake holders in Northern Michigan met at the University Center in Gaylord to consider Amateur Radio Equipment options for the new Otsego County Emergency Operations Center. (to be located at the University Center in Gaylord)

Several proposals and options were reviewed and considered by the group. After discussion amongst those present it was decided to include I-Com D-Star equipment in the new EOC facility in Otsego Co.

The University Center in Gaylord is funding the entire purchase of new D-Star Equipment for the EOC.

They are purchasing the following D-Star Equipment that will be installed in the new EOC, at the University Center in Gaylord.

1 ICOM IC-2820H 2M/440 50W DIG COMPATIBLE RADIO $649.95
1 ICOM IC-UT123 DIGITAL VOICE BOARD FOR IC-2820H $269.95
1 ICOM OPC-1529R RS-232 type PC/GPS Cable $19.95
1 ICOM SP-10 EXTERNAL SPEAKER $49.95
1 DIAMOND X50NA 2M/70CM ANTENNA $94.95
1 ICOM CS-2820 Programing Software $27.95

Vendor: $1,112.70

R&L Electronics
1315 Maple Ave
Hamilton, Ohio 45011
800-221-7735
513-868-6399
513-868-6574 Fax
sales@randl. com

During this meeting Lt. Hosh advised that the nine counties, making up Michigan's first district have received grants to purchase D-Star Repeater Systems, for installation in each County Emergency Operations Center.

There was additional discussion about development of a D-Star repeater network for Northern Michigan and the 7th District. The concept was embraced by those present, and there may be DHS funds to

develop the concept.

Existing Otsego County owned Amateur VHF and HF analog equipment and antennas with be moved to the new EOC location when it is completed.

In the interim the existing VHF and HF equipment will be set up in the EM office at the Otsego County Building in Gaylord.

Present at this meeting were:
Otsego County Emergency Manager and 911 Director - Mr. Mike Thompson

University Center of Gaylord - Executive Director - Mr. Jack Thompson

Charlevoix Cheboygan and Emmet County Emergency Manager - Ms. Cheryl Beyer

Michigan State Police - 7th District Emergency Emergency Coordinator - Lt. Mike Hosh

Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Counties Public Services Communication' s Organization President Mr. Chuck Scott -N8DNX

Otsego County Emergency Coordinator - Mr. Dick Nelson

ARRL Technical Specialist, Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Otsego, Emmet and Cheboygan Counties - Mr. Jim Davis - KC8NTE

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Thanks - 73 for Now
Jim Davis - KC8NTE

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- NMARES Meets the Third Wednesday of each Month. 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Elmira Township Hall, 2035 Mountain Jack Road, Elmira, MI 49730-9717
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- Calling Frequency - 146.520 MHz
- Information kc8nte@arrl. net

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3877. 7 MHz Moonbounce Videos

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-22 17:19:16 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3877 Message: 3877

7 MHz Moonbounce Videos

Last weekend Moonbounce tests on 7 MHz were conducted from Alaska. Both K7AGE and EB7FLW have posted videos on YouTube showing reception of the signals.
On the 19/20th January Amateur Radio operators from around the world listened in to the HF transmissions from the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) in Gakona, Alaska.

Several UK Radio Amateurs received the moonbounce signals during the early Sunday morning transmissions.

The video by Randy K7AGE is at
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5E2ntIxAsc

The video by EB7FLW is at
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKUTwfx0_mY

Related URL's

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http://www.southgatearc.org/news/january2008/haarp.htm

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Information About the HAARP - LWA Moon Bounce Experiment
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3878. Alinco DR-110T Service Manual/Schematics??

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-23 16:16:00 UTC
From: Jason B
Topic: 3878 Message: 3878

Hello All,

I'm not usually one to whine publicly, and I hope this doesn't sound as if I am...With that said, I wonder if anyone out there can offer any help.

I am a fairly new ham. Recent financial issues have prevented me from jumping headfirst into the hobby so my start was pretty slow. I picked up an older Alinco radio (DR-110T) ...My first rig. I was in hog heaven, then it quit. :-(

Alinco's website has a decent collection of info on their older radios, including some stuff on this one like the owners manual, etc. however they don't have any service info or schematics.

This is my only radio and I won't be able to afford to run out and buy another one for quite a while. I have also been told that it would probably cost way more than the rig is worth to have someone repair it. I would like to attempt to fix this rig myself, however I'm running blind. The issue shouldn't be a very major problem. It was installed in my car and I was listening in one day at lunch. I turned the radio off, went into BK for a burger, and when I came out it wouldn't power up again. I checked everything when I got home and still had power all the way to the back of the radio and the fuses were intact. It took it inside and cracked the case. Hooked it up to my power supply and I have voltage on the sub-board where the wires come in, but I don't see anything I'd recognize as a reverse polarity diode or Schottky diode anywhere near the power input. I know the radio didn't get reversed, it worked for a month. I also don't think it got overloaded or anything because the fuses were intact. That's where the troubleshooting ends...

It's been years since I went to school for electronics and I don't have any test equipment more than the basics, a DMM and Soldering Iron. I haven't worked on any electronics more complex than RC cars for several years, but if I had the info I may at least have a chance to fix it. Do any of you folks out there happen to have any info on that radio, or know someone who might? I would really like to get back on the air and any help you could offer would be greatly appreciated.

Thanx for listening,

73
Jason Blakley
KI4VUO
Twin Lake, MI

3880. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Alinco DR-110T Service Manual/Schematics??

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-23 20:20:25 UTC
From: steve Cowan
Topic: 3878 Message: 3880

you can try this site http://www.mods.dk/ they have downloads for all types of radios for both manuals and schematics.

73 KD8DHZ
Steve

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3881. digital modes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-24 19:20:30 UTC
From: stv_cwn
Topic: 3881 Message: 3881

I am wanting to get into digital modes on HF. Does anyone have any experience with MFJ's sound card to rig interfaces? Please let me know what you think of them.

Thank You and 73
Steve KD8DHZ

3882. Re: [WestMichiganHams] digital modes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-24 19:40:19 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3881 Message: 3882

I can't say I've had any experience with them.

With apologies in advance for the blatant threadjack, I would strongly suggest you build your own interface. It'll save you a lot of money and you'll gain valuable insight as to how exactly it works.

For the RX audio, just run a standard 1/8" audio cable from the speaker jack of the rig to the line-in jack of your soundcard. For TX audio, run a cable from your soundcard speaker/headphone jack through an audio transformer to your rig's mic jack.

For PTT, take an optocoupler, connect the anode of the LED side to pin 7 of your computer's serial port, and the cathode to pin 5. On the transistor side, connect the collector to your rig's PTT pin, and the emitter to the ground pin.

About $10 from Mouser (part# 42TL001-RC for the transformer, 551-PS2501A-1-A for the optocoupler), or free if you do a little scrounging.

If you need any help with it, send me an e-mail. I've built dozens of these things, and most of them still work!

-Joe, N8FQ

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3883. Re: digital modes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-25 03:33:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3881 Message: 3883

I built my own interface, but the MFJ should work fine. Another one is the rigblaster.

Essentially all of them have connections from the computer sound card output through an antennuator to the input of the audio section of the transmitter, and from the output of the receiver to the input of the sound card, usually through a level control. And, typically there's a switch, sometime automatic, to go from microphone input and speaker output to the computer control of the rig.

I've operated PSK-31, FeldHell (Hellschriber), and RTTY with my setup - they all seem to be "plug and play" with proper (usually free) software.

73 de n8xx Hg

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3884. Will You Be There?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-25 13:27:23 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3688 Message: 3884

Winter Field Day!

Starts Saturday at noon, runs until Sunday at noon. All times local.
And fun!

We'll stop in the middle for a spaghetti dinner at five o'clock.
You're invited. I think the cost is a measly five bucks.

Great stuff!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3885. New items this week at Tool Max

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-25 16:34:43 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3885 Message: 3885

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...

3886. Radio Spectrum

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-25 21:41:06 UTC
From: Ross
Topic: 3886 Message: 3886

Today is the day the FCC opens up the bidding for an amount of spectrum
space that is coming available. This may be the last chance to get spectrum space in a long time. The frequencies up for auction are 6 Mhz, 12 Mhz, 22 Mhz and the coveted 700 Mhz. I read where Google is interested in the 700 Mhz space for future cell phone applications. These guys have a lot of cash in their back pocket and it will be interesting to see if they can outlast Verizon, who also wants it very
bad.

There is one block of spectrum that the FCC has designated as open, where anyone can access the network.

The government expects about $15 Billion dollars in revenue from this two week auction.

Now, I did a little math. I believe there are about 425,000 Hams in the
US. If we where to auction off a hunk of our space, each one of us would get about $35,000. I know it is impossible since we don't own any
frequency, but it is fun to speculate. More fun on speculation is what
equipment that money would go for. Hmmm, let's see, Icom 7600, a 200 foot crank-up tower, and hundreds of pounds of radiating elements?

It will be interesting to see what technologies will come about from this.

Ross
N8GMY

3887. ham in a day class

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-26 17:48:14 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3887 Message: 3887
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Attached please find three files of information concerning an upcoming Ham In A Day class being offered by the Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club. The flyer is available in Publisher format or Word format - whichever you can access. The third file contains a map of the class location on Ferris Campus.
Please spread the word.

Thanks
Tom Behler
KB8TYJ

3888. Re: [WestMichiganHams] ham in a day class

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-25 18:32:29 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3887 Message: 3888

Tom
If you want W5YI Study books I have them at my Tool Max Store or I can have some shipped to you. They are about $20 each with tax. Let me know if you would want some. Tom

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3889. Re: [WestMichiganHams] ham in a day class

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-26 20:20:01 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3887 Message: 3889

Tom:

I'm not the one who will actually be teaching the ham-in-a-day class, but I think the plan is to use the materials from www.ham-in-a-day.com for the one-day session.

However, I'll forward your info onto my local area hams list, which contains the folks in our local area who we sent the class flier to.

Hopefully, some of those folks will want the actual W5YI book as an additional reference source in advance, if nothing else.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tom VanderMel KB8VEE" <kb8vee@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2008 1:32 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] ham in a day class

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3890. Ham Radio in the 1910's

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-27 03:28:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3890 Message: 3890

How about this Ham Radio Station? Circa 1910-15?

http://www.flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress/2163911718/

3891. ARRL's Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-27 18:56:06 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 3891 Message: 3891

There has been some discussion about conducting another ARECC Level 1 course. If there is enough interest in the West Michigan area, then I will go ahead and conduct another ARECC Level 1 course. This will be in the Hybrid format though.

What is the hybrid format you ask?
The Hybrid format is the recommended method for students with limited computer or Internet access. With this method the student takes the Final Assessment online. The course will be accomplished by using a combination of classroom, on the air, and online techniques. In other words, you will not have to drive to the EOC or other meeting place every week for five weeks.

Cost of the course is the same as it is online: ARRL members $45.00 and non-members $75.00. Course would most likely start in March and go for five weeks.

If you are interested please reply to this message or send me an email to kd8bgq at arrl.net

Best Regards,
Doc, KD8BGQ

3892. Kent County ARES program - Pass on to ALL hams living in Kent County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-28 22:08:18 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3892 Message: 3892

Hi All:

We have a new electronic registration process for people interested in being part of the ARES group in Kent County.

A few notes about the ARES program:

- We do not require a criminal history check of members as of November 2007
- The only requirement is a will to serve and an amateur radio license
- All HAMs are invited to the program living with Kent County
- ARES members are used for public service events, "non-secure" locations, severe weather spotting, CERT communications support and Disaster related activities.
- ARES members are encouraged to take independent study trainings provided free of charge from FEMA
- The ARES program uses amateur radio operators from around the community.

- This program is for radio operators NOT already involved with ARES / RACES / CERT.

Signup Link: http://www.kcvrm.net/resourcesignup.php

And use the following information:

Resource Code: ARES - This is Case sensitive
Password: HamRadio - This is case sensitive

This program is open to ANY amateur radio operator living or working in Kent County.

If you run into any issues while signing up please email aschultz@...

Thank You

Jeff Nawrot
Kent County ARRL ARES Emergency Coordinator

3893. Test Session, Saturday Morning

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-29 15:49:43 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3893 Message: 3893

All:

There will be testing this Saturday in Muskegon at the Red Cross Building. You can test for your license and test for your upgrade license. The session starts at nine o'clock and will run until you run through all the tests you can. Use the back door to the building.

Bring along identification, your current license and a copy of your current license (if you currently have a call sign) or the CSCE (if you just passed an element), fourteen dollars in cash, and your lucky pencil. Also you might want a calculator. The test proctors will provide paper.

You will be able to take each of the tests, in succession, until you hit the wall. For example, if you pass the Technician test you can earn a General and then Amateur Extra license all in one looonnng session.

Welcome and we look forward to helping you earn extra privileges to better enjoy this wonderful hobby.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3894. Re: Test Session, Saturday Morning

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-01-31 16:55:07 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3893 Message: 3894

" . . copy of your current license (if you currently have a call sign) or the CSCE (if you just passed an element), fourteen dollars. . . lucky pencil."

There has been some question regarding the CSCE and its use in the licensing process. There are very few instances where a CSCE is helpful. Particularly in this day when the code has gone by the wayside.

Keep your CSCE in your file. At the next test session it is only helpful if that last test session was between when you tested and earned the CSCE and when the FCC acknowledges your achievement on-line. I'll admit that is a very narrow window.

Bottom line? Don't expect a CSCE to be too useful. The VE folks are reliable, quick, and efficient. In retrospect maybe I should not have mentioned the CSCE.

Bill, AB8SC

3895. Tool Max this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-01 21:25:18 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3847 Message: 3895

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We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-03 03:06:28 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 3893 Message: 3897

Howdy Bill.
I hope the scouts and you are having a great weekend. I heard that is why you were not at the VE session this morning. I showed and tested for Amateur Extra just as I said I would. The rest of the crew did not. Karen and three others all have colds/flu. Two others said they wanted to test yet their practice test scores were not consistent and I fear that would have failed. That failure could cause them to stumble so after some discussion, they decided to continue with the studying and practice tests. They want to come in and know they will pass.

Have a great weekend!
Doc, KD8BGQ/AE

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Bill" <bill_fries@...> wrote:
>
> All:
>
> There will be testing this Saturday in Muskegon at the Red Cross
> Building. You can test for your license and test for your upgrade
> license. The session starts at nine o'clock and will run until you
> run through all the tests you can. Use the back door to the building.
>
> Bring along identification, your current license and a copy of your
> current license (if you currently have a call sign) or the CSCE (if
> you just passed an element), fourteen dollars in cash, and your lucky
> pencil. Also you might want a calculator. The test proctors will
> provide paper.
>
> You will be able to take each of the tests, in succession, until you
> hit the wall. For example, if you pass the Technician test you can
> earn a General and then Amateur Extra license all in one looonnng session.
>
> Welcome and we look forward to helping you earn extra privileges to
> better enjoy this wonderful hobby.
>
> Bill, AB8SC
> MAARC guy
>

3898. Re: Test Session, Saturday Morning

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-03 09:29:57 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3893 Message: 3898

Doc:

Congratulations!!! GREAT! We're proud of your achievement. "Doc, KD8BGQ/AE" Are you getting a new "AC8??" call sign?

Excellent news.

Yes, the Scouts were doing their yearly Klondike Derby. It was great fun. And, yes, they will be doing the Merit Badge Saturday gig on March 1. More on that later.

Good on ya!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3899. Repair ? again

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-03 16:41:43 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 3899 Message: 3899

Does anyone local do repairs on "modern"Yaesus--Ft-7800--?I just hate the idea of mailing it out to Ca. and $70.00 for them to just look at it.

73 KD8CBJ

3900. Logikey For Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-03 22:44:34 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3900 Message: 3900

Hi, All:

I've got a Logikey Keyer from Idiom Press for sale. It's the K-3 model. While not the current version (K-5) this keyer is magnificent. It is smooth as silk with six memories attached to push buttons. There are an amazing number of features like contest serial numbers, weight, side tone, speed via a pot, and this thing is really smooth. You use the keyer between your paddles and your rig. Did I mention that this thing is really smooth?

From the manufacturer's web site (www.idiompress.com) this K-3 is very similar to the new K-5 model. The K-3 needs power (I think from nine to twelve volts, as I've run it from a nine volt battery and now run it from a twelve volt power supply in my shack) and is a different shape from their newer model. This keyer is really smooth.

You tell the keyer to perform functions by sending it code. It talks back to you in code, as well. There is a great tutorial and a thorough manual. It really is simplicity to use. You won't need another keyer and you'll hate that junk keyer inside your rig. This keyer is so smooth it makes your cw marvelous. And I've got the QSLs to prove it.

Six memories can be programmed to run at a push of the button. I've got my call sign on one button, the exchange on another, Linda's call sign on another, and some misc. stuff on the fourth. You can load in CQ and call with a push of another button. I load a message at my slow ten wpm and then crank the speed knob to send like a pro. I'd bet you never fill the memory. And those memories stay inside. This keyer is so smooth.

I'm moving to another keyer and this one is available. If it does not sell to you I'll list it on eBay. You can save shipping (and I won't tell the governor you didn't pay sales tax). I'll sell you the keyer, the cord between keyer and rig, and a power pigtail. I think I've got a hard copy of the manual together with .pdf versions of the manual and tutorial. I'm not a smoker. I'm certain it was factory assembled. All you add is a set of paddles and you're smoothly sending code. You'll love this keyer! It's a deal to you for $60 firm.

Contact me off list before a week or two. If it's still here then I'll post a link on eBay and you can purchase it from there for a few more dollars. You will love this keyer. I guarantee it! You just cannot imagine how smooth this keyer feels.

Bill, AB8SC
Bill_Fries@...

3901. Re: Test Session, Saturday Morning

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-04 01:29:32 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 3893 Message: 3901

Howdy Bill
I thought about getting a new call sign for a little while and decided to keep my current/original call sign.

Best Regards,
Doc, KD8BGQ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Bill" <bill_fries@...> wrote:
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> Doc:
>
> Congratulations!!! GREAT! We're proud of your achievement. "Doc,
> KD8BGQ/AE" Are you getting a new "AC8??" call sign?
>
> Excellent news.
>
> Yes, the Scouts were doing their yearly Klondike Derby. It was great
> fun. And, yes, they will be doing the Merit Badge Saturday gig on
> March 1. More on that later.
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> Good on ya!
>
> Bill, AB8SC
> MAARC guy
>

3902. ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference in Chicago Dates Announced

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-05 17:02:03 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3902 Message: 3902

Dates for ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference in Chicago Announced (Feb 4, 2008) --

The Tucson Amateur Packet Radio Corporation (TAPR) has announced that the 2008 ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference will take place September 26-28 at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Elk Grove Village, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, near O'Hare airport.

The conference is an international forum for radio amateurs to meet, publish their work and present new ideas and techniques. Presenters and attendees will have the opportunity to exchange ideas and learn about recent hardware and software advances, theories, experimental results and practical applications. Forums will feature the latest developments in Amateur Radio digital communications, as well as demonstrations of emerging digital technology.

More information is available on the ARRL/TAPR DCC Web site, http://www.tapr.org/dcc.html

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http://tools.search.yahoo.com/newsearch/category.php?category=shopping

3903. Re: Repair ? again

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-05 20:50:50 UTC
From: Curt
Topic: 3899 Message: 3903

I don't know of any local repair shops but what's the problem with it?

Curt, K8AI

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Paul" <KD8CBJ@...> wrote:
>
> Does anyone local do repairs on "modern"Yaesus--Ft-7800--?I just hate
> the idea of mailing it out to Ca. and $70.00 for them to just look at
> it.
>
> 73 KD8CBJ
>

3904. WEAVER'S WORDS -- Be my Valentine

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-05 00:08:34 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3904 Message: 3904

> [NOTE: Reply only to k8je@....]
>
> - ARRL v. FCC
> - Senior dues discount -- more
> - All-risk, all-gear insurance
> - Who is KI8JE?
> - Complete minutes of January meeting
> - Conduct of ARRL Board meetings
> - 8th Region Incoming QSL Bureau - 2007
> - What to do when someone becomes a SK
> - Members Only choices
> - Tentative schedule
>
> +++ ARRL v. FCC +++
>
> I received a question after the last issue of Words concerning the
> status of ARRL's suit against the FCC. The situation is that we are on
> hold. Arguments in the case were heard late last year. This is a
> "bench" trial -- i.e. there is no jury. The judge will rule on the
> case.
>
> It often takes several months before a ruling is handed down in cases
> such as ours. The ruling could come at any time, but don't be
> surprised if it is not released for a couple of more months.
>
> +++ Senior dues discount -- more +++
>
> A point I neglected to make regarding the future of the ARRL Senior
> Citizen dues discount is that Seniors may renew their memberships using
> the discount for as many as five years if this is done by the end of
> 2008. If the details of this multi-year extension have not been
> announced by the time your renewal comes due, feel free to call toll
> free at 1-888-277-5289.
>
> +++ All-risk, all-gear insurance +++
>
> My guess is that most of us have insurance of some form on our radio
> equipment. It may be everything that we want. On the other hand, it
> may be a little lacking.
>
> You may not know that ARRL has had "all-risk" and "all-gear" insurance
> available to ARRL members for many years. This is the type of
> insurance that will cover every piece of ham equipment, your
> computer(s) and the programs used with your ham activities . . . and
> give you the full replacement value of any insured item that is lost

> through any accidental occurrence. Yes, I said replacement value. I
> should also add that people I know who have benefited from this
> insurance say collecting on it is fully no-hassle.
>
> You can check into this insurance "from the comfort of your own home"
> by going to
> www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/insurance/equipment.html.
> Whether you decide to buy this insurance, it is still a good deal.
>
>
> +++ Who is KI8JE? +++
>
> For our DXers as well as others in the know, KI8JE could be referred to
> as a "pirate." In reality, he is a typo. I suspect most of you
> realize that KI8JE is to whom I said replies to the last Words should
> be directed. I hope it was obvious that this should have read K8JE.
>
> If you noticed I referred to KI8JE as a pirate and not as a "slim."
> You who know me, know I could not consider myself a slim!
>
> Oh, yes . . . as of the end of January, there is no KI8JE.
>
> +++ Complete minutes of January meeting +++
>
> If you would like to read the complete minutes of the January Board of
> Directors Meeting, they are posted on the ARRL web site. Simply go to
> http://www.arrl.org/announce/board-0801/. If you have any questions
> after reading these, let me know.
>
> +++ Conduct of ARRL Board meetings +++
>
> I doubt if many readers have looked through the ARRL Constitution,
> Bylaws and Standing Orders to see how we conduct Board of Directors
> meetings. With the exception of rules of specific procedure contained
> in these ARRL documents, meetings are conducted following Roberts'
> Rules of Order. The difference seen in Board meetings vs. most local
> club meetings is that the Board has a Parliamentarian who is very
> knowledgeable in parliamentary procedure. He keeps us on the straight
> and narrow.
>
> The structure of Board meetings is similar to that of the US House and
> Senate. Much of the work done by the Board is assigned to standing
> committees or ad hoc committees. These committees generally work
> throughout the year to reach recommendations that are made in reports
> to the Board at each Board meeting. The Board accepts, rejects or
> modifies committee reports; thereby, adopting or rejecting the
> provisions contained in them.
>
> The two standing committees of the Board are the Administration &
> Finance Committee and the Programs & Services Committee. Ad hoc and

> Advisory Committees come and go; however, the standing committees
> remain in one form or another over the years.
>
> ARRL Board meetings are set for January and July. The rules typically
> require them to be held in the vicinity of Newington, CT. They can be
> moved around the country at the discretion of the Board. This was done
> for our meeting in January which was held in Houston. Incidentally,
> the reason for the move to Houston was severe weather that hit
> Newington the past two years. Weather forced a couple of Board members
> to miss the meeting completely and caused several directors to stay an
> extra day for the airport to open for their trip home. I was one of
> the latter Directors.
>
> Housing, and meeting and dining facilities are at a local hotel. When
> we meet in Newington, committees meet at our HQ building. Rooms at HQ
> are far too small to host Board sessions or dining.
>
> Before we decided to meet in Houston, the Board set a requirement that
> the total cost of the meeting there must be essentially the same or
> less than the cost we would have incurred in Newington.
>
> Standing committees and miscellaneous other meetings take place on
> Thursday before the Board meeting.
>
> The sequence of events related to actual Board meetings typically begin
> on Thursday evening with dinner. After dinner, we get together in an
> informal discussion of one or more topics that are expected to come
> before the Board on Friday and Saturday. The Board meeting, itself
> begins on Friday morning and includes the adoption of an agenda. You
> can see the agenda for this past meeting by reviewing the minutes for
> it.
>
> In most instances, the meeting ends mid-to-late Saturday afternoon.
>
> +++ 8th Region Incoming QSL Bureau - 2007 +++
>
> 8th Region Incoming QSL bureau Manager Jay Slough, K4ZLE has summarized
> the activity of this Bureau for 2007. He and the Letter Sorters in
> 8-land received and redistributed approximately 89,028 overseas QSL
> cards over the year. This figure compares with 111,734 in 2006,
> 110,905 in 2005, 138,236 in 2004 and 154,054 handled in 2003. The
> effect of the bottom of the sun cycle is evident.
>
> Regardless of the lower number of cards processed this past year, the
> gang at the 8th Region Bureau did a splendid job. This job will start
> to become larger for the next several years as the new cycle begins to
> show itself and grows in strength.
>
> I want to thank Jay for his excellent leadership of the Bureau, and for
> the great work of the letter sorters who have supported him and the

> Bureau.
>
> Incidentally, the 8th Region Bureau serves only the amateurs who have
> 8s in their call signs. At one time, of course, this was amateurs in
> Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. Now, an amateur's incoming Bureau is
> the one that has the same number in its name as the amateur's call
> sign, regardless of where the amateur lives.
>
> Following this format, 4-land amateurs use the 4th Region Bureau.
>
> +++ What to do when someone becomes a SK +++
>
> It is not necessary ". . . to mail the physical license (ed. to the
> FCC) but the next of kin should contact the FCC with either a death
> certificate or obituary and letter asking the license be cancelled."
> Among other reasons for this, it prevents a pirate from stealing the
> call and using it with impunity until the term of the call expires.
>
> The second action to take is to notify the ARRL Silent Key
> Administrator (sk@...). This notification should include a copy
> of the obituary or other means to establish the accuracy of the report
> and the call sign.
>
> Why the need to confirm the report? I think it was W. C. Fields who
> one time said, "The report of my death has been greatly exaggerated."
> The fact is that none of us wishes to be involved in reporting the
> death of a friend or acquaintance when they have not died!
>
> In the case of ARRL members, their loved ones are eligible to receive
> QST and other ARRL periodicals, if they wish, that had been going to
> the SK.
>
> +++ Members only choices +++
>
> This is just a reminder that there are a number of e-publications and
> forms of messages that are available to ARRL members. Essentially all
> of these are opt-in or opt-out depending on one's preference. Go to
> Members Only at arrl.org to make your selections -- in or out. I
> certainly hope you continue to opt-in on receiving these messages fro
> me as well as from your Section Manager.
>
> Of particular noteworthiness is the fact that HQ on fairly rare
> occasion partners with outside companies that provide services of value
> to amateurs. When this happens, you are likely to receive an e-mail
> from HQ that promotes the partnership. You can opt-in or opt-out of
> receiving these messages.
>
> +++ Tentative Schedule +++
>
> 2008

>
> Feb 10: Mansfield, OH Hamfest - Gary & Jim
> Mar 5: Miami Valley ARA Meeting
> Mar 15: Bellbrook ARC Dinner
> Apr 2: Lake County ARC, Painesville, OH - Jim
> Apr 14: PCARS (OH) Meeting - Jim
> Apr 22: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM
> May 16-18: Dayton Hamvention(TM) - Gary & Jim
> Jun 21: Milford, OH, Hamfest - Jim
> Jul QST 'til noon Aug 8: Nominations for Director/Vice Director open.
> Jul 10: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown, OH - Jim
> Jul 17-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim & Gary
> Jul 22: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM.
> Sep 21: Cincinnati Hamfest, Cincinnati, OH - Jim.
> Sep 23-Oct 1: Ballots mailed for Director/Vice Director election.
> Oct 28: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM.
> Nov 21, noon: Deadline for return of ballots. Ballots counted.
> Nov 22 by end of day: Candidates notified of election results.
>
> 2009
>
> Jan 1, noon: Current terms end for GLD Director/Vice Director. Newly
> elected/re-elected Director/Vice Director terms begin.
>
> 73,
>
> Jim
>
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
> ARRL - The Reason Amateur Radio Is!
> Members - The Reason ARRL Is!
>
> --
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> --
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

3905. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repair ? again

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-06 00:19:39 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 3899 Message: 3905

Curt,here are the symptoms--upon startup(power up)I get the 3 tone"greeting tone"upper left hand 1-H is displayed and BUSY on the bottom and the unit shuts off.
I try the Rest Procedure---holding [MHz(PRI)] while turning on.
I have tried F-1 through F-5.Each one after pressing and holding [BAND(SET)] the unit shuts down.
Is the a reset feature or something I am missing?Or is is it Yaesu repair shop bound?

73 KD8CBJ

**********Biggest Grammy Award surprises of all time on AOL Music. (http://music.aol.com/grammys/pictures/never-won-a-grammy?NCID=aolcmp00300000002548)

3906. Re: Repair ? again

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-06 01:03:27 UTC
From: kc8shz2000
Topic: 3899 Message: 3906

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Curt" <k8ai@...> wrote:
>
> I don't know of any local repair shops but what's the problem with it?
>
> Curt, K8AI
>
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> --- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Paul" KD8CBJ@ wrote:
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> > the idea of mailing it out to Ca. and $70.00 for them to just look
at
> > it.
> >
> > 73 KD8CBJ
> >try flatriver discount electronics in greenville ph 1-800-376-0500--
616-754-0075 kc8shz
>

3907. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Repair ? again

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-06 04:17:57 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 3899 Message: 3907

On 02/03/08 11:41 am Paul wrote:

> Does anyone local do repairs on "modern"Yaesus--Ft-7800--?I just hate
> the idea of mailing it out to Ca. and $70.00 for them to just look at
> it.

You could try Matt Adrian at SAR Technical Services, with a Web page at
http://www.sarts1.com.

Although he is "accredited" for Icom service, I'm sure he works on other
makes as well. In fact, I'm sure that some of the Holland club members
have used him for Yaesu repairs.

73

Alan NV8A

3908. Digital TV Converter Box Coupon Program

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-06 05:12:36 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3908 Message: 3908

This is slightly off-topic, but since the conversion to digital TV will affect everyone this might save you some money that you can use to buy more radios & electronics.

About the Program
https://www.dtv2009.gov/AboutProgram.aspx

Apply for Coupons
https://www.dtv2009.gov/ApplyCoupon.aspx

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http://tools.search.yahoo.com/newsearch/category.php?category=shopping

3909. WANTED: Missing PUG puppy from Hart.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-06 17:56:26 UTC
From: KD8BGO
Topic: 3909 Message: 3909

I know that this message is nothing ham radio related but I am trying to get this message out to everyone possible--we are desperate. I am sorry if I have inconvienenced anyone.
I have been missing my 1 year old Pug puppy since December. If anyone has a clue where he might be, I would love any information you may have. He is a full male pug. He has been neutered--all black in color with only a small patch of white on his chest. When he ran off he had a black collar on but not his tags. My girls are missing him terribly and he needs medication. Please let me know if you have seen or heard of this dog. Thank you soooo much for any help you may have. Please contact via email.

3911. Re: [WestMichiganHams] WANTED: Missing PUG puppy from Hart.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-07 02:33:50 UTC
From: don brown
Topic: 3909 Message: 3911

marshas, i haven;t seen your pet that i can remember, but will keep eye out for him.....don...kc8shz

KD8BGO <marshas78thdistrictcourt@...> wrote: I know that this message is nothing ham radio related but I am trying
to get this message out to everyone possible--we are desperate. I am sorry if I have inconvienenced anyone.
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Never miss a thing. Make Yahoo your homepage.

3912. RE: [WestMichiganHams] WANTED: Missing PUG puppy from Hart.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-07 13:29:10 UTC
From: Marsha Hildreth
Topic: 3909 Message: 3912
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

His name is Poneyae but we called him "poopy" for short. He will come at either name. I last seen him before Christmas, he took off from my house which is located in Hart, across from Hart lake-by John Gurney Park. Thanks so much for all of your help. I have enclosed a picture, this is the only one I could find close up.
Marsha Hildreth-Court Recorder
CER#775678th District Court-Oceana County 100 South State Street Hart, MI 49420 Phone: (231) 873-6725 Fax: (231) 873-1861

To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.comFrom: k8mhz@...: Wed, 6 Feb 2008 17:03:46 -0500Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] WANTED: Missing PUG puppy from Hart.

Marsha,

Can you give us some more info?

Where was the puppy last seen?

Can you tell us the approximate size and weight?

Do you have a picture to post?

If someone does see him, what does he answer to?

Granted, this isn't a true ham post but under the circumstances I don't see a problem with it.

I hope we can help.

73

Mark K8MHZ
Moderator and animal fan, especially pets.

----- Original Message -----
From: KD8BGO
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2008 12:56
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] WANTED: Missing PUG puppy from Hart.

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No virus found in this incoming message.Checked by AVG Free Edition. Version: 7.5.516 / Virus Database: 269.19.20/1260 - Release Date: 2/5/2008 9:44 AM

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Helping your favorite cause is as easy as instant messaging. You IM, we give.
http://im.live.com/Messenger/IM/Home/?source=text_hotmail_join

3913. Tool Max this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-07 20:59:51 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3847 Message: 3913

We will not be in this Saturday so stop during the week.

Check out our New Web sight at www.toolmaxonline.com Let me know what you think.

New items this week
None

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other NEW items in Stock

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea
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LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Other Used Equipment on Consignment
1 Set Husler HF Antennas 80m/40m/15m $30
1 RC 432 long wire antenna on a spool $15
1 MK-1 Autek Research Memory Keyer $25
1 Home brew 2 m/440 pipe antenna $15
1 NC 60B Yaesu 15 volt Nica Battery Charger $5
4 Dynamo crank LED Flashlight $8
1 GR-213 Holux GPS Receiver for USB port $40
1 KVM Switch for switching Keyboard, video, mouse on computer $10
1 Box of Large Compactors 10-12 pc total $5
HP PDA Pocket PC Model Jornada 545 16MB Ram Color PDA $100
Paum Zire Black & White PDA $30
Radio Shack PRO-94 1000 Channel Handheld Trunking Scanner $75
Arrow 222 5 Element 220mhz Beam $25
3 Standard HX 320 Business Band Radio $10 ea.
1 Regency H600B UHF Mobile Business Band Radio $25
1 APC Interruptible back up supply $35
1 Ampprobe Clamp-Pn Meter $15
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50

MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
6-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each

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2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
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E Mail toolmax@verizon.net

3914. A Repeater Story

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-08 15:06:29 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3914 Message: 3914

A Repeater Story

Many of you know that the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council has a two-meter repeater. The machine is on a tower near Giles and Russell Roads in what I would characterize as east North Muskegon. Comcast owns the tower and they have let us put our antenna at about 350 feet.

We have been experiencing problems with the repeater. Right now the repeater is running at reduced power because of issues we suspect are related to the antenna. Both antenna and feed line were installed new in 1978. It is not a real surprise that the repeater is not performing as well as it had in the recent past. This machine is easily reached by an HT from anywhere in Muskegon County and even from many points in adjoining counties. Well, easily reached when it is humming along at full power.

Comcast has an agreement with FedEx to host their 800 mHz antenna on the top of the Comcast tower. FedEx is retiring their service. FedEx needs to remove their antenna and feedline. There is another outfit that services Comcast towers. These other folks will climb the tower and they asked us if we needed anything while they are up at the top of the tower, some 400 feet. Well, you can imagine we jumped at the opportunity.

The subcontractors for Comcast I'll call Radio Towers, Inc. RT swept the FedEx hardline and antenna. They suspect that the problem they saw on the sweep is a direct result of the FedEx antenna's flopping in the breeze. They asked the MAARC if the club would like to put the 1 1/4" hard line to the FedEx antenna on the MAARC's antenna.

This opportunity got us thinking a little. Before RT offered we were trying hard to scrounge about $5000 for feedline, climb, antenna, and general grief. You can imagine that we jumped at the chance to save about $1500 in feedline cost with the RT/FedEx offer.

So, in the next few weeks or month the nice folks from RT will climb the tower. They will remove and lower the FedEx antenna. They will put a dummy load on the FedEx feedline. When they find the feedline in good shape they will put another connector on the feedline. Then they haul up a brand new commercial two-meter antenna and standoff. The new antenna will be a few feet higher than the old antenna and will be very near the top of the tower. Then they run the FedEx feedline into the MAARC antenna and we are in really great shape.

Also RT will remove the old MAARC antenna and aluminum feedline. We're anxious to see just what a thirty-year-old antenna looks like.

Now why would I share the above with you?

The cost of all this work is close to $2000. For example, the antenna and standoff set us back close to $600. In anyone's book that is a lot of money.

We are soliciting donations from the ham population to help the MAARC cover the expense of getting our two-meter repeater back on the air and running smoothly again.

You can see that if a couple of hundred hams donated just $10 we can cover this expense. Ten bucks is not a lot and many hands make short work of the task. Let's all dig in and see if we can find a way to help this machine. You will enjoy the results of the effort. Can you imagine that we will be set for the next score and ten years?

Please consider a donation in any denomination to the W8ZHO repeater fund. Dig out that envelope, put in the check, and mail them to:

W8ZHO
MUSKEGON AREA AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL
PO BOX 691
MUSKEGON MI 49443

Donations are gratefully accepted. When this thing goes over Big we will put the additional money raised into the repeater fund. We would like to purchase a Digital Voice Recorder for announcements. Imagine, our '94 repeater can be back and running smoothly.

Thanks to all for considering this situation. We enjoy working with our ham community on these opportunities. We thank our repeater trustee, Al, KV8X and our repeater's chief troubleshooter, Jim, K8COP. They worked hard to put together this opportunity.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3915. Want an easy way to get to Dayton Hamvention this year?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-09 15:53:06 UTC
From: Hal Thomas
Topic: 3915 Message: 3915

Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team (SMART) is sponsoring a Bus trip to Dayton this year. Avoid the hassles, save some money and make Dayton even more fun!

Go to http://www.k8kzo.com and click on the Dayton Hamvention Bus Trip Link for all the details.

Reserve your seat while there are still some available.

3916. Repeater Donations

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-09 17:15:57 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 3916 Message: 3916

Do you take Paypal for the donations?

3917. Re: Repeater Donations

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-09 17:45:30 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3916 Message: 3917

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Andrew Young" <ayoung@...>
wrote:
>
> Do you take Paypal for the donations?
>

Short answer is, "regrettably, no."

The longer version is we never thought of doing this. Hm. . .

Bill, AB8SC

3918. Wisconsin QSO Party, Sunday, 3/9, 1 - 8 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-09 18:55:20 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3918 Message: 3918
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Wisconsin QSO Party, Sunday, March 9th, 1 - 8 pm

WI QSO Party Home Page
http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm

WIQP Package (Includes: Rules, Entry Form, Multiplier List and County Map)
http://www.warac.org/wqp/2008/wiqp_pkg.pdf

Ten Reasons Why You Should Operate in the 2008 Wisconsin QSO Party by N9FH
http://www.warac.org/wqp/2008/10reasons.htm

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http://www.yahoo.com/r/hs

3919. Field Day 2008 Rules and Forms Now Available

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-09 21:14:03 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3919 Message: 3919

Field Day 2008 Rules and Forms Now Available

It's that time of year again -- time to start gearing up for Field Day, ARRL's flagship operating event. Field Day, held the fourth full weekend in June, brings together new and experienced hams for 24 hours of operating fun. ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, says there are several rules changes this year, mainly concerning "Get on the Air" (GOTA) stations and the elimination of the Demonstration Mode Bonus Category. The complete Field Day Packet can be downloaded, http://www.arrl.org/fieldday from the ARRL Web site. A full 2008 Field Day page on the ARRL Web site will be coming in the next few weeks.

2008 Rules Changes

GOTA (Get on the Air) stations are those stations set aside by Field Day teams designed to get non-hams or newly licensed hams on the air. Unlike in past years where GOTA stations were limited to only one band, the 2008 rules state that these stations may operate on any authorized HF or VHF Field Day band. Keep in mind that only one signal may be transmitted from the GOTA station at any time.

Henderson said the eligibility for operating the GOTA station has changed slightly: Anyone who has been licensed since Field Day 2007 is eligible to operate the GOTA station, regardless of license class.

For 2008, the Demonstration Mode Bonus category has been eliminated and replaced by an Educational Activity Bonus worth 100 points. "This bonus is intended to encourage clubs and groups to do some more formal educational activity during their Field Day operation," Henderson said. If you have any questions concerning what activities might be appropriate for this bonus, Henderson said you should submit them via e-mail, fdinfo@....

Be sure to read the Field Day rules and FAQs in the 2008 Field Day Packet for details of these changes. There are also numerous small changes in the FAQs and support materials in the packet that should help groups and individuals as they plan their Field Day activities, Henderson said.

Get the Word Out!

The 2008 Field Day Packet also includes an expanded Press Kit, thanks to the work of ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP. Included in this expanded portion of the packet is a sample "Field Day Proclamation" for those groups who work with local city or town officials toward getting a Field Day Week declared in their location.
"We are excited that historic station K6KPH will once again participate transmitting the W1AW special Field Day Bulletin on the West Coast," Henderson said. More details are available in the Field Day Packet.

Information concerning the popular Field Day pins and T shirts will be announced in the next few weeks.

Henderson said that those wishing to obtain a complete Field Day Packet via US mail need to send a 9 x 12 inch self-addressed, stamped manila envelope with 5 units of postage to Field Day Packet Request, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

If people wish to order display kits for their tables at Field Day, please contact Debra Johnson, K1DMJ, ARRL Education Manager, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111, tel 860-594-0296. The cost for the display kit ranges from $8-$12 depending on shipping. To ensure having the kits in time for Field Day, you are encouraged to order them no later than June 13.

2008 Field Day Logo: Ride the Waves

ARRL member Mary Von Lintig, KV2M, suggested the slogan for Field Day 2008: "Ride the Waves." A member of the South Jersey Radio Association, Von Lintig, inspired by the 2007 Field Day "bug" in last year's logo, enjoys VHF contesting and ARRL Sweepstakes and recently joined the Frankford Radio Club. "And, I like ARRL Field Day of course," she says. "I usually operate 21 hours of the event!" An avid portable radio operator, she has even been on-the-air while operating her lawnmower. "They also call me the YL on rollerblades." Mary and her husband Richard Van Lintig, KV2R, live in Voorhees, New Jersey. This year's logo was designed by ARRL Graphic Arts Supervisor Sue Fagan, KB1OKW, and Senior Technical Illustrator David Pingree, N1NAS.

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3920. Re: Repeater Donations

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-11 00:21:28 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3916 Message: 3920

All:

I've learned that making a Pay Pal donation to our repeater fund is simplicity itself. Easy!

Should you wish to help the MAARC and their repeater fund using Pay Pal you visit their site (paypal.com) and in the upper left corner is the option to "Send Money" to an email address.

Enter my email address, "bill_fries@..." and you will be offered the opportunity to send me money using Pay Pal. I ask that you mention your name and call sign during the transaction. This way we can keep track of donors. I'll clear out the Pay Pal account periodically with a check to our Council's treasurer.

I hope you will find a way to donate to the repeater fund at the MAARC. Should Pay Pal be your preferred method we can now accommodate your wishes.

The MAARC thanks you for your consideration of this worthy fund raising cause. We are looking forward to having a wonderful repeater for use of our ham community. Even if you don't donate please monitor the machine and use the repeater lots and often.

Bill, AB8SC

3921. Re: Repeater Donations

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-11 13:24:18 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3916 Message: 3921

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Bill" <bill_fries@...> wrote:
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>
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Excellent!! It works! I've already received donations. The MAARC is
grateful. This is pretty cool how slick this works.

Thanks! And YOU should consider a donation using Pay Pal.

Thank You!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3922. Ottawa County Skywarn Training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-11 22:24:08 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 3922 Message: 3922

The Ottawa County Skywarn Training will be held this year at the Allendale High School "Performing Arts Center", located at 10760 68th Ave., Allendale, MI. 49401, coordinates 42.57.52 N by 85.57.6 W.

Flyers are currently at the printer and will be distributed soon.

Best regards,

Steve N8UJD
Ottawa County Emergency Communications
Ottawa County ARRL Emergency Coordinator

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3923. Skywarn Training Schedule 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-12 02:22:55 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 3923 Message: 3923

The link below is to the Skywarn Training Schedule for 2008 of the Grand Rapids NOAA National Weather Service Forecast Office. This page is updated regularly and includes multiple counties.

http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grr/skywarn/training/

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3924. CPR Saturday - Ottawa County American Red Cross

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-12 04:09:35 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 3924 Message: 3924

CPR Saturday is fast approaching. For those of you who have not been at CPR Saturday in the past it is a free Adult CPR/AED only class for the people delivered within 4 sites at the same time. This year we will add a fifth class site (Holland American Red Cross Chapter House) This will be for Spanish speaking students only!

DATE: Saturday, March 1.2008

TIME: 9 :00am - 1:00pm

LOCATIONS: Evergreen Commons ? 480 State, Holland

St. Patrick?s Church- 920 Fulton, Grand Haven

Hudsonville City Hall- 3275 Central, Hudsonville

Allendale Township Hall- 6676 Lake Michigan Dr,
Allendale

Ottawa County Chapter House ? 270 James- Holland
(Spanish speaking only)

REGISTER WITH THE:

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270 James Street

Holland, MI 49424

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Fax: 616-396-3921

www.ottawaredcross.org

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3925. Fw: Virus!!! Valentine's Day Storm Worm.. snopes.com

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-12 17:42:39 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3925 Message: 3925

Please read and pass it on!

Be careful! The worm is on the loose again! Read about it here and don't open any Valentines messages you're not sure of!

http://www.snopes.com/computer/virus/valentine.asp

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3926. Batteries for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-13 12:05:54 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 3926 Message: 3926
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3928. Re: Repeater Donations

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-15 05:43:10 UTC
From: Charlie Chapman
Topic: 3916 Message: 3928

Let me ask the obvious, stupid question. What is the MAARC? West Michigan covers a lot of area ..

Charlie, KB8SFR

3929. Re: Repeater Donations

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-15 14:12:42 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3916 Message: 3929

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Charlie Chapman"
<charlie@...> wrote:
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> Charlie, KB8SFR
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helping young men and women. We have a marvelous radio shack. We
also put together a really great Field Day event with about seven
shacks (and GOTA) and a wonderful potluck dinner. You are encouraged
to participate.

Thanks for asking!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3930. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeater Donations

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-15 15:56:54 UTC
From: Chris Schulte
Topic: 3916 Message: 3930

Let me also say Charley, that there is no such thing as a stupid question, there may be obvious ones, but there is never a stupid one, except of course, the one that is never asked. That's about the stupidist question that someone could ask is not to ask one in the first place.

Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2008 9:12 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Repeater Donations

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<charlie@...> wrote:
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Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3931. The Bank Job movie and Amateur Radio

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-15 18:13:42 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3931 Message: 3931

The Bank Job movie and Amateur Radio

A new British movie The Bank Job features Amateur Radio.

Due for release at the end of February The Bank Job is inspired by an extraordinary true event, a daring, unsolved robbery, which took place more than 35 years ago in London.

The robbery made headlines for a few days and then disappeared - the result of a UK Government ‘D’ Notice, gagging the press.

Pye handhelds are used by the criminals in the movie and they are intercepted by a Radio Amateur who becomes involved in the attempt to catch them.

On the official website at http://www.bankjobmovie.co.uk/ the "Trailer" option gives you 5 movie clips to view.

The Pye handhelds can be seen in movie clip 2 titled "No Names Eddie" and halfway through clip 5 "Tightening The Net" there is what looks like an Amateur Radio HF rig from the 60's or 70's (possibly Yaesu ?).

UK film censor rating: 15

USA MPAA Rating: R for sexual content, nudity, violence and language.

The Bank Job website
http://www.bankjobmovie.co.uk/

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know-it-all with Yahoo! Mobile. Try it now.
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3935. Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star without a radio

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-17 16:52:34 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 3932 Message: 3935

When one or more parties of a given VoIP contact are making use of a ham radio, then there isn't much to discuss: it's definitely a radio application. This isn't neccessarily limited to EchoLink, IRLP and D-Star: with a VOX circuit, it's trivial to interface something like Skype to RF. Of course, you wouldn't want to leave such a link running unattended for any length of time, since such systems offer no protection against unlicensed folks taking control of the station.

Strictly computer-to-computer contacts, in my opinion, do NOT count as radio. However, if you're on a conference server and an RF node connects, then it IS radio. Since you might not always know for sure if an RF node is connected, and the system is explicitly designed to enable RF links, it's good to assume that you ARE going out over the airwaves, and operate accordingly.

Of course, there's the other end of the spectrum. I am particularly annoyed with the way QsoNet is advertised as a "virtual ionosphere for amateur radio", while loudly promoting the fact that it has absolutely nothing to do with radio whatsoever. It's Skype with callsigns, nothing more.

-Joe, N8FQ

On Sun, 17 Feb 2008 11:25:20 -0500
"CHRISTOPHER SCHULTE" <w8cjs@...> wrote:

> It kind of begs the question, at what point does it stop being radio and start being talking to someone over voip? I mean I understand that there is a radio component at one end, but for instance, when I can connect to someone else's computer via echo link, is that really radio, or is that just talking over voip?
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> 73,
> Chris, w8cjs
> Check out my web site,
> http://mysite.verizon.net/w8cjs

3936. Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star without a radio

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-17 16:56:30 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 3932 Message: 3936

I agree with you, Chris, and let's also ask the question how good
something like this would be during an emergency when the internet is down
or inaccessible?

73 from tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
From: "CHRISTOPHER SCHULTE" <w8cjs@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2008 11:25 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star without a radio

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Chris, w8cjs
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http://mysite.verizon.net/w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: Tom Nickisch
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2008 10:13 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star without a radio

Yep, and that means it won't be too long before sombody just offers a
software program you can download to your pc or laptop and go from there.

73' Tom

Al Pepping <kv8x@...> wrote:

It would only be a matter of time before hams came up with a way
to do D-Star without a radio, and here it is. I'm forwarding this
information from Mark Thompson on MIDSTAR's D-Star users group. The device
is a dongle that plugs into your computer USB port and allows you to access
D-Star gateways over a broadband connection. Ham Radio Outlet sells them
and they are around $200.00.
Watch the YouTube video, nice demonstration on how it all
works..... Neat tekkie stuff !!!!

Al...KV8X

Subject: [MIDSTAR] DV Dongle Video & Information

DV Dongle Video
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z68aSuQnhDE

DV Dongle Information
http://www.dvdongle.com/DV_Dongle/Home.html

DV Dongle Ordering Information
http://www.hamradio.com/cgi-bin/uncgi/ase?ITEM=dvdongle

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3937. Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star without a radio

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-17 17:01:14 UTC
From: CHRISTOPHER SCHULTE
Topic: 3932 Message: 3937

Well, I agree with what Joe said, as long as there's an rf component to it, then yes, it's radio, and we should opperate accordingly. but I also agree with you Tom, just how dependable would EchoLink or IRLP have been during hurricane Katrina?

Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: T Behler
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2008 11:56 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star without a radio

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----- Original Message -----
From: "CHRISTOPHER SCHULTE" <w8cjs@verizon.net>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2008 11:25 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star without a radio

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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2008 10:13 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star without a radio

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and they are around $200.00.
Watch the YouTube video, nice demonstration on how it all
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Al...KV8X

Subject: [MIDSTAR] DV Dongle Video & Information

DV Dongle Video
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z68aSuQnhDE

DV Dongle Information
http://www.dvdongle.com/DV_Dongle/Home.html

DV Dongle Ordering Information
http://www.hamradio.com/cgi-bin/uncgi/ase?ITEM=dvdongle

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3940. Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star without a radio

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-17 22:25:51 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 3932 Message: 3940

i think that if it helps with emergency communications, than give it a try, the more tools in your basket the better. far as the internet i would think, when using it during an emergency like katrina that you would be using satalite internet. that my thought of it. paul odem montcalm county ec/ro

CHRISTOPHER SCHULTE <w8cjs@...> wrote: Well, I agree with what Joe said, as long as there's an rf component to it, then yes, it's radio, and we should opperate accordingly. but I also agree with you Tom, just how dependable would EchoLink or IRLP have been during hurricane Katrina?

Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: T Behler
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2008 11:56 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] D-Star without a radio

I agree with you, Chris, and let's also ask the question how good
something like this would be during an emergency when the internet is down
or inaccessible?

73 from tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
From: "CHRISTOPHER SCHULTE" <w8cjs@...>
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Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2008 11:25 AM
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It kind of begs the question, at what point does it stop being radio and
start being talking to someone over voip? I mean I understand that there is
a radio component at one end, but for instance, when I can connect to
someone else's computer via echo link, is that really radio, or is that just
talking over voip?

73,
Chris, w8cjs
Check out my web site,
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3941. Dayton Hotel Rooms Available

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-18 00:58:41 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3941 Message: 3941

The Dayton Hamvention is only 3 months away.

As in past years I have reserved a block of 10 double rooms at a suite-type hotel in Dayton. I get these rooms for friends & acquaintances. Since I usually have some extra rooms available if you're interested in a room let me know.

Details about the Hamvention are available at:

www.hamvention.org

At the Hamvention I will be monitoring 147.435 (107.2 Hz decode) simplex & 441.000 D-STAR simplex.

My group goes out to dinner on Friday night at the Old Hickory BBQ near the Univ. of Dayton and on Saturday night at the Spaghetti Warehouse in downtown Dayton. You're welcome to join us.

See you at Dayton.

73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL
Mobile # - 847-867-2774

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3942. SDR Presentation at Chicago ARRL/TAPR DCC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-18 01:29:45 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3942 Message: 3942

SDR Presentation Announced for Chicago ARRL/TAPR DCC(Digitial Communications Conference) Sunday Seminar

'Software Radio Through the Looking-Glass'

Phil Harman, VK6APH

One of the most exciting, and rapidly evolving, aspects of Ham Radio is that of Software Defined Radios. What was initially left to technical minded experimenters is now starting to move into the main stream. The latest SDRs offer performance equal to the best analogue radios on the market.

For those brought up on analogue radios there is quite a learning curve to understand exactly how these new radios work, what they do well and what shortcomings there have.

Phil will guide us through the basics of SDRs right up to the very latest techniques that digitise signals directly at the antenna socket. Using diagrams and a minimum of math he will cover such subjects as front end design, mixers, why we need I and Q signals, digital up and down conversion,AGC techniques, noise blanking and high efficiency Power Amplifiers.

The presentation will be highly interactive, so be sure to bring along that question that has been puzzling you for so long!

Biography:

Phil Harman, VK6APH, has held a ham license for over 40 year. For much of this time he has worked on leading edge RF techniques related to receivers and transmitters. Phil's current passion is the development of fully digital HF radios. Phil co-writes the Software Defined Radio column in the
RSGB Radio Communications journal and also co-authored the SDR chapter in the latest RSGB Handbook.

ARRL/TAPR DCC
ARRL/TAPR DCC(Digital Communications Conference) Chicago, IL - September 2008

http://www.tapr.org/dcc.html

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3943. nasa tv live huston center

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-18 01:56:31 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3943 Message: 3943

If your interested in watching nasa tv live Here is a link.
Thanks to my wife for finding it.

http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/index.html

73s Jim

3944. Re: nasa tv live huston center

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-18 13:42:35 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3943 Message: 3944

This service is really great. I remember watching as the astronauts
"launched" Suit Sat. That was a thrill. It's a front row seat.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

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>
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>

3945. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-18 23:29:32 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 37 Message: 3945

> Greetings all,
>
> Well, this year is off to a real roll. With March and Michigan's spring
> storm season just a couple of weeks away, please get your plans in place
> for
> Skywarn training. The National Weather Service has been booking sessions
> and
> insuring NWS participation early will make your training program
> thoroughly
> effective for 2008. A note to hamfest planners: your Section Manager
> attempts to attend all of the Michigan hamfests that are sanctioned by the
> ARRL. The reality is that time conflicts can prevent my attendance at
> every
> swap. I do ask those who would like to assure the League is represented
> at
> your swap to contact me by email to request my attendance or to insure
> that
> an alternate can be with you. That will be a real help and assist me in
> being available to meet with ARRL members in the field.
>
> Your SEC John WB8RCR is encouraging ARES/RACES members to check in to
> the
> Michigan ARPSC Net each Sunday evening, 3932 kHz, at 5:00 PM. This net
> has
> served as a point of information sharing for our EC, DECs, NTS, RACES and
> staff members for many years. You are urged to check in or monitor the
> net
> for the latest information and ideas relating to EmComm. Those unable to
> check in to 3932 can find a review of the net's discussion on your local
> packet radio JNOS converse bridge, node number 41 at 8:00 PM.
>
> Affiliated Club Coordinator Dan KB6NU has issued the invitation for
> interested persons to participate in the 2008 Newsletter Contest. Dan is
> also looking for judges with journalism experience. If you know of
> someone
> who may be interested, please contact Dan at kb6nu@....
>
> Congratulations to these newly elected officers: Central MI ARC Officers
> for 2008: Pres W8ERV, VP K8RDN, Sec KC8HJQ, Treas WD8BCS, Directors
> WB8LZG,
> KD8BDI, Under 22 KD8BOQ, Cards & Flowers KC8NOI, Membership NG8L. Monroe
> County RCA 2008 officers are Pres N8YQW, VP W8RRI, Sec KB8KQC, Treas
> KA8EBI,
> Directors W8PI, KB8VIU, WB8FBG. Lansing CDRA officers are Pres W8BCI, VP
> WB8NUS, Sec/Treas KD8DJS, Directors K8DRB, KB8RAD.

>
> Michigan Nets reporting for November: MACS, MVTN, QMN, MiTN, UPN, SEMTN,
> NLEUPN MACS, and Hiawatha. Total Operator-hours for December: 1843. To
> include your net's monthly activities, contact wb8rcr@....
>
> Station Activity Reports (SAR) for January, 2008: WB9JSR 1007, KC8WSE
> 425,
> K8LJG 290, AB8SY 223, K8AMR 147, K8RDN 127, KD8AAD 110, W8RNQ 62, WB8RCR
> 48,
> KC8MLD 24, KC8BMV 24, WA8OOH 11, WD8USA 10, KD8BGQ 9, KC8NTE 8, KC8LXS 6,
> KC8ZGB 1.
>
> Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHR) for January, 2008: KC8NTE 597,
> WB8RCR 207, WD8USA 199, K8AMR 110, WB9JSR 110, KC8WSE 110, KD8BGQ 107,
> K8RDN
> 83, AB8SY 80, W8QOI 12.
>
> SARs are reports of all the radiogram traffic you have handled in the
> past
> month. PSHRs include both your net and public service activities for the
> month. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR. You can access
> a
> simple reporting form at: http://www.mi-nts.org/PSHR_entry.shtml to
> provide
> your reports to WB8RCR. You can also check http://www.mi-nts.org/ for the
> details on all of our Michigan Section reporting nets.
>
> January Official Emergency Station reports came in from K8COP, N8HA,
> W8QOI,
> W8RIT, and W8WRB. Your OES reports should be filed with WA8EFK with a
> copy
> to your EC. In all cases, reporting by radiogram is encouraged. Packet
> messages can be routed to wb8rcr@... and
> wa8efk@... .
>
> 73 until next month,
> Dale WA8EFK
>
>
> ---
> ARRL Michigan Section
> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from

> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

3946. New TAPR PSR On-Line

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-19 23:57:08 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3946 Message: 3946

TAPR PSR

Winter 2008 PSR

http://www.tapr.org/pphlogger/dlcount.php?id=tapr&url=ftp://ftp.tapr.org/psr/psr104.pdf

DCC / Fall 2007 PSR

http://www.tapr.org/pphlogger/dlcount.php?id=tapr&url=ftp://ftp.tapr.org/psr/dcc_103_2007.pdf

DCC (Digital Communications Conference) - Chicago, September 26-28, 2008

http://www.tapr.org/dcc.html

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3947. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-21 01:01:43 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 3947

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /AES Superfest 2008 Flyer.pdf
Uploaded by : wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>
Description : AES Superfest 2008 Flyer

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/AES%20Superfest%202008%20Flyer.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>

3948. NWS Storm Spotter Training - PDF

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-21 15:49:34 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 3948 Message: 3948

Hello, below is a link to a PDF file which contains a NWS Storm Spotter Training presentation. A good refresher between attending your yearly county NWS presentations.

Steve
N8UJD

Shortcut to:
http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/presentations/spotter-training/NWS-Spotter-Training_files/v3_document.htm

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3949. SK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-21 15:59:19 UTC
From: Ross
Topic: 3949 Message: 3949

In the Muskegon Chronicle last night.

James Wilkinson of Fremont. N8ACL. SK

Ross
N8GMY

3950. Re: N8ACL, SK

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-21 16:47:55 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3949 Message: 3950

You can view the on-line version of the obituary:

http://www.crandellfh.com/obituaries/Wilkinson%20James.htm

And leave comments.

Our hobby has lost a strong supporter.

Bill, AB8SC

3951. New D-STAR Repeater in Lafayette, IN

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-21 19:24:24 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3951 Message: 3951

New D-STAR Repeater in Lafayette, IN, W9ARP

http://www.w9arp.com/

D-STAR Repeaters in Indianapolis, IN, W9ICE

http://www.w9ice.com/

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3952. ARRL's VHF Digital Handbook (Coming in early March)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-21 21:15:04 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3952 Message: 3952

ARRL's VHF Digital Handbook
-- by Steve Ford, WB8IMY
Ham radio operators are using digital radio applications for fun, technical achievement, and public service. And it’s no wonder. Getting started often requires little more than a VHF radio and a computer.
Without complicated “owners manual” jargon—ARRL’s VHF Digital Handbook presents the material through a unique how-to approach and friendly, conversational style. Readers will understand how to setup and operate their equipment and software, and make the best use of their VHF digital station.
Contents:

Packet Radio Fundamentals: All the basics including TNCs, operating commands, and networks (such as DX Packetcluster).
APRS – The Automatic Position Reporting System: Track moving objects on maps (other stations, public service vehicles, marathon runners, etc.). Connect your own GPS receiver and transmit your location even as you’re moving!
D-STAR: Enjoy high-speed digital voice and data on the growing network of D-STAR repeaters.
High Speed Multimedia: Discover how you can set up your own wireless Amateur Radio data network by modifying over-the-counter gear such as routers and access points. It’s ham WiFi consumers can only dream about!
Digital Meteor Scatter and Moonbounce: Explore weak signal operating using the software masterpiece WSJT by Joe Taylor, K1JT.
Technical Descriptions: In-depth information about AX.25, D-STAR and APCO-25 protocols. Plus, digital applications in public service and emergency communications: Packet radio, APRS, Winlink 2000 and more!
Also available: ARRL's HF Digital Handbook
First edition, © 2008, published by American Radio Relay League, Inc.
(ISBN: 0-87259-122-0) #1220 -- $19.95
Coming in early March!

ARRL's HF Digital Handbook
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ARRL’s HF Digital Handbook is your guide to understanding the most active HF digital communication modes in use today. There is something here for every radio operator—beginners and more advanced operators alike. And, as this technology rapidly advances, your increased understanding of digital communication techniques will make certain that you stay in the race as new modes and methods unfold.
This fourth edition book includes expanded station setup information, discussion of PSKMail and other varieties of PSK, new content on Olivia, DominoEX, HF digital voice and image modes, and Automatic Link Establishment.
Just getting started? All it takes is your sound-card-equipped computer and your HF transceiver. ARRL’s HF Digital Handbook will guide you through the rest!
Contents:
Assembling Your HF Digital Station
RTTY

PSK31
PACTOR
Winlink 2000
Clover
Hellschreiber
MFSK
G-TOR, MT-63, Throb, Olivia and DominoEX
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3953. Tool Max this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-22 15:35:04 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3847 Message: 3953

We will not be in this Saturday so stop during the week. Skywarn training in Muskegon County is this Saturday Feb 23

Check out our New Web sight at www.toolmaxonline.com Let me know what you think.

New items this week
None

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other NEW items in Stock

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters out of stock now $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea
HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $20 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $3.25 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
Laser pointers $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $8
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

We are the only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.

Technician Class $18.95
General Class $20.95
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)

300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Other Used Equipment on Consignment
1 Set Husler HF Antennas 80m/40m/15m $30
1 RC 432 long wire antenna on a spool $15
1 Home brew 2 m/440 pipe antenna $15
1 NC 60B Yaesu 15 volt Nica Battery Charger $5
4 Dynamo crank LED Flashlight $8
1 GR-213 Holux GPS Receiver for USB port $40
1 KVM Switch for switching Keyboard, video, mouse on computer $10
1 Box of Large Compactors 10-12 pc total $5
HP PDA Pocket PC Model Jornada 545 16MB Ram Color PDA $100
Paum Zire Black & White PDA $30
Radio Shack PRO-94 1000 Channel Handheld Trunking Scanner $75
Arrow 222 5 Element 220mhz Beam $25
3 Standard HX 320 Business Band Radio $10 ea.
1 Regency H600B UHF Mobile Business Band Radio $25
1 APC Interruptible back up supply $35
1 Ampprobe Clamp-Pn Meter $15
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
Headphone/Mike Ear Headset $5
Radio Shack Woodgrain Speaker $5
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2 - $10
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ 1278B TNC $50

MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
6-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $125
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the Tool and Ham Radio retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 just north of the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant (Now tore down) in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios parts for sale. For more information call or e mail Tom KB8VEE at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...
Websight www.toolmaxonline.com

3954. North American Sprint - RTTY - This evening!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-23 14:28:14 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3954 Message: 3954

The RTTY folks can have a blast this afternoon and evening....

North American QSO Party 14 days
1800Z Feb 23 - 0600Z Feb 24
Details at http://www.ncjweb.com

3955. Anyone else working Ducie?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-24 15:46:48 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 3955 Message: 3955

Got them 1st call this morning on 40M phone. (40W and a wire).
Sometimes you just get lucky, I guess!!

Greg, KC8HXO

3956. Re: Anyone else working Ducie?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-24 15:55:31 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3955 Message: 3956

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "kc8hxo" <kc8hxo@...> wrote:
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> Got them 1st call this morning on 40M phone. (40W and a wire).
> Sometimes you just get lucky, I guess!!
>
> Greg, KC8HXO
>

Greg:

I'm hoping that there is a short story about VP6 in the upcoming issue of Flashovers, the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council's newsletter regarding my chase for that DX. Congrats on your catch.

I was reading on their web site that all hams should give them a call. They are occupying a remote, desolate, and uninhabited (well, uninhabited usually with nine or ten folks there now) island. Give them a call as they don't have anything better to do than QSO you.

Work them now as they are leaving in well under a week.

Keep your eyes open for Clipperton Island coming next month.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3957. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Anyone else working Ducie?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-24 16:07:47 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3955 Message: 3957

Greg I worked them yesterday on 17m and this morning on 20m John kc8uny already sent qsl for 17m
----- Original Message -----
From: kc8hxo
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 10:46 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Anyone else working Ducie?

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Greg, KC8HXO

3958. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Anyone else working Ducie?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-24 16:34:40 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 3955 Message: 3958

kc8hxo wrote:
>Got them 1st call this morning on 40M phone. (40W and a wire).
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> Greg, KC8HXO

Greg, I am not a dx'r, but it has been fun watching/listening to these guys. I got them on 20 and 17 ssb and cw. I'm a hack at CW, and they stayed right with me. I thought how they operated, with giving the listening frequency out rather often, was very nice.

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tom k8tb

3959. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Anyone else working Ducie?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-24 18:49:13 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3955 Message: 3959

Frequency?
----- Original Message -----
From: K8TB
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 11:34 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Anyone else working Ducie?

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tom k8tb

3960. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Anyone else working Ducie?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-24 19:23:56 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3955 Message: 3960

Jim they asr working split 20m 14.190,listening up 14.245 to250 17m 18165 listening down 18.160 hope this helps john kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 1:49 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Anyone else working Ducie?

Frequency?
----- Original Message -----
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Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 11:34 AM
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tom k8tb

3961. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Anyone else working Ducie?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-24 21:06:00 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 3955 Message: 3961

Jim KC8PCJ wrote:

>Frequency?

http://ducie2008.dl1mgb.com/operating/frequencies/index.php

On SSB they announce where they are listening, not how many kc's up they are.

On cw they will indicate QSX xx.xxx, which is where they are listening.

Also, check any of the online dx clusters/spotters.

tom k8tb

3962. Can a Guy Win?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-24 21:24:32 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3962 Message: 3962

I caught word that a kid in my Boy Scout Troop is studying a country. I imagine that he's chasing down population, religion, culture, holidays, and interesting stuff like that. I get a bright idea, "How about I get the kid into my shack and we call a ham in his country?" Wow, that would be great!

I send off an email message to get the kid's country. The country? Rwanda!?

I tell my DX Elmer my dilemma. He says, "give me a shout when you plan to have the QSO. I'd like to listen in!" I'm guessing the kid's going to be disappointed. There can't be even one ham rag chewing with a call sign starting with 9X.

73 es DX de AB8SC
MAARC guy

3964. Re: Anyone else working Ducie?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-25 01:31:38 UTC
From: kc8shz2000
Topic: 3955 Message: 3964

vp6dx contact at 1726 on 15m. 27.295. up 5.
--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, K8TB <k8tb@...> wrote:
>
> Jim KC8PCJ wrote:
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>
> Also, check any of the online dx clusters/spotters.
>
> tom k8tb
>

3965. (no subject)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-25 01:54:52 UTC
From: don brown
Topic: 3965 Message: 3965

contact maoe at 1726 2.24.o8 on 15m..21.295 up 21.300--- contact made at 0147 2,25 on 20m up 14.246 kc8shz don

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3966. WOW

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-25 12:44:23 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 3966 Message: 3966

Hello All,

Well I have to say and try not to brag to much because I know all you folks are back in Muskegon area am and me being down here in Tampa FL. But I'm sitting here on the deck as the sun comes up and it's 68' and just beautiful this morning listening to the birds. Now my won't agree with this but the only thing that would make this any better would to have an HF radio so I could get in the net this morning. I can now see why a lot of hams like to come down here in the winter. As for now all of you folks take care and I will see next week when I'm forced to come back to the frigid north.

73' Tom W8AMZ

3967. Re: Can a Guy Win?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-25 13:43:39 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3962 Message: 3967

Al:

Thanks for the friendly reminder to mind the third party rules. I completely forgot. That would be just my luck.

There is a dxpedition planned later in March. I sure need to get that tower up.

Bill, AB8SC

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Al Pepping" <kv8x@...> wrote:
>
> Proceed with caution !! (The ARRl's words, not mine.). The United
> States does NOT have a 3rd party traffic agreement with Rwanda. Risky
> business to be sure. Maybe a moot point anyway, from what I understand,
> ham radio is virtually non existent in Rwanda except for the occasional DX
> pedition.
>
>

> Al...KV8X
> -------Original Message-------
>
> From: Bill
> Date: 02/24/08 16:24:36
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Can a Guy Win?
>
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> going to be disappointed. There can't be even one ham rag chewing
> with a call sign starting with 9X.
>
> 73 es DX de AB8SC
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>

3968. More questions about radio repair.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-25 14:51:01 UTC
From: Jason B
Topic: 3968 Message: 3968

Hello again all.

I'm still working on my old junk ham rig in my (sparse) spare time. I seem to have hit an annoying stopping point. I believe a diode may be out in the PS section of my old Alinco 2M. According to the not very intuitive repair docs that I have, the diode is a Iss226TE85L. Now I can find a ton of links from huge electronics distributors offering to sell them by the thousands, and some by the hundreds, but for peat's sake, I only need one (an depending on how it should test, may not even need that).

Do any of you out there have any knowledge about this thing? I can't find a faq sheet on it, nor do I know what would be an equivalent substitution part. Several of you were instrumental in helping me locate the service manual for it, and I thank you for that help. I'm just hoping there may be someone out there that may shed a bit of light on this old thing. I miss the chit-chat on my daily commute.

73
Thank you,

Jason Blakley
KI4VUO

3969. Re: Anyone else working Ducie?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-25 18:53:14 UTC
From: allen michels
Topic: 3955 Message: 3969

I worked VP6DE on 15m or 17m cant not remember

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3970. VP6DX

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-25 23:04:46 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3970 Message: 3970

17M
On 18.165 listening 18.162.

S7 logged contact 2nd try.

3971. Re: [WestMichiganHams] VP6DX

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-25 23:47:29 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3970 Message: 3971

Jim try 12m 24.987 simp
----- Original Message -----
From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: westmichiganhams
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 6:04 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] VP6DX

17M
On 18.165 listening 18.162.

S7 logged contact 2nd try.

3972. Re: [WestMichiganHams] VP6DX

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-26 00:43:44 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3970 Message: 3972

Don't here them on 12m. I did get a contact on15M 21.295 also. I'm happy.

----- Original Message -----
From: jtlr.fischer@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 6:47 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] VP6DX

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3973. Re: [WestMichiganHams] VP6DX

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-26 00:54:56 UTC
From: jim orlowski
Topic: 3970 Message: 3973

On 2/25/08, jtlr.fischer@... <jtlr.fischer@...> wrote:
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meters rtty and worked them there!

JIm N8PUG

3974. Re: [WestMichiganHams] VP6DX

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-26 01:16:44 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3970 Message: 3974

Could'nt hear them on 15 heard them on 12 got them first call that makes three bands in three day's 17 20 12 they said some think about 10m that was open this evening 73 kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 7:43 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] VP6DX

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----- Original Message -----
From: jtlr.fischer@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 6:47 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] VP6DX

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3975. Re: [WestMichiganHams] VP6DX

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-26 01:17:29 UTC
From: jim orlowski
Topic: 3970 Message: 3975

worked on 17 meters on first try then on 20 meters rtty.
just worked on 12 meters 24.987.03

jim N8PUG

On 2/26/08, jim orlowski <n8pug01@...> wrote:
> On 2/25/08, jtlr.fischer@... <jtlr.fischer@...> wrote:
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> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: Jim KC8PCJ
> > To: westmichiganhams
> > Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 6:04 PM
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> JIm N8PUG
>

3976. RE: [WestMichiganHams] VP6DX

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-26 01:28:40 UTC
From: Hal Thomas
Topic: 3970 Message: 3976

I worked on 12m @ 00:04 with 50w I was really excited, my first DX expedition contact.

24.987.00 no on the hunt for other bands.

73's Hal

KD8FFX

From: jim orlowski [mailto:n8pug01@...]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 8:17 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] VP6DX

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jim N8PUG

3977. AES Superfest Forums, Saturday, 3/29

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-26 05:57:02 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 3977 Message: 3977
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

AES Superfest Forums, Saturday, 3/29

Superfest Flyer
http://www.aesham.com/pdf/SF2008.pdf

9:00 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.
DIGITAL MODES (Greg Lengling, W9DHI)
HF Data Modes using Ham Radio Deluxe/DM780, the free software program by
Simon Brown, HB9DRV. Covering PSK, CW, DOMINO, MFSK, MT63, OLIVIA,
RTTY, SSTV, THROB and all their variants.

10:00 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.
GETTING STARTED WITH D–STAR (Mark Thompson, WB9QZB)
Reviewing the basics of this this new Digital Voice and Data Transmission technology
and available radios and repeaters.

11:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.
MODULATION (Jack Hudson, W9MU)
Baseband signals; Carriers and Frequency translation; Time domain and Frequency
domain representations; Side Bands; AM, SSB, FM & CW; Power distribution

12:00 NOON – 12:45 P.M.
LEGAL ISSUES FOR HAMS (Jim O'Connell, W9WU - ARRL Volunteer Counsel)
How to avoid restrictive covenants, present your case for a tower, info on the latest
court rulings on RFI, PRB-1 and towers.

1:00 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.
YOUR FIRST TELESCOPE (Jeff Setzer - Northern Cross Astronomical Society)
The basics of telescopes and and what to look for and what to avoid when shopping
for your first instrument. Weather permitting, telescopes will be set up for sun viewing.

2:00 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.
THE GORDON WEST SHOW (Gordon West WB6NOA)
Year after year he keeps topping his previous presentations. Don't miss it!

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http://www.yahoo.com/r/hs

3978. VP6DX's Web Site

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-26 14:05:16 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3970 Message: 3978

You guys probably already know that the VP6DX has a great web site,
http://ducie2008.dl1mgb.com/

They're crowing about putting over 170k QSOs into the log. A
magnificent feat.

Check out their online QSL service. And you can confirm you're in the
log with the log search function.

I like the "notes home" about life on an almost deserted island.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3979. Event & Meeting Schedule 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-26 19:10:23 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 3979 Message: 3979
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, attached via a PDF file is start at our Events & Meeting Schedule for 2008. Please email me directly (svanderhill@...) with any deletions, additions, or revisions, thanks.

Best regards,

Steve N8UJD

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3981. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Third party questions

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-27 20:27:44 UTC
From: CHRISTOPHER SCHULTE
Topic: 3980 Message: 3981

Mark,

I think in answer to your question about the trustee not being present, but holding an extra class license, as long as the control opperator is opperating within his/her privillages using a club call, there is no issue. For instance, there are a number of general class opperators that use the w8zho call in contests, but within their own privillages. Being as you are an extra class licensee, there shouldn't be an issue with you being control op for the w8mta station. I again reference the previous mention of the w8zho call. Obviously there isn't always a trustee of the club around when that call is used, but it is being used within the licensed privillages, therefore, it shouldn't be a problem.

73,
Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 3:06 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Third party questions

Greetings All,

I would like to operate at the school station W8MTA this Saturday and make international contacts during the ARRL SSB contest.

I am not quite clear on the rules for 3rd party traffic.

Here is what is stated on the ARRL web site:

"Occasionally, DX stations may ask you to pass a third-party message to a friend or relative in the States. This is all right as long as the US has signed an official third-party traffic agreement with that particular country, or the third party is a licensed amateur."

And...

"Note: At the end of an exchange of third-party traffic with a station located in a foreign country, an FCC-licensed amateur must transmit the call sign of the foreign station as well as his own call sign."

Also noted from the list of countries on that same page, Germany was *not* listed as having a 3rd party agreement with the US.

My goal is to get QSO's and cards from all over the world for W8MTA. W8MTA is technically a club call.

Q1) If the country being contacted is on the list I assume we can use the call W8MTA. Is my assumption correct?

Q2) If the country being contacted is on the list can the person talking be anyone, regardless of license, class or lack of a license?

Q3) If the country is *not* on the list can we use the call W8MTA so long as the person talking holds a valid license?

Q3) If the above is answered in the affirmative, does the licensee have to have privleges in the band / segment we are using at the time?

Q4) At the end of the contact, do we sign with W8MTA, or do we have to use the call of a licensed amateur?

Q5) If the above is answered 'licensed amateur', and Q2's answer indicates a person without a license can do the calling, how do we determine which licensee will supply the call?

Q5) How do we determine which band / segement can be used? The trustee of the station won't be present, presumably, but holds and Extra class ticket. I will be present and hold an Extra class ticket and will take on the role of control operator.

Q6) If there is an error on the 3rd party list available at the page following, where can I get an accurate list? http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/io/3rdparty.html

Also, any additional information we may need to operate W8MTA to contact international stations will be greatly appreciated. We won't be officially participating in the contest. Our goal is to get the log book filled and seek QSL cards to display at the station.

Thanks and 73

Mark K8MHZ

3982. Tool Max this week Feb. 28

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-28 19:02:34 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3982 Message: 3982

Check out our New Web sight at www.toolmaxonline.com Let me know what you think.

New items this week I need some, bring them in.
None

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

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New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
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RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .45 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $3.25 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
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1 Home brew 2 m/440 pipe antenna $15
1 NC 60B Yaesu 15 volt Nica Battery Charger $5
4 Dynamo crank LED Flashlight $8
1 GR-213 Holux GPS Receiver for USB port $40
1 KVM Switch for switching Keyboard, video, mouse on computer $10
1 Box of Large Compactors 10-12 pc total $5
HP PDA Pocket PC Model Jornada 545 16MB Ram Color PDA $100
Paum Zire Black & White PDA $30
Radio Shack PRO-94 1000 Channel Handheld Trunking Scanner $75
Arrow 222 5 Element 220mhz Beam $25
1 Ampprobe Clamp-Pn Meter $15
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
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Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
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Heathkit items in stock

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1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40
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3983. CLIPPERTON IS.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-02-28 23:04:46 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3983 Message: 3983

ON THE AIR NOW FO5A/MM IN ROUTE TO CLIPPERTON ISLAND 14.205 JUST MADE CONTACT AT.2259 UTC KC8UNY JOHN

3984. WEAVER'S WORDS -- 'tis the Irish rising.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-02 12:48:11 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 3984 Message: 3984

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> - New ops: A curse or an opportunity?
> - DXCC turnaround time.
> - President Harrison's mother passes away.
> - FCC actions.
> - Renewed pledge to you.
> - Family members as ARRL members.
> - Michigan State Convention Scheduled.
> - Division Convention note.
> - 8th Area director appointed.
> - Tentative schedule.
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> +++ New ops: A curse or an opportunity? +++
>
> The answer to the above question depends on each one of us. New ops
> are curses for people who prefer to "curse the darkness," but they are
> opportunities for people who would much rather "light one single
> candle" to clear the darkness. The darkness in these instances being
> the darkness of inexperience and ignorance. Note that I said
> ignorance; not stupidity. I am referring to a case of not having had
> the opportunity to learn rather than of being unable to learn.
>
> I believe that all amateurs are inherently intelligent. Education to
> become knowledgeable is what we all need in one or more respects.
>
> I fairly frequently receive e-mail complaining about how some new hams
> continue to operate using non-ham practices. This is particularly true
> when a group of several friends come into Amateur Radio from Citizens'
> Band at the same time. This is natural. They know each other well and
> may have operated on CB together using CB procedures for a long time.
> Long-established practices are often difficult to change.
>
> Long-standing practices are particularly difficult to change when no
> one has shown that alternate practices are more appropriate. But, who
> is it that should introduce aspiring and new licensees to the ways of
> Amateur Radio?
>
> The most logical people to show or teach newbies the "way of light and
> wisdom" are local hams. These are the hams who meet new licensees in
> person at license classes, club meetings and events, or at breakfast or
> lunch.
>
> How do neophytes learn proper procedure? They could read on their own
> or could listen to established hams operate. The latter is a good way
> to learn, provided the hams they listen to use good procedure.

>
> Another excellent way to help newbies learn and to get them involved in
> a local club at the same time, is to present a short-course on proper
> operating. This course could be targeted strictly to new folks by
> adding it on as a single discussion or in few-minute bites during a
> license course. It could also be given at club meetings.
>
> The training might include the proper use of pro-words and pro-signs,
> how to begin and end a QSO. It could stress courteous operating and
> prepare new hams to deal with the truly few LIDs who are discourteous
> and piggish, as well as other commonly-encountered features of
> day-to-day operation.
>
> You might choose to open the training up to old timers. If you do,
> prepare to be surprised at the number of old timers who learn that
> practices they thought were correct, aren't. This is sort of like the
> King of Siam in "The King and I." Remember, he was the supreme honcho
> who suddenly realized that what he had thought was true for decades
> actually isn't.
>
> As just one example of a highly common error, consider the all-familiar
> ending for Amateur Radio QSOs. Which is proper . . . 73s or 73?
>
> Regardless of the fact that nearly many new and old ops alike say 73s,
> this is incorrect. The correct term is 73. Don't misunderstand,
> saying 73s won't result in FCC enforcement action. It won't even
> result in a friendly reminder from an OO. Even so, if one really
> wishes to operate correctly, it is 73, not 73s.
>
> The code term, 73, is already plural. It was initially set up by
> telegraphers to say "best wishes," "good luck" or similar thoughts to
> fellow telegraphers. Adding an "s" to 73 to turn it into 73s turns it
> into "best wisheses" or "bestes wisheses" or some other distortion of
> the language. At best it becomes a plural plurality, whatever this may
> be.
>
> Not too long ago, I listened to a QSO on a local repeater in which two
> newcomers were debating the meaning of a few Q signals. Among other
> things, they were trying to figure out whether QRA means "I am at" or
> "there is a lot of interference," and whether QTH means "my call is
> ___," or "your signal is very weak."
>
> New ops need help -- need an Elmer. It is best if the help comes from
> people who choose to take the effort to teach correct information.
>
> +++ DXCC turnaround time +++
>
> A number of you have written me concerning the relatively long
> turnaround time being experienced in processing DXCC card submissions.
> Flatly speaking, as hard working as our folks in the Awards area are,

> the ball was fumbled on this. When things began to unravel, people
> were so busy trying to push and shove the system to work more
> efficiently that they did not see the full view of the issue. By the
> time the total picture came into view, the situation had gotten out of
> hand.
>
> Things are beginning to look. One hopes this will translate into real
> progress quite soon. I will say only that additional measures are
> being taken to prevent major delays from recurring at any time in the
> future.
>
> Some of the "never-again" changes that will be made will not be evident
> until near the end of 2008. These latter changes will be discussed
> nearer to this time. In the meantime, mea culpa.
>
> +++ President Harrison's mother passes sway +++
>
> It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Betty Harrison,
> mother of ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN. Mrs. Harrison passed
> away February 21 in Searcy, Arkansas. I have extended the condolences
> of the Great Lakes Division.
>
> +++ FCC action +++
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> Travel cut back --
>
> Don't expect to see Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, at many hamfests this
> year. The FCC has clamped down on the amount of travel its employees,
> including Hollingsworth, can make to events sponsored by organizations
> it regulates. The only event in the GLD that I know Riley can be
> expected to attend this year is the Dayton Hamvention(R). The number
> of hams who attend the Hamvention each year makes his travel to it very
> cost effective.
>
> One word of caution: Do not misinterpret this recent cutback as
> indicating a decrease in effort to regulate against improper and
> illegal action. As relatively slow as the wheels of the FCC mill turn,
> they will continue to grind very fine. The lists of FCC action taken
> against bad actors on the Amateur Radio bands will continue to
> demonstrate that FCC rules and regulations are being enforced. This
> enforcement action includes measures taken against pirate operation,
> inadvertent radiation into the ham bands and illegal activities of
> licensed amateurs.
>
> FCC Rejects Morse code requirement - again --
>
> The FCC rejected two submissions that would have restored the
> requirement to demonstrate Morse code proficiency as a component of the
> General Class or Extra Class ham exams. The submissions were turned
> down on procedural grounds.

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> +++ Renewed pledge to you +++
>
> I came across the following resolutions as I was looking through old
> editions of Weaver's Words for something totally different. They
> struck a chord, though, and I thought they would be good to issue them
> again just to let you all know I continue what I believe. This isn't
> the turn of the New Year, which is when the following was initially
> published, but the coming of St. Patrick's Day is as good a time as any
> to renew this (and maybe other) pledges.
>
> From the December 2004 Weaver's Words --
>
> "MY RESOLUTION TO YOU
>
> "Before I tossed my hat into the ring to become GLD Director I made a
> few resolutions to myself and to each of you. I didn't tell you this
> at the time, so I've decided to renew the resolutions and let you in on
> them.
>
> "RESOLUTION No. 1: I will continue to act at all times in the best
> interests of Amateur Radio and ARRL. I will not cater to any
> individual or group when fulfilling the duties of Director.
>
> "RESOLUTION No. 2: I will continue to seek input and direction from
> you GLD members before voting on items of substance, whenever this is
> possible.
>
> RESOLUTION No. 3: I will continue to consider very seriously any
> recommendations and opinions of GLD ARRL members before determining my
> vote on items of substance, whenever this is possible.
>
> "RESOLUTION No. 4: I will continue to include the best available
> information regarding: 1) FCC, and US Communications Law and
> regulations, 2) International Communications Law and regulations, 3)
> lessons drawn from the best Amateur Radio practices as well as 4)
> member wishes/preferences in determining my vote on issues before the
> ARRL Board of Directors.
>
> "All of the above is based upon my strong belief that ARRL members are
> partners in Amateur Radio who can, and do, contribute substantial
> knowledge and enlightened guidance to ARRL actions. ARRL exists for
> its members."
>
> +++ Family members as ARRL members +++
>
> Questions occasionally arise over how members of the immediate family
> of an ARRL member can join the League -- as family members. The answer
> is pretty simple. Any spouse or child(ren) of an ARRL member may join
> ARRL for $8 per year provided the spouse or children(ren) live with the

> member. The point that has raised questions relates to when these
> family members may join ARRL.
>
> The fact is that a family member may join ARRL at any time throughout
> the year. However, the term of the family membership will be tied to
> the term of the "senior" member. For example, assume that dad's
> membership term ends in April and that his son joins as a family member
> in July. The son's family membership will end in April along with
> Dad's (or Mom's).
>
> For the first year of his membership, the dues paid for the son will
> pay for 10 months. After this first year, the son's membership will
> begin and end at the same time as Dad's. The family, in fact, will
> receive only one statement regardless of the number of family members.
>
> Although a couple of details are a little different, family members of
> Life Members may also join at the Family rate. It would be best to
> telephone Membership at ARRL HQ at 1-860-594-0303 to discuss the
> details of these memberships.
>
> Each member of a family membership receives the same services as does a
> single member with one exception. Only one copy of QST is sent to a
> household under the Family plan.
>
> +++ Michigan State Convention scheduled +++
>
> The Kalamazoo ARC (KARC) and Southwest Michigan Amateur Radio Team
> (SMART) are combining to present the Michigan State Convention &
> Hamfest on October 12. Details of the Convention are being finalized.
> These include DXCC card checking, a lunch, VE exams and educational
> forums. Ruth Bates-Hill, WB8VEV (Ruth.M.Bates-hill@...) is the
> contact person. Information will also be posted at
> www.kalamazoohamfest.com as it becomes available.
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> +++ Division Convention note +++
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> With our Division conventions occurring in odd-numbered years and our
> State conventions in even-numbered years, it will soon be time to begin
> planning for the 2009 Great Lakes Division Convention. Clubs
> interested in sponsoring the Division convention next year may want to
> begin to think about which features they would like to present in and
> around the convention -- which forums, speakers, location and other
> features.
>
> TO assist in developing your thinking, it may be helpful to review the
> 2007 and 2005 conventions. Information on the 2007 convention is at
> www.2007gldc.com/. This site also has a link to the 2005 convention.
>
> Earlier Division conventions were paired with the Findlay, Toledo and
> Cleveland Hamfests with the hamfests being on Sunday and the convention

> on Saturday. Watch for calls for requests to host the 2009 convention
> in coming weeks.
>
> +++ 8th Area director appointed +++
>
> No, none of the ARRL directors have resigned and been replaced. The
> 8th Area director referenced in this case is for The 3905 Century Club,
> Inc. and is W8JMF, John Fisher of Berea, OH. Congratulations John.
>
> The 3905 CC is a group of AM operators who conduct nets on 80 and 40
> meters. It was organized during the US Bicentennial celebration to
> offer a variety of operating awards to commemorate the bicentennial.
> The club's bicentennial activities were so successful that it has
> continued operating ever since.
>
> For more information about The 3905 CC award and nets, go to
> www.3905ccn.comwww.3905ccn.com.
>
> +++ Tentative Schedule +++
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> 2008
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> Mar 5: Mound ARA Meeting - Miamisburg, OH - Jim
> Mar 15: Bellbrook ARC Dinner - Waynesville, OH - Jim
> Apr 2: Lake County ARC, Painesville, OH - Jim
> Apr 14: Portage County ARS (OH) Meeting - Jim
> Apr 22: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM
> May 16-18: Dayton Hamvention(TM) - Gary & Jim
> Jun 21: Milford, OH, Hamfest - Jim
> Jul QST 'til noon Aug 8: Nominations for Director/Vice Director open.
> Jul 10: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown, OH - Jim
> Jul 17-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim & Gary
> Jul 22: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM.
> Sep 21: Cincinnati Hamfest, Cincinnati, OH - Jim.
> Sep 23-Oct 1: Ballots mailed for Director/Vice Director election.
> Oct 12: Michigan State Convention & Hamfest, Kalamazoo, MI - Jim
> Oct 28: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM.
> Nov 21, noon: Deadline for return of ballots. Ballots counted.
> Nov 22 end of day: Candidates notified of election results.
>
> 2009
>
> Jan 1, noon: Terms end for current GLD Director/Vice Director. Terms
> begin for newly elected/re-elected Director/Vice Director.
>
> 73,
>
> Jim
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director

> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
> ARRL - The Reason Amateur Radio Is!
> Members - The Reason ARRL Is!
>
> ---
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

3985. Wisconsin QSO Party - Sunday 9 March

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-03 21:01:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3985 Message: 3985

The Wisconsin QSO Party is this Sunday, from 1800z March 9 to 0100z (March 10). Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time starts on this same day, so don't be an hour early or an hour late. :)

Full details at http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm

73 de n8xx Hg

3986. New Web Site

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-04 14:33:04 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 3986 Message: 3986

MCECS's new web site: www.mcecs.net

73's

Jim, K8COP

3987. Re: WEAVER'S WORDS -- 'tis the Irish rising.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-04 17:25:54 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3984 Message: 3987

Tom:

Thanks for uploading these messages from Jim, K8JE on this forum.

Bill, AB8SC

3988. 2008 Severe Weather Ionia County Spotter Training.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Professional

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-05 12:50:22 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 3988 Message: 3988
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

All:

I am sending this on behalf of Rick Norman WB8QCD. Rick is the emergency manager for Ionia County. If you know any hams living in Ionia please forward this to them.

Tnx
Jeff - N8JSN

3989. Re: 2008 Severe Weather Ionia County Spotter Training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-05 15:06:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3988 Message: 3989

Attachments don't happen on this list, here's the text from the pdf file:

2008 Severe Weather Spotter Training
Ionia County

You are invited to become a National Weather Service trained Severe Weather Spotter for the 2008 season, and serve your community. The Weather Service relies on reports from Skywarn spotters during severe weather events. Learn all you need to know during this training. Public Invited!

When: April 10, 2008
Time: 7:00pm ☐ 9:00pm
Cost: Free!
Where: Ionia County ISD
2191 Harwood Road
Ionia, MI 48846
RSVP not required ☐ just show up!
Bring yourself and a friend.

Sponsored by:
Ionia County Office of Emergency Management
And
The National Weather Service

For information contact:
Rick Norman, PEM
Emergency Program Manager
616-527-8250
rnorman@...

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Jeff's Lists" <lists@...> wrote:
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> forward this to them.
>
> Tnx
> Jeff - N8JSN
>

3990. March Weather Spotter training sessions

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-05 15:32:43 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 3990 Message: 3990

Dates for upcoming Skywarn training in Weather spotting for March are:

COUNTY DATE
Van Buren March 8th, 2008
Montcalm March 11th, 2008
Clinton March 13th, 2008
Isabella March 18th, 2008
Newaygo March 19th, 2008
Mecosta March 20th, 2008
Calhoun March 22nd, 2008
Gratiot March 25th, 2008
Ottawa March 27th, 2008
Ingham March 29th, 2008

Details of locations, times and contacts are at

http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grr/skywarn/training/

It appears that if you can't make it to your own county training
session, the training repeats in adjacent counties.

Training continues into April, details at the above site.

73 de n8xx Hg

3991. Fw: The View From the Other Side Of the Couch

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-06 02:49:58 UTC
From: CHRISTOPHER SCHULTE
Topic: 3991 Message: 3991

I saw this through the blind hams list that I subscribe to and thought the
list might appreciate it. *smile*
73,
Chris, w8cjs
----- Original Message -----
From: "Buddy Brannan" <buddy@...>
To: <BLIND-HAMS@...>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 4:12 PM
Subject: The View From the Other Side Of the Couch

> If you haven't read this column on the ARRL Web site, do. I sent it to
> my wife Melanie saying, "See? You only thought I was crazy." Here's
> honest to goshness proof.
> http://www2.arrl.org/news/features/2008/03/04/10001?nc=1
>
> It had me in stitches. Melanie, of course, only chuckled knowingly.
> --
> Buddy Brannan, KB5ELV - Erie, PA
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> Change Lives: See how, Together, We Can Change the World:
> http://www.powermall.info
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3992. Ottawa County IS-300, 4/30 & 5/1/08, EOC & IS-400 Training, 5/13 & 14/08, HPD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-06 17:36:16 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 3992 Message: 3992
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

-----Original Message-----
From: bsmith@... [mailto:bsmith@...]
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2008 10:20 AM
To: grosema@...; Roger DeYoung; John Kruithoff; Olney, Bill;
bergersb@...; Edwards, Dennis; roeslerdw@...; Lee Waldie;
VanRhee, Mel; Vanderyacht, Gord; fire@...; Gary Dreyer; Gruppen,
Bill; Dan Hamming; DAN HENDERSON; Russ Hirdes; afdfire@...; Mohr,
Dick; Rick Nuvill; Sheridan, Dwight; Rich Szczepanek; VanHaitsma, Gord; Doug
VanHekken; Paul VanVelzen; Chief Gamby; Olthof, Mike; Paulson, Jay;
cfd391@...; Tim Smith; Gernatt, Kurt; Chief Gerencer; Beelen, James;
Josephine Kelly; Stille, Leon; Joanne Marcetti; William Cargo; Terry
Nienhuis; Willis Driesenga; Miedema, James; Stuart Visser; Lucas, Art;
Baumann, Howard; Bernice Berens; William Wiersma; joannbecker@...;
BSlagh@...; Kenneth Bush; Patrick, Steven; Tejchma, Ray; Craig
Bessinger; Roger Bergman; McGinnis, Pat; McGeehan, Al; Wolff, Soren; Don
VanDoeselaar; pluben@...; Cotton, Ryan; Lester Hoogland; Timothy
Klunder; Bill Filber; Holland, Bill; r.walters@...;
fvarga@...; Nash, John; grosema@...;
grapple@...; bsmith@...; Snippe, Loren;
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roeslerdw@...; SINDEE MAXWELL; lstefan@...;
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Szczepanek; bjcote@...; ddisselkoen@...; Walters, Dr. Jim;
Elushik, Rick; Chief Gerencer; Steve VanderHill; Elushik, Rick;
brockj@...; Brouwer, Dave; dave356@...; Howard Fitzgerald;
rafaviator@...; Hoekstra, Marv; alandbarbk@...; Dave Lamer;
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csaddler@...; Gerry Dawson; Vollink, Josh; Don Stephens; Phil
Metten; Rich Brand; Capt. Rick Yonker; John Fisher; Perry Zimonick; Dahl,
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dhulst@...; dscholt@...; DAN HENDERSON; Dean
Blauser; Dr. Heidel; grosema@...; VanHaitsma, Gord;
gdejong@...; gsteige@...;
jdiekema@...; JIM TANIS; jhagan@...; Zarazecki, Ken;
lmcneil@...; Knudsen, Mark; Reimink, Myra; Hascher, Paul; Rich
Szczepanek; Roger DeYoung; SINDEE MAXWELL; Wolff, Soren; Steve Stegeman;

Kempker, Steven; kathye@...; bthomas@...;
lstefan@...; cvankampen@...; Tim Smith; Mark Jongekrijg;
ddisselkoen@...; gschrot@...; Lt. Tinney; Gruppen
Jr., Bill; Steve VanderHill; Hascher, Paul; Reimink, Myra; kathye@...;
Szymas, Dave; Dave Lamer; cvankampen@...; Steve Stegeman;
bzost@...; bzost@...; Warren Billett; Tim Smith; Mark
Jongekrijg; Knudsen, Mark
Cc: Rich Szczepanek; Warren Billett; bthomas@...
Subject: Ottawa County IS-300, 4/30 & 5/1/08, EOC & IS-400 Training, 5/13 &
14/08, HPD

Ottawa County Staff:

Ottawa County will be providing Training, presenting the IS-300 Course on Wednesday and Thursday, April 30 and May 1, 2008, from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM each day at the Ottawa County EOC, Lower Level of the Fillmore Complex in West Olive.

The companion IS-400 Course will be held on Wednesday & Thursday, May 13 and 14, 2008, from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM each day at the Holland Police Department, Training Room, 89 W. 8th St, in Holland. This session is also the companion course for the IS-300 Training held in Holland on January 8 & 9, 2008.

Class size is limited to the first 35 that register.

I've attached the NIMS training guidelines and Region 6 NIMS requirements to assist you in determining which members of your staff need to attend.

This is required training to maintain our eligibility to receive Federal Funding.

Please register yourself and any of your staff that need the training, in the appropriate table below. Respond to this e-mail "with history", which will allow you to complete the table below.

You will receive confirmation by return e-mail. This class will be limited to the first 35 that sign up. Just a reminder, you will be required to attend the full session of each course to complete the training.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 616-738-4050.

IS-300, Wed-Thurs, April 30 & May 1, 2008, County EOC

NAME ORGANIZATION ADDRESS PHONE E-MAIL

IS-400, Tues & Wed, May 13 & 14, 2008, Holland PD Training Room, 89 W. 8th St., Holland

NAME ORGANIZATION ADDRESS PHONE E-MAIL

Thanks

Smitty
No virus found in this outgoing message.

Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.516 / Virus Database: 269.21.6/1315 - Release Date: 3/6/2008
9:07 AM

3993. Re: Ottawa County IS-300, 4/30 & 5/1/08, EOC & IS-400 Training, 5/13 & 14/08, HP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-07 13:37:44 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3992 Message: 3993

Steve:

What are IS-300 and IS-400? I visited
http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp to get an idea of your
training topics. The list goes from Disaster Basics IS-292 to
Radiological Emergency Response IS-301. Similarly the list goes from
IS-394.A to IS-546.

Am I visiting the wrong place?

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3994. Re: Ottawa County IS-300, 4/30 & 5/1/08, EOC & IS-400 Training, 5/13 & 14/08, HP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-07 15:03:58 UTC
From: muskegonjimquay
Topic: 3992 Message: 3994

NS 300 - Intermediate Incident Command System, ICS-300
THIS COURSE MEETS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE NIMS INTEGRATION CENTER FOR COURSES AS TAUGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS).
Middle management, strike team leaders, task force leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors and Multi-Agency Coordination System/Emergency Operations Center staff.

NS 400 - Advanced Incident Command System, ICS-400
THIS COURSE MEETS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE NIMS INTEGRATION CENTER FOR COURSES AS TAUGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS).
Command and general staff, agency administrators, department heads, emergency managers, areas commander and Multi-Agency Coordination System/Emergency Operations Center managers.

Not for sure where they went if not on the FEMA page . I did take both those courses .

Mark "KD8BIG"

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> Bill, AB8SC
> MAARC guy
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3995. NIMS 300 & 400

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-07 15:10:34 UTC
From: muskegonjimquay
Topic: 3995 Message: 3995

http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims_training.shtm

3996. Pssst! Wanna buy an electronics company?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-07 18:04:00 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 3996 Message: 3996

Industrial Communication Engineers, Ltd. (I.C.E.), manufacturer of lightning protection and interference filtering gear (including some items intended specifically for Amateur Radio use), is for sale -- on eBay, of all places:

eBay Item #250221413049

73

Alan NV8A

3997. Re: NIMS 300 & 400

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-07 18:13:38 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 3995 Message: 3997

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "muskegonjimquay"
<muskegonjimquay@...> wrote:
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Thanks!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

3998. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Pssst! Wanna buy an electronics company?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-07 21:01:09 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 3996 Message: 3998

The starting bid of $2.7 Mil is just a bit out of my budget, even with the No Payments for 3 Months provision!

Jack NY8D

----- Message from nv8a@... ---------
Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2008 13:04:00 -0500
From: Alan NV8A <nv8a@...>
Reply-To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Pssst! Wanna buy an electronics company?
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com, WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com

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----- End message from nv8a@... -----

3999. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Ottawa County IS-300, 4/30 & 5/1/08, EOC & IS-400 Training, 5/13 & 14/08, HP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-07 21:40:28 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3992 Message: 3999

Doc And Bill I S 300 and 400 are not online coruses they are both two day classes aprox. 16 hrs each they are more for public service(police and fire) hope this helps John KC8UNY
----- Original Message -----
From: muskegonjimquay
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2008 10:03 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Ottawa County IS-300, 4/30 & 5/1/08, EOC & IS-400 Training, 5/13 & 14/08, HP

NS 300 - Intermediate Incident Command System, ICS-300
THIS COURSE MEETS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE NIMS INTEGRATION CENTER FOR COURSES AS TAUGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS).
Middle management, strike team leaders, task force leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors and Multi-Agency Coordination System/Emergency Operations Center staff.

NS 400 - Advanced Incident Command System, ICS-400
THIS COURSE MEETS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE NIMS INTEGRATION CENTER FOR COURSES AS TAUGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS).
Command and general staff, agency administrators, department heads, emergency managers, areas commander and Multi-Agency Coordination System/Emergency Operations Center managers.

Not for sure where they went if not on the FEMA page . I did take both those courses .

Mark "KD8BIG"

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Bill" <bill_fries@...> wrote:
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4000. Re: Ottawa County IS-300, 4/30 & 5/1/08, EOC & IS-400 Training, 5/13 & 14/08, HP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-07 21:49:34 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 3992 Message: 4000

I have taken both the IS-300 and IS-400 through the Muskegon County EMA. Very good courses. I recommend the courses to all leaders whether volunteer or paid.

Best Regards,
Doc, AC8AL (formerly KD8BGQ)

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <jtlr.fischer@...> wrote:
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4001. You might be a ham if:

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-08 01:27:04 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 4001 Message: 4001

You Might be a Ham Operator if:

1. When you look at a full moon and wonder how much antenna gain you would need.

2. When a friend gets a ride from you and remarks that you have a lot of CBs in your vehicle, it turns in to an hour long rant on how ham radio is not CB radio.

3. When someone asks for directions, you pause, wondering if long or short path would be best.

4. When you can look at a globe and be able to point to your antipode (and you know what an antipode is).

5. Your cell phone ring tone is a Morse code message of some kind.

6. You have accidentally said your Amateur Radio call sign at the end of a telephone conversation.

7. Your favorite vacation spots are always on mountain tops.

8. You notice more antennas than road signs while driving your car.

9. You have driven onto the shoulder of the road while looking at an antenna.

10. Porcupines appear to be fascinated with your car.

11. If you ever tried to figure out the operating frequency of your microwave oven.

12. When you look around your bedroom of wall to wall ham gear and ask: Why am I still single?

13. The local city council doesn't like you.

14. You actually think towers look pretty.

15. Your family doesn't have a clue what to get you for Christmas, even after you tell them.

16. Your HF amplifier puts out more power than the local AM radio station.

17. The wife and kids are away and the first thing that goes through your head is that no one will bother you while you call "CQ

DX" a few hundred times.

18. When you pull into a donut shop and the cops there on
their coffee break ask if they can see your radio setup.

19. You refer to your children as your "Harmonics".

20. Your girlfriend or wife asks: "You're going to spend
$XXXX on what???

21. You actually believe you got a good deal on eBay.

22. When you see a house with a metal roof, and your only
thought is what a great ground plane that would be.

23. You have pictures of your radio equipment as wallpaper
on your computer's desktop.

24. Every family vacation includes a stop at a Ham radio store.

25. The first question you ask the new car dealer is: "What
is the alternator's current output"?

26. You buy a brand new car based on the radio mounting
locations and antenna mounting possibilities.

27. You have tapped out Morse code on your car's horn.

28. A lightning storm takes out a new Laptop, Plasma TV, and DVD
Recorder, but all you care about is if your radios are okay.

29. Your wife has had to ride in the back seat because you
had radio equipment in the front seat.

30. Your wife threatens you with divorce when you tell her
that you are going on a "fox" hunt.

31. You always park on the top floor of the deck, just in
case you might have to wait in the car later.

32. When house hunting, you look for the best room for a
radio shack and scan the property for possible tower placement.

33. When house hunting, you give your realtor topographical maps
showing local elevations.

34. The real estate agent scratches his head when you ask if
the soil conductivity is high, medium, or low.

35. You have Ham radio magazines in the bathroom.

36. When your doorbell rings, you immediately shut
down the amplifier.

37. Fermentation never enters your mind when "homebrew"
is mentioned.

38. Instead of just saying no, you have said "negative".

39. You have used a person's name to indicate acknowledgement.

40. You become impatient waiting for the latest AES
catalog to arrive.

41. You have found yourself whistling "CQ" using Morse code.

42. You always schedule the last full weekend in June
for vacation.

43. You walk carefully in your back yard to avoid
being close-lined.

44. You have deep anxiety or panic attacks during high
winds or heavy ice.

45. You and the FedEx/UPS men are on a first name basis.

46. You really start to miss people that you've never seen.

47. Your exercise machine is a Morse code keyer.

48. You walk through the plumbing section at the hardware
store and see antenna parts.

49. Your neighbors thought you were nuts when you ripped up
your lawn to bury chicken wire.

50. Your next door neighbor thinks that your wife is a widow.

51. Your wife has delivered meals to your Ham shack.

52. If you sold all your Ham radio equipment, you could
pay off your mortgage.

53. Removing snow from the roof of your car requires working
around the antenna and wires.

So, how many did you get "right"? :)

73 de tom k8tb

4003. Prelim Announcment - Michigan QSO party

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-09 00:08:10 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4003 Message: 4003

The Michigan QSO Party is April 19, 1200 EDST to 2400 EDST (16Z Saturday April 19 until 04Z Sunday April 20) Details at http://www.miqp.org

The MiQP is REALLY fun - we folks in Michigan are the bait for all the folks outside the state who are looking for contacts!

For up to date info on who is operating, etc., please join the Michigan QSO Party reflector. Details of how this works are at http://www.miqp.org/Reflector.htm

73 de n8xx Hg

4004. Ham Radio in new The Bank Job Movie

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-09 18:24:51 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4004 Message: 4004

I saw the new movie The Bank Job last night.

http://www.thebankjobmovie.com/

It is apparently based on a true story that occurred in the early 1970s in England.

Ham radio is prominent in the movie. A London ham operator uses a 1970s vintage Yaesu FT-101
to intercept some apparent bank robbers using CB-type walkie-talkies.

73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

Looking for last minute shopping deals?
Find them fast with Yahoo! Search.
http://tools.search.yahoo.com/newsearch/category.php?category=shopping

4005. special event station 50th Annvy Accidental Nuclear Bomb drop

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-09 20:43:03 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4005 Message: 4005

Interesting Special event station

http://www.qrz.com/callsign

N4B on 7.232

March 11, 1958, Florence, South Carolina A B-47E accidentally jettisoned an unarmed nuclear weapon without its fissile core at 15,000 feet,

4006. New Operator notes:

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-10 18:57:34 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 4006 Message: 4006

All:

I am re-working my notes I give to operators during the HIAD. I would like opinions / suggestions about "important" things to know.

This is what I usually talk about at the end:

New Radio Operator Notes

1. EMERGENCY TRAFFIC takes over the topic!
2. You must ID every 10 Minutes or at the end of your conversation.
3. Listen before you speak!
4. When calling someone on the radio
a. 2x1 Call
IE: KC8EST KC8EST this is N8JSN
b. 1x1 Call
IE: KC8EST this is N8JSN
5. To get into a rotation
a. Wait until someone takes a breath and throw your call into the break. Someone will recognize you
6. To take someone into the rotation
a. When you hear someone throw there call sign into the break point recognize them make your comment and then take them into the rotation.
7. be courteous to other users of the repeater system. Unless you are on a closed or private system, you should make sure to give breaks to allow others to hop into the rotation or to report emergency traffic
8. Pretend you are talking to a 5 year old! If you would not want, the topic talked about with your child / Grand Child it should not be talked about on the radio!
9. Don't hog the repeater; let others take a chance at it. Take a break and let others join into the conversation.
10. Use the auto patch wisely!

To check for your call sign go to:
http://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/searchLicense.jsp

Your paper license will arrive within 30 days from the day your call sign is issued on the internet.

Get involved with your local ARES / RACES program.

If you have suggestions I'd like to see them. Tnx Jeff

4007. Midwest Classic Radio Ham-boree, June 28th, Union, IL

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-10 19:01:08 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4007 Message: 4007

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Kenneth E. Farver <kfarver@...>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008 6:19:53 AM
Subject: AM Jambo

ATTENTION ALL VINTAGE HAM RADIO ENTHUSIASTS

AND ESPECIALLY

THE MIDWEST CLASSIC RADIO NET PARTICIPANTS

In recognition of the AM Jamboree as was initiated and hosted by Ron (K5HZ) and
Julie that was held for a number of years in south-central Wisconsin and
also recognizing that many AM'ers, in the Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Iowa area
have expressed an interest in wanting to participate in such a social event such as the AM
Jamboree,

We are very happy to announce the Midwest Classic Radio Ham-boree

To be held on
Saturday June 28, 2008
8:00 am

at beautiful
Siems Memorial Park
In Union, Illinois

(Union Illinois is the home of the famous Illinois Railway Museum and
is located only 15 miles from the Wisconsin State line and approximately 100 miles from
Iowa and Indiana)

Scheduled
(further information forthcoming)

Free Swap-meet of vintage ham gear
Bring your own table

Free auction of vintage ham gear
Seller final-say protection

Catered lunch featuring Italian Beef and Sausage

Pavilion shelter with picnic tables

Raffle or bingo-type "Radio" game

-and-

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

This very first Ham-boree will be in honor of, and dedicated to the recognition of, the 13 years of unselfish service as net-control operator of the Midwest Classic Radio Net faithfully provided by Robert Hummel (WA9ZTY)

Please do not pass the presentation information to Rob as we want to keep it a surprise to him

Not Responsible for Accidents

W9WR-Bill Ross N9CQX-Harry Blesy

Motel info:

Super 8, Hampshire (815)683-0888
Amerihost, Harvard (815) 943-0700
Super 8 Woodstock, (815) 337-8808
Days Inn, Woodstock (815) 338-0629
KOA, Campground, Union, IL (815) 923-4206

Harry Blesy 9S740 Clarendon Hills Rd Willowbrook, IL 60527 Phone/FAX: (630) 789-1793

Never miss a thing. Make Yahoo your home page.
http://www.yahoo.com/r/hs

4008. ARLB005 W1AW 2008 Spring/Summer Operating Schedule

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-10 19:10:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4008 Message: 4008

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: ARLB005 W1AW 2008 Spring/Summer Operating Schedule
Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 14:52:24 -0400
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
To: hgreeb@...
CC: Subscribed ARRL Members:;

SB QST @ ARL $ARLB005
ARLB005 W1AW 2008 Spring/Summer Operating Schedule

ZCZC AG05
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 5 ARLB005
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT March 10, 2008
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB005
ARLB005 W1AW 2008 Spring/Summer Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1300 UTC (9 AM ET)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1300 UTC (9 AM ET)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1400 UTC to 1600 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM ET)
1700 UTC to 1945 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM ET)

(Station closed 1600 to 1700 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM ET))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2000 UTC (4 PM ET)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
2000 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
2100 " (5 PM ET)	CWb	Daily
2200 " (6 PM ET)	RTTY	Daily
2300 " (7 PM ET)	CWs	Mon, Wed, Fri
2300 " "	CWf	Tue, Thu
0000 " (8 PM ET)	CWb	Daily
0100 " (9 PM ET)	RTTY	Daily
0145 " (9:45 PM ET)	VOICE	Daily
0200 " (10 PM ET)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
0200 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu

0300 " (11 PM ET) CWb Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.8175 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675 28.0675 147.555
RTTY: - 3.5975 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095 147.555
VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590 147.555

Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM
CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM
CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.

RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC (100 Baud). ASCII (110 Baud) is sent only as time allows.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2230 UTC (6:30 PM ET), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0000 UTC (8 PM ET) Thursdays and 0000 UTC (8 PM ET) Fridays.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

FCC licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1400 UTC to 1600 UTC (10 AM to 12 PM ET), and then from 1700 UTC to 1945 UTC (1 PM to 3:45 PM ET) Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur license or a photocopy.

The complete W1AW Operating Schedule may be found on page 97 in the March 2008 issue of QST or on the web at,
http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html .
NNNN
/EX

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No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG.
Version: 7.5.518 / Virus Database: 269.21.7/1322 - Release Date: 3/9/2008 12:17 PM

4009. Calendar Event - Training

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-10 20:24:38 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4009 Message: 4009

Hello, an event to attend to add to your calendar:

* Thursday, April 17, 2008, 7:00pm, at the Fillmore Complex, a program presented by PhD. Sue Stejskal. The program title is, "Detection Dogs As Investigational Tools, Understanding The How, Why, What, When, Who, and Where Of Using Search Dogs".

Don't miss it!

No virus found in this outgoing message.
Checked by AVG.
Version: 7.5.518 / Virus Database: 269.21.7/1323 - Release Date: 3/10/2008 11:07 AM

4011. O.C.E.C. Meeting Reminder - March 13, 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-10 20:56:33 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4011 Message: 4011

Hello, just a quick reminder of the monthly O.C.E.C. meeting this Thursday night (13th) at 7:00pm at the Fillmore Complex. We will be meeting in the Range Classroom just down the hall from the E.O.C.

Best regards,
Steve

p.s. don't forget the HARC meeting on tuesday night at 7pm.

No virus found in this outgoing message.
Checked by AVG.
Version: 7.5.518 / Virus Database: 269.21.7/1323 - Release Date: 3/10/2008 11:07 AM

4012. 2008 LEPC Conference

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-10 20:56:35 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4012 Message: 4012
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Attached is the flyer for the 2008 LEPC Conference. This year the program is "Planning a Table-Top Exercise".

No virus found in this outgoing message.
Checked by AVG.
Version: 7.5.518 / Virus Database: 269.21.7/1323 - Release Date: 3/10/2008 11:07 AM

4013. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Operator notes:

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-10 21:40:19 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4006 Message: 4013

This raises a question in my mind...

If one does not own a frequency, then how can one legally camp
his repeater on a given frequency and then block others from using
that frequency? (I am assuming a case where no operator has
violated any rules, regulations, and is using good operator
practice.)

Thanks - /////////// Richards - K8JHR ////////////

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k8mhz@... wrote:

> repeater owner does *not* own the frequency but is responsible for the
> use of the repeater and therefore it is perfectly legal not only to set
> rules for that repeater, but ... limit the use of their repeater to
anyone they feel fit. Amateurs do not have a given right to use
any repeater just because it is there.

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4015. Michigan 2008 Youth Forum

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-10 22:30:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4015 Message: 4015

Michigan 2008 Youth Forum
Date: April 12, 2008 **10 AM to 4 PM.
Location: Mount Hope Church
1672 M-32 East, Gaylord, Michigan
Talk-in on 147.120 Repeater, Tone 151.4 Hz

Who: Young radio amateurs and their parents/sponsors.

Goals: Learn what sparks the interest of young people in ham radio
Allow our young hams to share their experiences
Introduce the attendees to new facets of ham radio
Conduct operating events
Report findings to all Michigan clubs
Set goals for bringing more youth into the hobby
Have fun !

Sponsor: Michigan Section ARRL

Cost: Nothing. (A donation to help cover pizza and soft drinks would be appreciated).

Registation: Form on separate message

Club Officers: Please publicize this event as much as possible. We strongly encourage attendance by as many young folks as possible. Our sessions will include active participation by our young hams to help us determine what brought them into ham radio, why they like it and what aspects they don't like. Our Gaylord venue was chosen to centralize travel for everyone, as we expect attendees from both the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan. (Special thanks to Pastor Norm and the members of Mt. Hope Church for hosting our event).

This will be a fun event and include a Special Event Station as well. Operating freqs will be posted on the ARRL Michigan Section Web page soon.

Please distribute the attached announcement poster and distribute copies of the registration form to those who may be interested

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Regards and thanks for helping make Ham Radio grow.

Dale Williams WA8EFK
ARRL Section Manager ? Michigan
734-529-3232

4016. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Operator notes:

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-11 00:04:55 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4006 Message: 4016

Thanks -- but the correct reference is: 97.205(b) ...

Still seems inconsistent,... but the law if full of that
sort of thing. Apparently, the FCC encourages repeater
use over simplex usage. I suppose absent a loud outcry
against restrictive repeater management, it favors repeater
use and deployment. If there were a lot of complaints of
undue restrictions by repeater owners, then maybe it would
adopt a different position.

////////////// JHR //////////////
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k8mhz@... wrote:
>
> Bear in mind that repeaters can only exist on certain parts of the band
> which allows for simplex users to be free of any chance of interfering
> with a repeater. I refer you to 97.203(b).

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4018. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New Operator notes:

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-11 02:45:44 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4006 Message: 4018

Thanks for the reply.

I just noticed your call sign... very cool. I bet you
could sell it for big money! ;-)

On another front... Do you guys have any regular HF nets?
If so, is there a web site or FAQ that tells about them?

Thanks for your courtesy and assistance. Happy trails and 73.

//////////////// Richards //////////////
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k8mhz@... wrote:

> Methinks the only outcry of overprotected repeater frequencies is from
> people that want to put up repeaters on coordinated pairs that are
> granted but are not or are no longer used.

there is plenty of room for both simplex and repeater use.

> Mark K8MHZ

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4019. Balloon Launch from North America to Europe using 30m RTTY/CW, Tuesday, March 10th @ 10 pm EDT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-11 05:12:33 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4019 Message: 4019

Spirit of Knoxville IV balloon launches Tuesday 11th March

Spirit of Knoxville IV (SNOX IV) launch date has been set at 0300 UT on Tuesday 11th March. The balloon with carry a RTTY LSB/CW beacon on 10.126 MHz.

This flight is designed to stay aloft for more than 24 hours, inserted into the current jet stream at normal flight altitudes of 30,000 to 40,000 ft. This will take the balloon into Europe over the UK and France if all goes well around 40 hours into the flight.

Launch Time: 0300 UTC March 11 (10 PM EDT March 10) Track the mission live at: http://www.spiritofknoxville.com (the Live status page will only become active at launch)

Keep an eye on the latest progress from the launch team on the front page of spiritofknoxville.com or by using twitter to follow twitter user "spiritofknox".

Radio listeners: Flight radio details will be available on the DTRC status page which opens when you run the current version of DTRC.

Download DTRC from http://dtrc.utarc.org

Thanks,

Spirit of Knoxville Crew

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4020. Motorola Maxar 80

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-11 16:48:08 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4020 Message: 4020
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4021. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Motorola Maxar 80

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-11 17:59:10 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 4020 Message: 4021

You should have known that would cath my eye Tim.I'll take it off your hands.

73 KD8CBJ

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4022. Two Meter Net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-12 12:06:05 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4022 Message: 4022

All:

You're invited to participate in the Muskegon radio club's two meter net. It runs Wednesdays starting at 7:00 pm on Muskegon's 146.94 repeater. We have fun with conversation between participants & the net control, radio trivia, a question from the question pools, an education and learning topic, and the ARRL audio news.

It is lots of fun. You can get your two cents in and learn a few things. And all call signs checking into the net are entered into a monthly "door prize" drawing.

You'll like this net. Stop in!

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

4024. Re: Two Meter Net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-12 21:26:21 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4022 Message: 4024

Mark:

We could take that under advisement. It might happen. I'll ask the board.

You do not need to be a club member to participate in the net. The single requirement is you have a ham license. Well, that and a desire to use the radio. Er, we do encourage lurkers. It is tons more fun to interact with the net control guy.

Yes, get your dues paid. We welcome K0LEY's participation. And we encourage yours, too.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Bill,
>
> Have you ever thought of giving away a free year of club membership as a door prize?
>
> Which reminds me....Koley and I need to renew!
>
> Best of 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ
> Earth bound misfit, I.
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Bill
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 08:06
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Two Meter Net
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3/10/2008 7:27 PM
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4025. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Motorola Maxar 80

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-12 22:18:38 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4020 Message: 4025
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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4026. 2008 Ottawa County Skywarn Spotter Training - March 27, 6:00pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-12 23:34:36 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4026 Message: 4026
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, attached is a PDF file which is the flyer for the 2008 Ottawa County Skywarn Spotter Training being held on Thursday, March 27, at the Allendale High School.

Hope to see you there.

Best regards,

Steve N8UJD

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4027. New this week at Tool Max Store

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-13 17:21:26 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 4027 Message: 4027

I will be in Marshall this Saturday at the Hamfest not in the Store.

Check out our New Web sight at www.toolmaxonline.com Let me know what you think.

New items this week I need some, bring them in.

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1 Otto Head Set with Mic $5
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1 MFJ hand mic for HT $5
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We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

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New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .50 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
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Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
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Tri-Field Meter $64

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1 Set Husler HF Antennas 80m/40m/15m $30
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1 Home brew 2 m/440 pipe antenna $15
1 NC 60B Yaesu 15 volt Nica Battery Charger $5
4 Dynamo crank LED Flashlight $8
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1 Box of Large Compactors 10-12 pc total $5
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Paum Zire Black & White PDA $30
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Arrow 222 5 Element 220mhz Beam $25
1 Ampprobe Clamp-Pn Meter $15
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
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Speakers $2
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LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10

M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
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4028. ARLB006 FCC Fixes Typographical Errors in Part 97

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-13 18:09:16 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4028 Message: 4028

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ARLB006 FCC Fixes Typographical Errors in Part 97

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ARRL Bulletin 6 ARLB006
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT March 13, 2008
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB006
ARLB006 FCC Fixes Typographical Errors in Part 97

The FCC released a Memorandum Opinion and Order (MOO) on Wednesday, March 12, in an effort to correct typographical errors in Commission's Rules, including rules affecting Part 97, the Amateur Radio Service.

According to the FCC, these changes are "non-substantive editorial revisions" and do not introduce new rules or change old rules applicable to Amateur Radio operators. The MOO is available at, http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-08-530A1.pdf.

In this MOO, the FCC is updating the Allocation Table and service rules for the Amateur Radio Service with regard to the band 75.5-81 GHz. In 2003, the Commission released a Report and Order (R&O), commonly called the 70/80/90 GHz R&O, that adopted a transition plan for the amateur use of the segment 75.5-76 GHz. The Commission concluded that moving Amateur Radio operations out of the 75.5-76 GHz band would not pose a major inconvenience to the Amateur Radio Service, but would "substantially benefit future fixed services, because it would eliminate the possibility of harmful interference from amateurs."

Accordingly, the primary allocations to the Amateur and Amateur Satellite Services in the 75.5-76 GHz band were downgraded from primary to secondary status, with secondary use ceasing on January 1, 2006. After that date, the band 75.5-76 GHz was no longer available for use by the Amateur Service or the Amateur Satellite Service.

This transition plan was codified in footnote US387 and in Section 97.303(r)(3) of the Commission's Amateur Service rules. Because the transition period has concluded, the Commission "removed expired footnote US387 from the list of U.S. footnotes and we are amending Part 97 of the Commission's Rules to reflect this allocation change by: (1) revising the entry "75.5-81.0" GHz in Section 97.301(a) to

read "76-81" GHz; (2) removing paragraphs (r)(2) and (r)(3) from Section 97.303; and (3) renumbering paragraph (r)(1) as paragraph (r)."

In October 2006, the FCC released the Amateur Phone Band Expansion R&O, that expanded the phone bands. With the release of the MOO, the FCC is making two changes.

The first change to the October 2006 R&O is simply a correction of a typographical error in the Rules for the General phone allocation on 15 meters. In the Amateur Phone Band Expansion R&O, the Commission revised 21.30-21.45 MHz to read 21.275-21.45 MHz, but the current codification of the rule does not reflect this change. All the Commission did was to bring the Rules into alignment with the R&O.

The second change fixed an omission in the Novice/Technician allocation on 40 meters. The FCC found that when the Amateur Phone Band Expansion R&O was released, "the Commission expanded the frequency segment authorized for amateur voice communications within the 40 meter band by correspondingly reducing a band segment used for narrowband emission types by 25 kHz, from 7.100-7.150 MHz to 7.100-7.125 MHz."

The revised frequency table in Section 97.301(e) of the FCC's Rules that lists authorized frequency bands for Novice and Technician Class inadvertently omitted 7.100-7.125 MHz from Regions 1 and 3. "Because the Amateur Phone Band Expansion R&O addressed the division of amateur frequencies among permissible emission types and not between geographic ITU Regions, we must further amend Section 97.301(e), as set forth in Appendix C, to implement the Commission's decision. Specifically, we are revising the 40 meter band by reinserting the segment '7.100-7.125' MHz in the Region 1 and Region 3 columns."

The FCC also took the opportunity to remove a double negative from Section 97.303(b). Before the release of the MOO, this Section read: "No amateur station transmitting in the 1900-2000 kHz segment, the 70 cm band, the 33 cm band, the 23 cm band, the 13 cm band, the 9 cm band, the 5 cm band, the 3 cm band, the 24.05-24.25 GHz segment, the 76-77.5 GHz segment, the 78-81 GHz segment, the 136-141 GHz segment, and the 241-248 GHz segment SHALL NOT cause harmful interference to, nor is protected from interference due to the operation of, the Federal radiolocation service."

The FCC chose to take out the word "NOT" to bring the rule's words in line with the spirit of the rule.
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4029. clipperton is

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-13 20:25:26 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4029 Message: 4029

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4030. Re: clipperton is

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-13 20:55:39 UTC
From: kc8shz2000
Topic: 4029 Message: 4030

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <jtlr.fischer@...> wrote:
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4031. Re: clipperton is

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-13 21:34:38 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4029 Message: 4031

> what are they using for split? Every time I hear them it sounds
> like
> they are saying up 5 percent. kc8shz
>

I edited your question a bit for clarity. Did I destroy the intent of the question?

Listen to the DX station. Toward the end of their run the DX will likely be working so the US Generals can legally get into the log. That means if they transmit on, say, 14.197 they will listen on 14.260 or something. Maybe it was the operator but my experience was teh DX announced where he was listening.

For example, they were working twenty meters transmitting on 14.197. The DX wanted to work Europe and Africa. They were listening 14.140 to 14.145. I could hear the calling stations working the DX. It was frustrating that even an Extra could not call the DX on those frequencies. The DX operator was clearly stating he was listening on 14.140 to 14.145.

If the DX says "up" or "up five" you need to start dialing up at least five and trying hard to hear the station calling. For example, "up five" means if he is transmitting on 14.197 he is listening (14.197 + 5) on 14.203 or higher. The "up five" means "do not call me on my transmit frequency." Lids and cops transmit over the DX and their powerful Big Gun signal wipes out the DX for Everyone. Never transmit on the DX.

Especially in the early days of the DXpedition you'll only hear a cryptic "up" or "up five" because the DX is dialing around more or less up five or more listening for a clear call-sign. The VP6, toward the end, was just camped on two frequencies and clearly stated his listening frequency.

The first rule of DX is, 1. Listen, Listen, Listen. All the other stuff is fluff.

73 es DX de AB8SC

4032. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: clipperton is

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-13 22:23:58 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4029 Message: 4032

1) How do I set my rig to do this split thing? Do I use RIT or
is that what the second VFO is for? Or is it something else?

2) Why would he want to split up his transmit and receive frequencies
like that? What is the advantage to this practice?

Thanks. // JHR - K8JHR //
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Bill wrote:

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4033. Re: clipperton is

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-14 01:53:19 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4029 Message: 4033

DX working split is one of the hard parts of working DX. You just don't know where to transmit. QRPers like myself struggle with this on each DXpedition.

I suggest you look at the DX spots. Often the spotter will mention his transmit frequency. That's a good place to start. You already know that the transmit frequency was the last station's frequency as the DX was listening there for that QSO. You have to find that station's frequency. Each DX will be different and some will work up the band after each QSO. The DX must get a call-sign and if Everyone is piled up right on top of each other the DX simply waits or dials around. He wants to keep the rate high and you want that rate high, too, because you want to be in the log before the DX goes QRT.

I've heard that the great DXers (OH2BH comes to mind) eventually work everyone. I've worked OH2BH and I bet each time he told me where to transmit. The other great ones dial up after each QSO until they run out of range on the RIT and then start back down. Sneaky DX can manage two pile-ups, one above and the other below their transmit. I've only heard this rumored.

It is best to listen to the DX. After all he wants you in his log as much as you want to be in the log.

And, related, the question is asked, "why split?" That's a great question and Very popular with DX.

The DX needs to let us know he is on the air. When he develops a following the stations calling him obliterate each other and if the DX is working simplex, also obliterate the DX. So the DX goes split. The theory is: The DX needs to ask QRZ? Then he digs a call-sign out of the crowd. He listens generally above his transmit frequency (generally but not always, that's why you listen) for a call-sign. The callers all try to find that place the DX is listening and time their call. The DX hears and replies to a call. They swap signal reports and the process continues.

How do you do this on your rig? Easy. Forget the RIT and XIT. They mess up the process. Set up your rig so you are using VFO A and VFO B. Equalize each VFO. Using A you listen to the DX and hear him say he is working up five. When he asks for a signal report from a station you go looking for that station with the VFO B. Find that guy and return to VFO A. Push the split button and check key the mic. Your rig should be listening on A and transmitting on B. When the DX goes QRZ you send your call, phonetically (and don't use the cute words) and your rig returns to listen for the DX to ask you for a

signal report. It sounds easy and the theory is easy. The hard part is finding the station in QSO with the DX. You have to find that station as the DX was listening there for that QSO. Often the DX will acknowledge a station, get them in the log, and then change his listening frequency. You need to find the station in QSO and discern any pattern. For example, does the DX move up after each QSO? Maybe stay there until he cannot hear a call-sign and then move up? Maybe never moving and your timing needs to be tweaked?

Remember the pile-up is Very fluid. Things change instantaneously. Listen to the DX, listen for the station he is in QSO with, and see if there is any pattern. Maybe you just need to call a second late. Maybe you need to tweak the phonetics? Always remember that the DX is not always an American with an understanding of your sense of humor. Full call, phonetically, enunciate, and remember it is a hobby and supposed to be fun.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

4034. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: clipperton is

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-14 02:13:32 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4029 Message: 4034

Put the freq that the dx is transmiting on on vfo A put the listning on vfo B find the botton on the front of your radio that says split and push on the display it should say split when you key your rig it should show the freq that the dx is listning on when you unkey your back on his transmit freq . if all else fails pull out the manual for your rig that will help you the most most of the time they are saying up 5 to10 14.197 up 14.205 to 14.210 or today the were on the gen band they were at 14.182 up 14.245 to 14.250 hope this helps

----- Original Message -----
From: Richards
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2008 6:23 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: clipperton is

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4036. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: clipperton is

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-14 04:11:32 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4029 Message: 4036

THANKS FOR THE EXCELLENT ANSWERS !!

Funny... I asked this question today, and my Extra Class Exam Text Book arrived about an hour later, and I was reading about it in the text book this evening as I started in.

I think I get it.

I also appreciate the fellow who said "read the manual" - yet unfortunately, my TenTec Omni VII manual is really poor on telling me how to use the rig - it assumes one who buys such a rig already knows how to operate one! Yes, it says what the buttons and dials do, but not HOW or WHEN to use them in combination with the other stuff to get a certain result. Split VFO... cool... but WHY? Now I know.

Thanks all for taking time to explain it for me!

//////////// James - K8JHr //////////
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Bill wrote:
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> don't know where to transmit. QRPers like myself struggle with this
> on each DXpedition.
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> I suggest you

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4037. Re: clipperton is

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-14 12:51:11 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4029 Message: 4037

>
> Or you can use a separate receiver.
>

I've not tried this with two radios. I wonder how you keep the transmit from radio B from overpowering the receiver A? In the olden days they had a T/R switch. Today, too?

Bill, AB8SC

4038. Michigan Amateurs Team Up with State

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-14 20:07:36 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4038 Message: 4038

Michigan Amateurs Team Up with State

ARRL Michigan Section Manager Dale Williams, WA8EFK, and Michigan Section Emergency Coordinator John McDonough, WB8RCR, have been working with the Homeland Security Division of the Michigan State Police Emergency Management to align the capabilities of the Amateur Radio Public Service Corps (ARPSC) -- Michigan's integrated ARES/RACES program -- more closely with the communications needs of the state's public service agencies.

ARPSC also participates in the Michigan State Department Emergency Management Coordinators Quarterly meetings at the State Emergency Operating Center. It is here, Williams said, that discussion of the Public Safety communications grants are discussed and their investment justifications are detailed. "We have been afforded the opportunity to discuss Amateur Radio's involvement with communications interoperability, as well as our ability to fill gaps in disparate networks and outages. As a result of these conferences, I was asked to include a list of ARPSC's needs for the next three years."

To further that end, Williams told the ARRL that they have been successful in incorporating the ARPSC Program into the Michigan State Preparedness Priorities. Michigan intends to develop the ARPSC into a fully integrated communications team operating under common standards and procedures, including maintaining and enhancing the statewide Amateur Radio communications system; establishing suggested standards for Amateur Radio capabilities in local Emergency Operations Centers, and developing a public awareness and education program to bolster the ranks of Amateur Radio participants. The hope, Williams said, is to have all this implemented by 2010.

Williams said, "Since the early 1980s, Michigan has operated an integrated ARES, RACES and NTS program referred to as the Michigan Amateur Radio Public Service Corps. By combining the forces of these normally separate structures, these valuable resources are pulled together to form an active trained and unified organization. The Section Emergency Coordinator also holds the positions of Section Traffic Manager and RACES Radio Officer. Membership is ARPSC is open to all amateurs and is structured to allow a beginning ham to progress from an entry-level position to a RACES-qualified operator by meeting specific training milestones."

"There is no doubt that by presenting a unified organization, the Michigan ARPSC has demonstrated the effective use of resources, training and our unique capabilities so that we have become a well respected public service organization in the state," Williams said.

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4039. New database for Radio Net Schedules

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-19 00:21:08 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 4039 Message: 4039

Hello Everyone ..
I have added a database for radio net schedule's which all members can add to and I would like you to add the nets that would be of interest to Hams in the West Michigan area both on repeater and HF nets with a brief objective of the net .

Thank you all that participate on West Michigan Hams .. 73 Don Meyer - KB8ODB

4040. Missing Vertex 150 HT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-19 03:03:32 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 4040 Message: 4040

Hi all
Could you all please be on the look out for anyone that suddenly has a newly aquired Vertex 150 2 meter radio? My friend, Mike Ayers / KD8DLG, and I wheeled a load of unsold items back to our vehicle, after this past weekend's Marshall swap. When we returned to our table to retrieve the remainder of our items, we realized that Mike's Vertex was missing from the table. It was in very good condition, in complete working order, with all accessories, in the original box. If you see or hear of someone with this model radio, could you please email either Mike or myself, at: m2096ay@... for Mike, or lauff2@... for Gary? We will verify the serial number, to see if there is a match.
Thanks and 73,
Gary Lauff KD8AZM
(616)455-3758 (Please ID 1st, as we screen ALL calls)

4041. Missing Vertex 150 HT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-19 03:10:44 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 4040 Message: 4041

Hi all
Could you all please be on the look out for anyone that suddenly has a newly aquired Vertex 150 2 meter radio? My friend, Mike Ayers / KD8DLG, and I wheeled a load of unsold items back to our vehicle, after this past weekend's Marshall swap. When we returned to our table to retrieve the remainder of our items, we realized that Mike's Vertex was missing from the table. It was in very good condition, in complete working order, with all accessories, in the original box. If you see or hear of someone with this model radio, could you please email either Mike or myself, at: m2096ay@... for Mike, or lauff2@... for Gary? We will verify the serial number, to see if there is a match.
Thanks and 73,
Gary Lauff KD8AZM
(616)455-3758 (Please ID 1st, as we screen ALL calls)
Mike Ayer's /KD8DLG Nextel: (616) 890-4594

4042. Radio Training Events

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-19 18:33:24 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4042 Message: 4042

-----Original Message-----
From: kcarpsc-bounces@... [mailto:kcarpsc-bounces@...]On Behalf
Of Kim Karr
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 10:24 AM
To: kcarpsc@...
Subject: [Kcarpsc] Radio Training Events

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If you plan on attending either class or have questions please email me at
kkarr@....

Kim Karr
KCRACES Deputy Coordinator

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Version: 7.5.519 / Virus Database: 269.21.7/1335 - Release Date: 3/19/2008
9:54 AM

4043. Like Fox Hunting, then check this out

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-21 03:50:52 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 4043 Message: 4043

If you Fox Hunting then check this out.

http://www.homingin .com/joemoell/ 80intro.html

4046. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Like Fox Hunting, then check this out

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-21 23:15:55 UTC
From: mrynd3@comcast.net
Topic: 4043 Message: 4046

This one is even more accurate...

http://www.homingin.com/joemoell/80intro.html

Thanks Tom, that was cool reading. Foxhunting 10m and 80m sounds like a lot of fun, kind of a different animal. That would give me an excuse to build a new antenna too.

73's
KD8GZG
M@

-------------- Original message --------------
From: <k8mhz@...>
Here is a good link besides the AOL link:

http://www.homingin.com/

nhz
----- Original Message -----
From: w8amz
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 11:50
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Like Fox Hunting, then check this out

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4047. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Like Fox Hunting, then check this out

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-22 00:27:54 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 4043 Message: 4047

Thank you Mark and sorry about that. I got it from another net I'm on. Thought it was cool, as you know I don't forward links very often and I screwed up a little on this one. Thanks again,

73' Tom W8AMZ

k8mhz@... wrote:
That's a bad link, Tom.

Is this what you meant?

http://members.aol.com/homingin/

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4048. need flier on Upcoming Basic Radio Operations Class in Grand Rapids

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-24 01:26:30 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4048 Message: 4048

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Thanks, and 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

4049. RE: [WestMichiganHams] need flier on Upcoming Basic Radio Operations Class in Grand Rapids

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-24 13:51:04 UTC
From: Nathan Deppe
Topic: 4048 Message: 4049

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4050. EchoLink/IRLP Presentation at ARGYL Hamfest (Please Pass On)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-24 15:16:49 UTC
From: Michael J. Wolthuis
Topic: 4050 Message: 4050

I just thought I would send this information here so that local operators could come if interested or pass on to those who may find it of interest.

At the ARGYL (Lowell Youth Club, see www.argyl.org) swap on April 5th at 9:15AM EST. I will present a short 20 minutes (with 10mins questions) forum on EchoLink/IRLP/VoIP.

The presentation will include very introductory level overview, a short piece on how IRLP and Echolink are tied in with Google Earth, the tie to APRS and tactitcal communications and I will also distribute a list of Echolink and IRLP weekly nets as well as local repeater frequencies that have IRLP, EchoLink or both.

Additionally, if time allows we may run a few example contacts via local repeaters and people at the swap on those repeaters for fun.

If you are familiar with EchoLink and IRLP, but have never seen the Google Earth add-ons this will be fun even for the advanced user.

Hope to see you all there and supporting the Local Youth Hamfest!

73s de KB8ZGL
Mike Wolthuis

4051. Looking for HF rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-24 17:15:24 UTC
From: allen
Topic: 4051 Message: 4051

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Thanks,

Allen/KD8FXB

4052. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for HF rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-24 17:33:58 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 4051 Message: 4052

Allen, there was a guy on craigslist from Kentwood who had a few.. I believe they were an ft840 and ft890?.. not sure.

Search for ham radio he wanted like 250.00 each for them

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of allen
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 1:15 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for HF rig

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4053. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for HF rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-24 17:35:39 UTC
From: Nathan Deppe
Topic: 4051 Message: 4053

I recall seeing a few on the Grand Rapids section of Craigslist a week or so back.

Might want to check there.

To: WestMichiganHams@...mFrom: ajm1571@...: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 17:15:24 +0000Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Looking for HF rig

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4054. info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-24 17:54:22 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 4054 Message: 4054

Craigslist??? Not heard of it.

73 KD8CBJ

4055. Re: Upcoming Radio Ops Class

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-24 18:00:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4055 Message: 4055

Don't know your specific needs, but the Grand Rapids ARA has an open radio room @ the W8DC shack 1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, 1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE (that's the Red Cross building).every Wednesday evening from about 7 p.m. to about 9 p.m ? interest. I'm sure if you'd specify your particular needs for basic operating one or more of the Olde Tymers who attend would be happy to form a class. Or, any of your hams who'd like to see a station in actual operation are more than welcome to just drop in and do some operating.

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72/73 de n8xx Hg

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4056. RE: [WestMichiganHams] info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-24 19:43:06 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 4054 Message: 4056

http://grandrapids.craigslist.org

Free classified ad's anything from computers to ham radio, cars, houses or whatever J. Lately I have been seeing more ham radio stuff posted to it.

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Paul
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 1:54 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] info

Craigslist??? Not heard of it.

73 KD8CBJ

4057. RE: [WestMichiganHams] info

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-24 20:31:29 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 4054 Message: 4057

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Date: 2008-03-24 21:19:55 UTC
From: Nathan Deppe
Topic: 4054 Message: 4058

typically under Electronics... but it would be much easier to perform a search.

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4059. Re: [WestMichiganHams] need flier on Upcoming Basic Radio Operations Class in Grand Rapids

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-24 22:14:24 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4048 Message: 4059

Thanks, Nathan.

I got the flier in another way, but I think it's worth re-publicizing anyway.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Nathan Deppe" <ndeppe@...>
To: <westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 9:51 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] need flier on Upcoming Basic Radio Operations Class in Grand Rapids

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-24 22:27:19 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4055 Message: 4060

Thanks, Hank. ... I think I now have what I need for my ARES/RACES folks
at least for the time being.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
From: "Hank Greeb" <n8xx@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 2:00 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Upcoming Radio Ops Class

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4061. Re: Looking for HF rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-24 23:50:10 UTC
From: allen
Topic: 4051 Message: 4061

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4062. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Looking for HF rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-25 00:09:14 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 4051 Message: 4062

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From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of allen
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 7:50 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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4063. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Looking for HF rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-25 00:20:51 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4051 Message: 4063

If HE is not a ham, how did he come by these radios? I would be suspicious - not saying any thing definite, but I would ask a lot of questions about his position. I would check serial numbers against any hot sheets available from the local constabulary....

Just MY take. // JR //
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Jeff's Lists wrote:

as he sounded pretty desperate and No he is not a ham.

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4064. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Looking for HF rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-25 00:24:48 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4051 Message: 4064

There is a hamfest coming up in lowell sat april 6 that would have more to pick from you may get more for your money or at lest know that what your buying works.
----- Original Message -----
From: Jeff's Lists
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 8:09 PM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Looking for HF rig

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4065. Re: Looking for HF rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-25 00:53:11 UTC
From: allen
Topic: 4051 Message: 4065

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4066. Re: Looking for HF rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-26 01:58:30 UTC
From: allen
Topic: 4051 Message: 4066

Well all an update on the situation. He still hasn't called me back
but now I know why. He sold the equipment right after we talked an
made the deal on the phone. Found out who bought them and working out
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4067. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Looking for HF rig

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-26 03:56:19 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4051 Message: 4067

I would not touch that rig for lovin' nor money.
Does not pass the smell test. But that is...

Just MY take. // JHR ///
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4068. An Exotic Island for Radio

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-26 13:27:35 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4068 Message: 4068

All:

It might be about the right time to reactivate your W8ZHO Yahoo Group account. The Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council is planning a trip to South Manitou Island this summer. It is hoped that some of the planning can be facilitated on their group site. Stop in, lurk, contribute, attend, and help make this a great event for our local hams.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

4069. Cadillac Swap - May 3, 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-26 17:34:37 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4069 Message: 4069

The Cadillac Amateur Radio and Computer Swap will be held on May 3, 2008 at the Cadillac Junion High School, 500 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, Michigan. Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Details at

http://www.wexaukeearc.org/

Interactive map, where you may add your starting address and find directions is at

http://tinyurl.com/39r4qq

4070. ARGYL (Lowell) Hamfest, April 5, 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-26 17:44:27 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4070 Message: 4070

The Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (ARGYL) is sponsoring a Hamfest on April 5, 2008 at the Lowell High School 11700 Vergennes Street, Lowell, MI. Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Talk-In:
K8LHS: 146.620(-) PL 94.8
W8LRC: 145.270(-) PL 94.8

Details at : http://www.argyl.org/hamfest.html

Contact: Al Eckman, WW8WW
725 Bowes Road, Apt. K6
Lowell, MI 49331
Phone: 616-897-7659
Email: AEckman@...

4071. Re: An Exotic Island for Radio

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-26 20:41:42 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4068 Message: 4071

Modification to what Bill posted.
It is the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council's Venturing Crew that is planning the trip. The youth Activity Planner, Crew Associate Advisor of Program and the Crew Advisor are spear heading this. This is the crew's Super Activity for 2008.

If you wish to know more, come to the next MAARC Club meeting or one of the crew meetings.

Best Regards,
"Doc" AC8AL
MAARC Secretary and
MAARC Venturing Crew 9050 Committee Chair

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4072. WEAVER'S WORDS -- DX is beginning to bloom!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-27 11:17:04 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4072 Message: 4072

> [NOTE: Reply only to k8je@....]
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> - Kosovo and DXCC
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> - Why I love this job
> - Map your FDD site
> - Clubs are teaching CW
> - April Fools' Day fun
> - Tentative schedule.
>
> +++ Kosovo and DXCC +++
>
> Kosovo (or Kosova, if you prefer) has come under the DXCC microscope
> these days thanks to our friends Martti Lane, OH2BH, Bob Locher, W9KNI,
> Kip Edwards, W6ZN and Bernie McClenny, W3UR. I say friends because
> each of these amateurs has contributed greatly to the DXCC program. I
> especially appreciate the QSLs I have received through several of
> Martti's DXpeditions. In spite of this, I believe these friends are
> off base concerning Kosovo.
>
> For you who aren't familiar with the situation, Bob, Kip and Bernie are
> each quoted on a post card Martti sends along with QSLs for a
> DXpedition he headed to Kosovo in February. Kosovo declared
> independence February 17. Martti and the group want ARRL to ignore its
> DXCC rules and declare Kosovo a new entity.
>
> I applaud the determination and dedication each of the four amateurs
> have displayed. However, I don't view the issue the same way as they
> see it. They want us to ignore the following rule for determining when
> a political entity can become a new DXCC entity:
>
> "1. Political Entities:
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> "Political Entities are those areas which are separated by reason of
> government or political division. They generally contain an indigenous
> population which is not predominantly composed of military or
> scientific personnel.
>

> "An Entity will be added to the DXCC List as a Political Entity if it
> meets one or more of the following criteria:
>
> "a) The entity is a UN Member State.
>
> "b) The entity has been assigned a callsign prefix bloc by the ITU.
> (The exceptions to this rule are international organizations, such as
> the UN and ICAO. These Entities are classified under Special Areas,
> 3.a); and Ineligible Areas, 4.b).) A provisional prefix bloc assignment
> may be made by the Secretary General of ITU. Should such provisional
> assignments not be ratified later by the full ITU, the Entity will be
> removed from the DXCC List.
>
> "c) The Entity contains a permanent population, is administered by a
> local government, and is located at least 800 km from its parent. To
> satisfy the "permanent population" and "administered by a local
> government" criteria of this sub-section, an Entity must be listed on
> either (a) the U.S. Department of State's list of "Dependencies and
> Areas of Special Sovereignty" as having a local "Administrative
> Center," or (b) the United Nations list of "Non-Self-Governing
> Territories."
>
> "New Entities satisfying one or more of the conditions above will be
> added to the DXCC List by administrative action as of their 'Event
> Date'."
>
> So far, Kosovo is not qualified to be listed as a DXCC entity by the
> above criteria. When it qualifies, it will be listed.
>
> I won't take the space in this e-letter to discuss each point Martti
> cites as reason for considering Kosovo a special case and making it a
> new entity. Let's take a look at a three of the points, though:
>
> - "With Russia on the UN Security Council, Kosovo is not likely to
> become a UN member for quite some time." This may or may not be true.
> Regardless, UN membership is not the only way to become recognized as a
> new entity.
>
> - "Kosovo is analogous with East Timor and therefore should be
> recognized." The fact is that Kosovo is not analogous with E. Timor.
> The argument does not apply.
>
> - "An Independent Kosovo is part of the UN roadmap of it." There
> is/was no UN roadmap for its independence. One was proposed, but was
> not adopted.
>
> - "Contacts with Kosovo after February 17 should count as Kosovo; not
> Serbia." The fact is that US recognition notwithstanding, Kosovo has
> yet to receive sufficient recognition worldwide to be considered
> independent.

>
> - "ARRL reacted abruptly in proclaiming Kosovo was not eligible to
> become a new entity." In the true sense of the word, ARRL did not
> proclaim Kosovo was ineligible to be an entity. League members asked
> if contacts from the February DXpedition counted toward DXCC. The HQ
> staff merely answered these questions by stating that DXCC rules
> prevent these contacts from counting. We did not rush out to move
> against Kosovo's declaration of independence.
>
> It is noteworthy that the February DXpedition was sanctioned by Serbia
> -- not by Kosovo. The Callsign used by the operation is Serbian.
> Provided Kosovo is, indeed, an independent country, it will come to
> receive worldwide recognition and will be listed as a new entity by
> ARRL.
>
> Incidentally, it has been said that US soldiers died to make Kosovo an
> independent country. I may be wrong, but the way I remember it the US
> military was involved in Serbia to stop "ethnic cleansing," not to
> bring independence to anyone. Conversely, it did nothing to prevent
> independence.
>
> Final comment: The ARRL staff and Board of Directors have worked hard
> and long to take the DXCC program out of politics. The issue
> surrounding Kosovo as a new country is fully political. As for me, I'm
> pulling for Kosovo to become recognized internationally. Changing DXCC
> rules to list it as an entity will not help them gain this
> recognition.
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> +++ Elmering newbies -- more +++
>
> Several members wrote concerning my comments on nurturing newbies in
> the March issue of Weavers' Words. Included in these was a reminder by
> Phil DeRuiter, K5PDR of a golden oldie article named Your Novice
> Accent. Phil went so far as to trace it down -- to KB6NU's web page.
> KB6NU happens to be none other than Dan Romanchik, Michigan Affiliated
> Club Coordinator (ACC).
>
> The article was written many years ago when Morse code proficiency was
> required for licensing. Even so, a little judicious mental editing
> makes it just as appropriate for phone operating as it is for code
> operating. Dan had updated the article some time in the past. It
> could probably stand further updating to become Your Technician
> Accent.
>
> I encourage clubs, licensing class teachers and individuals who are
> interested in developing quality new hams to review the article, add
> items related to phone operating and include relevant portions of it in
> club activities, newsletters and as supplemental material to license
> training classes.
>

> Your Novice Accent can be found at
> http://kb6nu.com/your-novice-accent/. Thanks to Dan for posting it.
>
> +++ NB4K appointed DLAC +++
>
> I am very happy to announce that former Kentucky SM John Meyers, NB4K
> has accepted appointment as the Division Legislative Action Chair
> (DLAC) for the Great Lakes Division. In this position, John will
> coordinate the activities of the Legislative Action Coordinators for
> each of our states. With John as DLAC you can expect to see more
> activity assigned to our LACs and Legislative Action Assistants
> (LAAs).
>
> John has considerable experience in promoting Amateur Radio to local
> and state legislators and officers in Kentucky. He will be a great
> asset to the Legislative Action Program in the GLD.
>
> +++ Nominate an outstanding young ham +++
>
> The ARRL invites nominations for the 2007 Hiram Percy Maxim (HPM)
> Memorial Award <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/awards/hpm.html>. The
> League's premier youth recognition, the HPM Memorial Award goes
> annually to a radio amateur under age 21 in recognition of the
> recipient's accomplishments and contributions "of the most exemplary
> nature" to the ham community and general-public communities during the
> previous calendar year -- 2007 in this instance.
>
> Examples of criteria for nomination include:
>
> - Participation or leadership in organizational or operational affairs
> at the local or national level (e.g. radio club, ARES/EMCOMM, net
> control, participation in civic groups).
> - Technical achievement (building radios, putting up an antenna and
> such).
> - Operating record (for example, nets, disaster drills, contests, ARRL
> November Sweepstakes, etc).
> - Recruitment and training of new amateurs (for example, helped teach a
> license class, JOTA, etc).
> - Public relations activities (for example, create a ham radio Web
> page.
>
> +++ President Harrison suffers second tragedy +++
>
> ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN has suffered the second personal
> tragedy when his father, Barney Harrison passed away on Monday, March
> 10. The funeral service was held on Thursday, March 13. I expressed
> the condolences of the Division to Joel.
>
> +++ President Harrison named by Arkansas governor +++
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> Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe has appointed ARRL President Joel
> Harrison, W5ZN, to a four year term to the Board of Directors of the
> Arkansas Science & Technology Authority. The appointment was ratified
> by the Arkansas Senate.
>
> It is about time that something good happened to Joel!
>
> +++ Hamvention road construction +++
>
> As many people know, the orange barrel is the unofficial state flower
> of Ohio. Dayton Hamvention(R) Robert Lunsford, KB8UEY has given notice
> that several routes to HARA in the Dayton area may prove slow due to
> reconstruction. Robert is Talk-In Chairman for the Hamvention and has
> posted clear instructions on avoiding most of the slow spots on the
> Hamvention web site. These instructions can be found at
> www.hamvention.org.
>
> +++ ARRL at the Hamvention +++
>
> Speaking of the greatest gathering of amateurs in the world, the Dayton
> Hamvention(R), ARRL again will feature an ARRL Expo. The Expo will
> feature several mini-seminars, displays of ARRL programs and products,
> many of the League officers, directors, vice directors and members of
> management.
>
> A Great Lakes Division booth will be included in the XXXXXX area.
> Members in this Division are invited to stop by the booth to say hello
> and discuss any issues they may have. Section and Division officers
> are invited to spend time at the booth to chat with people who stop
> by.
>
> +++ Michigan QSO Party +++
>
> The Michigan QSO Party is April 19, 1200 EDST to 2400 EDST (16Z
> Saturday April 19 until 04Z Sunday April 20) Details at
> http://www.miqp.org. The MiQP is REALLY fun - we folks in Michigan are
> the bait for all the folks outside the state who are looking for
> contacts!
>
> For up to date info on who is operating, etc., please join the Michigan
> QSO Party reflector. Details of how this works are at
> http://www.miqp.org/Reflector.htm
>
> Mni tnx to Hank Greeb, N8XX for the above item. I especially like to
> publicize our Section QSO parties -- as well as to operate in them.
>
> +++ Why I love this job +++
>
> I don't believe I've ever explained the reason I enjoy being your Great
> Lakes Division Director. I've made individual comments about this, but

> let me put it all together.
>
> The first reason I enjoy being your Director is that I have the
> opportunity to see many of you personally, and to correspond with still
> many others on a one-on-one basis. Hams are the greatest. Sure, there
> are a few stinkers who have sneaked in among us, but in my mind,
> Amateur Radio operators generally are a cut above the average member of
> the general population.
>
> Getting to know you even on a limited basis adds much to my life.
>
> Doing my best to ensure the future of Amateur Radio is safe and
> enjoyable for everyone in it is my second reason. Of course, there are
> many amateurs who devote part of their available time to promote and
> preserve hamming and its value to the public. I applaud each of you
> who do this. My thrill is that I am favored through good fortune and
> your support to be able to work at the national level and even to
> attempt to influence our great radio service internationally.
>
> For some reason, I've also always enjoyed problem solving. The more
> difficult or complex the problem, the more I enjoy trying to help solve
> it.
>
> As GLD Director, I certainly have plenty of opportunity to tackle
> problems. These problems often require the cooperation and assistance
> of many additional people. Fun. Especially when the problem is
> solved.
>
> Finally, I really enjoy hearing from you -- your wishes, your
> complaints, your general comments. I want to know what you think.
> Please keep it up.
>
> +++ Map your FD site +++
>
> ARRL has opened a new online locator service. Through this service,
> Field Day (FD) groups may post their location on a map to help workers
> and visitors reach the site. This new service is described on the ARRL
> web site at www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/03/21/10021.?nc=1.
>
> I was privileged to participate in the beta test of this locator
> service. It is neat.
>
> +++ Clubs are teaching CW +++
>
> Its nice to see a few clubs are offering Morse code classes and are
> having members sign up for them. Before you get me wrong, I'm not
> someone who thinks one cannot be a ham unless they have shown
> proficiency in CW. What I believe is that Morse has a definite place
> in Amateur Radio for those who wish to use it. I said this knowing I
> would displease some members, but this is what I think.

>
> Code is wonderful when one is trying to pull a weak signal out of QRM
> or QRN. It is great for DXing. So are many of the digital modes.
>
> Where does this leave me? I favor having as many amateurs who wish to
> use them use any mode the FCC makes legal for us to use.
>
> +++ One-day licensing courses +++
>
> I have nothing against making it possible for wannabe hams to become
> licensed through 1-day intensive courses. I have a concern that too
> many of these courses are being unfair to the student as well as to
> Amateur Radio. Why?
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> My guess is that many cram courses do not include meaningful discussion
> of good operating practices. For this matter, few longer-term license
> courses contain such discussion. It is ignorance of good operating
> practices that is one of the biggest problems Amateur Radio faces
> today.
>
> I suggest that one objective of any licensing course should be to help
> instill awareness of good operating practice as well as to get people
> licensed.
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> +++ April Fools' Day fun +++
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> After all of these years (I won't tell you how many), I will 'fess-up
> to being as nasty an older brother as most young guys. I am the oldest
> "kid" in the family and my next younger sibling is my only sister. I
> particularly gave her a rough time (before she grew old enough to beat
> me up) on her birthday. When was this? April 1. What else would you
> expect?
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> +++ Tentative Schedule +++
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> 2008
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> Apr 2: Lake County ARC, Painesville, OH - Jim
> Apr 14: Portage County ARS (OH) Meeting - Jim
> Apr 22: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM
> May 7: Mound ARA Meeting, Miamisburg, OH - Jim
> May 16-18: Dayton Hamvention(TM) - Gary & Jim
> Jun 21: Milford, OH, Hamfest - Jim
> Jul QST 'til noon Aug 8: Nominations for Director/Vice Director open.
> Jul 10: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown, OH - Jim
> Jul 17-20: Board of Directors Meeting, Newington, CT - Jim & Gary
> Jul 22: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM.
> Aug 10: Central KY ARRL Hamfest, Lawrenceburg, KY - Jim
> Sep 21: Cincinnati Hamfest, Cincinnati, OH - Jim.
> Sep 23-Oct 1: Ballots mailed for Director/Vice Director election.

> Oct 7: OH-IKY-ARS Meeting, ARRL Night - Jim
> Oct 12: Michigan State Convention & Hamfest, Kalamazoo, MI - Jim
> Oct 28: Quarterly Division Cabinet Teleconference, 9 PM.
> Nov 21, noon: Deadline for return of ballots. Ballots counted.
> Nov 22 end of day: Candidates notified of election results.
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> 2009
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> Jan 1, noon: Terms end for current GLD Director/Vice Director. Terms
> begin for newly elected/re-elected Director/Vice Director.
>
> 73,
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> Jim
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
> ARRL - The Reason Amateur Radio Is!
> Members - The Reason ARRL Is!
>
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> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

4073. Tulip Time Festival 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-28 18:04:05 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4073 Message: 4073

Hello, it might not feel like Spring is just around the corner but it will be here very soon, with Spring's arrival comes the 2008 Tulip Time Festival. As in the past the Amateur Radio Operators and the American Red Cross will be providing support along the parade routes during the three Tulip Time parades.

The first parade is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, which we will need twelve Amateur Radio Operators to work as a Team with two American Red Cross First Aid Responders in covering a one block section of the parade route. Along with two Net Control Operators, we will need a total of fourteen Amateur Radio Operators, during the time frame of approximately noon until 3:30pm.

The second parade is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, which we will need the same number of Amateur Radio Operators as the Wednesday parade, during the same approximate time frame. The rain date for this parade will be Friday, May 9, 2006.

The third, the largest, and the longest parade is schedule for Saturday, May 10, which we will need twenty-four Amateur Radio Operators to cover a one-block section of the expanded parade route, along with two-three Net Control Operators. Also during this parade we need packet radio stations setup and operating at the American Red Cross Tulip Time Headquarters, Holland High School, and at Net Control.

Also for the Saturday parade, Amateur Radio Operators are needed to assist with parade lineup. This group will be working within their own net, and on a different frequency than the parade route Teams. We need approximately ten operators, six assigned to specific Division Parade Marshals, one to work with the floats, one to assist the TV Crew with their coverage, one to work with the cars, one to work directly with the Grand Marshal, and two Net Control Operators. Adding up the various activities on Saturday, we need approximately forty Amateur Radio Operators just to cover what we currently know needs to be covered.

As one can see, this is large operation in which one Club or Group cannot handle on their own. Please we need your help in getting the word out to all area Amateur Radio Operators of this need. Many have done this festival for years and have their favorite spots to serve. If you are willing to serve, and have a favorite spot, please let me know I will to my best to assign you to that specific position. For those that are new to the hobby or those that have sat on the sidelines in the past years, please consider giving it a try. It is fun, and is a great way to brush up on your net operating procedures while providing a highly visible community service.

If you're interested in volunteering, please provide me with you full name, call sign, physical limitations or special needs, contact phone number, email address, and any special assignments you would like to cover. Please email Dave Lamer WA8RSA directly at wa8rsa@... if you're interested in working the parade line-up on Saturday.

Thank you in advance!

Best regards,

Steve Vander Hill - N8UJD
svanderhill@...

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4074. Ham In A Day - Kent County April 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-28 17:41:35 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 4074 Message: 4074
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Ham in a day!

Get your Amateur Radio License in just one day!

Sponsored by the:

Kent County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service

No Techno-Babble needed, this class is for anyone who wants their amateur radio license

Since 2006 more than 325 people have taken this class and passed!

Date: Sunday April 27th 2008

Cost: 35.00 Includes license Fee

Location: Red Cross 1050 Fuller Ave NE

Pre-Registration is required to reserve a spot in the class

Time: 1:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Testing will start at 6:30 PM

To register http://kcraces.net/signup/hiad.php

Questions: jnawrot@... <mailto:jnawrot%40kcvrm.net>

Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult!

Bring either drivers license or 2 pieces of identification

Coffee will be provided! Dress comfortably!

Small Print: This class uses memory retention, everyone learns differently. Class is not a guarantee to getting your license.

4075. W1AW TO CELEBRATE WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY AS NU1AW

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-28 18:37:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4075 Message: 4075

From The ARRL Letter, Vol. 27, No. 12. March 28, 2008

==> W1AW TO CELEBRATE WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY AS NU1AW

Each year on the anniversary of its founding, April 18, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) marks World Amateur Radio Day <http://www.iaru.org/rel030418.html>. On this, the 83rd anniversary of its inaugural meeting in Paris, the IARU dedicates World Amateur Radio Day to the radio amateurs, educators and administrators who use Amateur Radio to support technology education in the classroom.

To call attention to the occasion in advance, ARRL staffers will be activating W1AW in the CQ WPX SSB Contest <http://www.cqwpx.com> this weekend (March 29-30) using the IARU club call sign NU1AW. By celebrating the event, staffers hope to provide an opportunity for hams worldwide to put NU1AW in their logs, chase the WPX award <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cqworldwidewpxawards.html> and learn about HF propagation as the world turns through day and night not once, but twice! Springtime propagation near the equinox is enhanced on the HF bands, even during the Solar Cycle minimum, so it's worth taking a listen even if the HF bands have been quiet lately.

This year's theme for World Amateur Radio Day is "Amateur Radio: A Foundation of Technical Knowledge." What better way to express the theme than by engaging in one of the largest international radiosporting events. ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X, said, "If you haven't tried HF contesting or the WPX contest, the general format is to exchange a signal report (a simple '59' will do nicely) and a serial number (the number of the contact in the contest for you). The contest Web site spells out the way to compute your score, but the fun of this contest is to contact as many different prefixes as possible. For example, NU1AW counts as the NU1 prefix and KX9X counts as KX9. If you're new to HF, your prefix might be one sought after by those calling CQ! The WPX contest also features a 'Rookie' category for new radiosport folk, so be sure to send in your log as described by the rules -- it's easy!"

World Amateur Radio Day is also an opportunity for publicizing Amateur Radio to the interested public that may not be familiar with ham radio activities. Radiosport is an excellent way to introduce our service to teachers and students, as well. Competitive activities are an important focus for students to take the opportunity to ask questions about how signals get "from here to there" while watching hams make rapid-fire contacts around the world or even making a contact or two themselves, Kutzko said.

"NU1AW is not expected to be seriously competitive in the event," Kutzko explained, "but will make every attempt to be on the air as propagation warrants, so we hope to hear you marking the day and making World Amateur Radio Day a part of your springtime ham radio operation."

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4076. Tool Max this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-28 18:50:33 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3847 Message: 4076

Check out our New Web sight at www.toolmaxonline.com Let me know what you think.

No New items this week I need some, bring them in.

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other NEW items in Stock

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28 Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters out of stock now $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea
HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $20 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .50 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $3.25 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $8
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

We are the only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.

Technician Class $18.95
General Class $20.95
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)

300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10

LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Other Used Equipment on Consignment
1 SMC 7004BR 4 port Computer Hub $5
1 Otto Head Set with Mic $5
1 MFJ hand mic for HT $5
1 IC 706 interface cable unit to use Power Amp $20
1 Set Husler HF Antennas 80m/40m/15m $30
1 RC 432 long wire antenna on a spool $15
1 Home brew 2 m/440 pipe antenna $15
1 NC 60B Yaesu 15 volt Nica Battery Charger $5
1 GR-213 Holux GPS Receiver for USB port $40
1 Box of Large Compactors 10-12 pc total $5
HP PDA Pocket PC Model Jornada 545 16MB Ram Color PDA $100
Paum Zire Black & White PDA $30
Radio Shack PRO-94 1000 Channel Handheld Trunking Scanner New Price $70
Arrow 222 5 Element 220mhz Beam $25
1 Ampprobe Clamp-Pn Meter $15
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
2-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each and less for smaller ones

Heathkit items in stock

Heathkit SA-2040 1KW Tuner $125
Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40 Make offer
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the Tool and Ham Radio retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 just north of the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant (Now tore down) in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios parts for sale. For more information call or e mail Tom KB8VEE at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
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Websight www.toolmaxonline.com

4078. Steak Fry,,,Steak Fry....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-29 01:06:17 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 3455 Message: 4078

Greetings to all

Steak fry Saturday April 19th at MARRC clubhouse in N. Muskegon 5PM
$7.50 a person. there will be a discount for kids

Includes New York Strip steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Beverage & Desert.

You can also purchase extra steaks for take home in vacuum sealed bags
for $2.50 either cooked or uncooked. Contact Tom W8AMZ at
w8amz@... or 231-767-1095 in advance if you would like a larger
quantity of steaks.

Hope to see everybody there

73' Tom W8AMZ

4079. REMINDER: THIS SAT -FREE BREAKFAST plus next MINI-SWAP for 2008, at HARC's T&T center.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-03-31 00:42:53 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4079 Message: 4079

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Greetings all,

FREE BREAKFAST / MINI-SWAP - THIS SATURDAY!!!!!!!

We've received numerous requests since our last one, to hold another, thus in view of that fact HARC shall be hosting a FREE* Breakfast (bacon, eggs, sausage, pancakes, coffee plus a few 'extras') and FREE Mini Swap this Saturday. Three world class top chefs (specially signed up) will be doing the honors in our kitchen (Allen WB0STV, Kim Lobart N8KAL and Ken Groom ZR5AAD/W8).

(*Whist the breakfast is free we always welcome any donations on the day, to help us offset expenses of large quantity of food purchases - thanks in advance*)

So bring a huge appetite, bring some surplus radio gear to dispose of or simply don't bring anything except yourself but be sure to attend, and join us for another great day of fellowship plus bargains. Non amateurs are also most welcome.

Details follow;-.

Free Parking available on site. DATE: SAT 5th APRIL 2008 (Talk in : 147.060 94.8pl) SET UP TIME: SAT 09H30 - 10h00 Note: Friday night prior a limited opportunity exists between 19h00 - 20h30 to pre-setup your table if this works out better for you. SWAP TIME: SAT 10h00 to 1.00pm BREAKFAST served : 09h30 onwards VENUE: 280 East 8th Street, Holland (right next to Holland Chamber of Commerce). ENTRY FEE : **FREE** TABLE COST : **FREE** HARC will provide once again.... * FREE table space * FREE trunk swap parking space (weather permitting) * FREE parking * FREE entry * FREE coffee * 50/50 Draw (To offset our new buildings upkeep, donations from sellers /visitors arealways very much appreciated!) Bring what ever surplus radio / computer equipment to sell / swap. Lastcouple of months a lot of equipment changed hands! Turn that surplus gearinto cash. We look forward to seeing everyone there. ANY QUESTIONS:Please contact HARC Building Manager - Ken ZR5AAD/W8Cell Ph: (616)726-3929E-Mail : rafaviator@...

Windows Live Hotmail is giving away Zunes. Enter for your chance to win.

4080. April 1st Peak of Solar Cycle 24

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-01 13:57:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4080 Message: 4080

SOLAR MAX RESCHEDULED:

Impatient with the quiet sun, NASA researchers have rescheduled solar maximum.

The peak was due in 2012, but now it's going to happen this month. "We've launched millions of dollars worth of spacecraft to study solar activity, and what are we getting? Puny little A-flares and feeble old sunspots," complained a high-ranking source at NASA headquarters.

"We need some real explosions! Rescheduling Solar Max should solve the problem."

News of the shift was announced on April 1st.

Note: If you believe this was just made up by me, see http://www.spaceweather.com/

4081. Michigan D-STAR Region One Brief Status Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-01 15:24:42 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4081 Message: 4081

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Jim Kvochick <kvo@...>
To: MIDSTAR@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2008 9:59:00 AM
Subject: [MIDSTAR] Michigan D-STAR Region One brief status update

The first D-STAR system purchased as part of the Region One Homeland Security Grant has been installed and is operational at a temporary location.

As you may be aware, the Region One Homeland Security grant provided funding to purchase D-Star repeaters, antennas,feedline, duplexers, gateway hardware, and radios for deployment in the 9 counties with the Region One borders.

Those counties are:

Clinton County KD8IEI
Eaton County
Gratiot County KD8IEK
Hillsdale County KD8IFO
Ingham County
Jackson County
Lenawee County N8TTH
Livingston County W8LIV
Shiawassee County

Livingston County has temporarily installed their D-STAR repeaters on VHF and UHF at the Livingston County EOC while their permanent site is being upgraded. You may access the VHF system (W8LIV A) on 145.320 MHz. You may access the UHF system (W8LIV B) on 444.0375 MHz. The D-STAR Gateway system is currently NOT installed.

For further information, contact Jon Harris, KC8VAB (KC8VAB@ARRL. NET).

Looking forward to the remainder of county deployments within Region One!

73

Jim WB8AZP

You rock. That's why Blockbuster's offering you one month of Blockbuster Total Access, No Cost.
http://tc.deals.yahoo.com/tc/blockbuster/text5.com

4083. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Must see video

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-01 19:46:25 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4082 Message: 4083

Too cute... and cruel april Fools Joke!

////////// JHR //////////

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k8mhz@... wrote:
> Smith Charts....so easy a caveman could do it!
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> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBGIQ7ZuuiU
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4086. ARGYL Hamfest this Saturday, April 5, Lowell High School

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-02 13:06:50 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 4086 Message: 4086

Reminder, the ARGYL Hamfest is this Saturday, April 5, Lowell High School. Due to the nasty weather during the hamfest in December, this event has been moved to April. For the majority of you that didn't make it last December, This Saturday's weather is sunny in the 40s. See you there!

73 Jack NY8D

From the hamfest website http://www.argyl.org/hamfest.html

The date of our annual hamfest has been moved to April in search of better weather! Be sure to mark you calendars for Saturday, April 5th 2008. It opens at 8:00am.

You can expect the 'normal' ARGYL hamfest just at a different time of year! Our Three main vendors; Tower Electronics, Amateur Accessories, and Elmers Ham Shack will all be there.

Need any more info click the E-Mail Al link under Advanced Sales/Information.
Admission: Adults- $5.00
Elementary, Middle School, and High School Students- Free
Advanced Sale Special: Two 5' tables & Admission- $12.00
One 5' table & Admission- $9.00
At the door: Two 5' tables & Admission- $15.00
One 5' table & Admission- $10.00

Advance Sales/ Information:
Al Eckman
725 Bowes Rd Apt K6
Lowell, MI 49331
616-897-7659
al.eckman@...

Hamfest Location
Lowell High School
11700 Vergennes St.
Lowell, MI 49331
Need Maps?

V.E. Exams
10:00 AM- Walk-ins welcome
Reservations not necessary

Door Prizes
Refreshments sold on site
Sponsored by: A.R.G.Y.L.
AMATEUR RADIO GROUP of YOUTH in LOWELL
Talk-in:

K8LHS: 146.620(-) PL 94.8
W8LRC: 145.270(-) PL 94.8
The future of amateur radio is in our 'youth'.
Support them by attending this hamfest.

4087. ARGYL Hamfest This Saturday, April 5

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-02 14:16:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4087 Message: 4087

I'm going to the hamfest - it's very rarely that one gets to see an entire group of young hams these daze! Many/most of us are olde fogeys, or are nearing that "magical age" where we turn from energetic youngsters into the older set.

I'll be a few minutes late, because our church is having a pancake breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m., but I'll be there by 9 a.m. for sure.

This is one hamfest I wouldn't miss, unless there were 8" or more of sn*w on the ground like in December. In December it took me all morning to dig out of the sn*w with my small farm tractor.

Come one, come all! Support the youth of our Amateur Radio Service/Hobby!

73 de n8xx Hg

4088. Re: [WestMichiganHams] ARGYL Hamfest This Saturday, April 5

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-02 14:41:25 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4087 Message: 4088

Not I... I am having a second and possibly a third childhood, already.

////////////////////// JHR - K8JHR ////////////////////

Hank Greeb wrote:

Many/most of us are olde fogeys,
> or are nearing that "magical age" where we turn from energetic
> youngsters into the older set.
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4089. Re: Fw: APRIL 2008 FCC.pdf

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-04 02:08:21 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 4084 Message: 4089

Mark thanks for pasting that in. Those of us that read the list on
the Web cannot see attachments, as you know.

Pretty exciting, huh?! Here it is, 2200 local, and I'll have to wait
until morning to call AES about these :{

Oh, was that a one day special???

Laryn K8TVZ

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <k8mhz@...> wrote:
>
> AES is selling digital antennas with analog to digital converters
that look like baluns at the base of the antenna. The good news is
that they allow regular analog radios to be used with digital
repeaters. The bad news is that they are battery powered and the
batteries only last a year or so. AES recommends changing them twice
a year along with smoke detector batteries each time we have a time
change. I have heard that the more digital the repeater is, the more
power it takes to convert to analog and the harder it is on batteries,
hence the recommendation of changing them twice a year.
>
> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Al Pepping
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2008 03:52
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: APRIL 2008 FCC.pdf
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> TO ALL ON THE LIST...
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> OPEN THIS PDF FILE PLEASE READ.....KV8X
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> Checked by AVG.
> Version: 7.5.519 / Virus Database: 269.22.1/1348 - Release Date:
3/28/2008 10:58 AM
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4090. Muskegon's 146.940 Repeater

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-04 12:13:52 UTC
From: jimk8cop@afo.net
Topic: 4090 Message: 4090

All,

Just to let everyone know, the antenna and feedlline have been replaced yesterday. The repeater went on the new antenna system around 4:00 PM.

Please try it out!!!!

Jim, K8COP
MAARC Repeater Trustee

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mail2web.com - Microsoft® Exchange solutions from a leading provider - http://link.mail2web.com/Business/Exchange

4091. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon's 146.940 Repeater

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-04 12:17:31 UTC
From: lesandjudyp4@aol.com
Topic: 4090 Message: 4091

Don't know if you get these emails or not so I'm forwarding this one on to you FYI. He's referring to the 94 repeater.

W8QAY

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4092. Spring VHF/UHF Sprints, Monday, April 7 @ 7 - 11 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-04 17:48:57 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4092 Message: 4092

http://www.sysadnet.com/vhfsprintrules.htm

2008 Spring VHF/UHF Sprints
Sponsored by
John Kalenowsky, K9JK, and Steve Gilmore, W4SHG
John Kalenowsky, K9JK, and Steve Gilmore, W4SHG, with support from Ham Radio Outlet of Virginia, are pleased to announce the 2008 Spring VHF/UHF Sprints. Everyone is encouraged to participate, even if only in a small way. The rules have intentionally remained simple, and the contest's focus continues to be for single operator, single transmitter entries, both "fixed" and "rover". Again we will have for 2008, the "Rookie" classification, to recognize 'first-time' participants, from their own stations OR as "guest-op" at an "experienced" station to introduce newcomers to weak signal vhf/uhf operations and, hopefully, encourage their participation in the future. Guidance from an experienced operator for a "Rookie" is permitted as long as entries in this class are clearly identified by comments in the SOAPBOX: lines for Cabrillo formatted logs or on the Summary Sheet for paper logs. The detail should identify who is the "Rookie" and list any "experienced" operator(s) who were
present.
Please note that, for 2008, we still have the shortened submission date window and STRONGLY encouraging electronic log submissions using the Cabrillo format, but we will continue to accept paper logs (though the shorter deadline will apply to paper log submissions as well). A summary Sheet which includes your total contacts, multipliers and calculated score WILL BE required with Paper Logs (see sample at:
http://www.sysadnet.com/vhfsprintsummary.pdf). Such summary info is not required for electronic logs but may be included in the SOAPBOX: area of the Cabrillo formatted log if participants so desire. Be sure to include the grid square you operated from in either your log or summary sheet.
Please take a look at the sponsors for this year's events at
http://www.sysadnet.com/springsprintsponsors-2008.htm. Several sponsorship opportunities are still available. If interested in becoming a prize sponsor or sponsoring a plaque for the events in 2008 (or in the future), please email us at springsprintquestions@...
** Log submissions for 2008 may be viewed here. **
** Awards for 2007 may be viewed here. The complete scores database for 2007 can be viewed here.

We wish you the very best of VHF! 73,
John Kalenowsky, K9JK, and Steve Gilmore, W4SHG

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1. Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many 2 degree by 1 degree grid squares as possible, using authorized amateur frequencies on the 50, 144, 222, 432, 902 MHz and above bands.
2. Contest Period:
2.1. - 144 MHz
The 144 MHz Sprint will be from 7 PM until 11 PM local time on Monday, April 7, 2008.

2.2. - 222 MHz
The 222 MHz Sprint will be from 7 PM until 11 PM local time on Tuesday, April 15, 2008.
2.3. - 432 MHz
The 432 MHz Sprint will be from 7 PM until 11 PM local time on Wednesday, April 23, 2008.
2.4. - Microwave (902+)
The Microwave Sprint will be on Saturday, May 3, 2008, from 6 AM until 1 PM local time. This includes all Amateur frequencies above 902 MHz. Please include band data in summaries and logs. NOTE: use of Liaison Frequency is encouraged.
2.5. - 50 MHz
The 50 MHz Sprint will be from 2300Z Saturday, May 10, until 0300Z Sunday, May 11, 2008.
3. Exchange: Grid-square locator - PLEASE EXCHANGE and LOG SIX-Character Grid Locators where possible. Correct exchange of FOUR-Character Grid Locator is the minimum requirement for a valid contact but we'd REALLY like to see SIX-Character locators exchanged and recorded in the submitted logs.

What's that, you say you have no clue what your SIX-Character Grid Locator is? To assist you with that, please try the following...
Enter your FOUR-Character Grid Locator here: [input] [input]
When you click the "Show me my Grid Square!" Button, you will be presented with a Google Map showing the borders of the 2-degree by 1-degree FOUR-character Grid Square that you entered. You can then navigate as well as Zoom in and out using the controls at the upper left of the screen. When you click a point on the map, however, the Latitude and Longitude of that point ALONG WITH THE SIX-Character Grid Locator for that point will pop up in a text balloon and the border of the SIX-Character Grid Locator will be shown. This is provided as a service to the Amateur Radio Community by Laurent/Larry Haas, F6FVY, using the Google Maps API. Thanks to Larry and Google! Try it, we think you'll like it!
4. Scoring:
4.1. QSO Points: Count one point for each complete QSO.
4.2. Multipliers: The total number of different FOUR-Character Grid Squares worked. Each FOUR-Character Grid Locator represents a 2 degree by 1 degree area on the earth's surface, the SIX-character designators are just sub-divisions of that. So, to be clear, if you work a station in EN53bj and another in EN53we, that is only ONE Multiplier, EN53.
4.3. Final score: Multiply QSO points by multipliers. Each Sprint is scored separately.
4.4. Rovers use same QSO Point and Multiplier criteria but scoring for Rovers is cumulative, total # of multipliers worked from each grid activated multiplied by total # of complete QSOs from each grid activated. Segregation of rover logs by grid activated is no longer required as long as the log makes it clear from which FOUR-Character grid locator each contact was made.
Example: Scores from EM98 5 qso's , 3 grids / EM99 10 qso's, 4 grids / EM89 3 qso's, 2 grids.
Total score would be 18 qso's x 9 grids = 162 points
4.5. Microwave Sprint scoring is cumulative, total # of grids worked from each band activated multiplied by total # of stations worked in each band activated.
5. Reporting: Logs (Cabrillo format preferred) must be received via e-mail or paper logs WITH summary sheet postmarked no later than following deadlines (roughly two weeks after the close of each event):
5.1. - 144 MHz - April 23, 2008
5.2. - 222 MHz ? May 1, 2008
5.3. - 432 MHz - May 9, 2008
5.4. - Microwave (902+) - May 19, 2008

5.5. - 50 MHz - May 27, 2008
6. Awards:
6.1. Certificates/Plaques (if sponsored) will be awarded as follows:
6.1.1. TOP FIVE individual scores for each of the five Sprint "band" events (Single-Op Fixed, Rover and Rookie will be considered for this ranking).
6.1.2. TOP FIVE cumulative Single-Op Fixed scores (adding scores together by callsign used from each of the events, up to 5, for which valid logs are received).
6.1.3. TOP FIVE cumulative Rover scores (adding scores together by callsign used from each of the events, up to 5, for which valid logs are received).
6.1.4. TOP FIVE cumulative Rookie scores (adding scores together by callsign used from each of the events, up to 5, for which valid logs are received).
6.1.5. If a plaque is not sponsored for a particular finish above, a certificate (similar to what other VHF Contest sponsors provide) will be sent. "Specialty" plaques will also be considered (such as for best finish in a region) if anyone wants to sponsor such (and can provide a clear criteria). Please contact John or Steve regarding that. To view what plaques have been sponsored (and criteria) for 2008, click here.
6.2. Prizes: As they are sponsored, prizes will be awarded based on criteria of the sponsor. As an example, the simplest criteria will be "random drawing from all logs received." To view what prizes have been sponsored (and criteria) for 2008, click here.
7. Submission of Logs:
7.1. By submitting a log, participants confirm that they have observed all contest rules, as well as all regulations established for amateur radio in their country and that their log submission is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge. Participants further agree to be bound by the decisions of the Spring Sprint sponsors.
7.2. Electronic Logs:
7.2.1. The "Cabrillo" log format is now the standard for the Spring Sprints.
7.2.1.1. Use the following names for the Cabrillo "CONTEST:" field:
For 144 MHz, use CONTEST: VHF-SPRINT-144MHZ-SPRING
For 222 MHz, use CONTEST: VHF-SPRINT-222MHZ-SPRING
For 432 MHz, use CONTEST: VHF-SPRINT-432MHZ-SPRING
For "Microwave" (902 MHz & Up), use CONTEST: VHF-SPRINT-MICROWAVE-SPRING
For 50 MHz, use CONTEST: VHF-SPRINT-50MHZ-SPRING
7.2.1.2. Until logging programs with 'official' support for these events become more available, the closest format is probably for the June or September ARRL VHF QSO Parties (as long as the logging program knows how to handle SIX-Character Grid Square input and can properly 'ignore' the 5th and 6th characters for Multiplier counting). It may be necessary to manually edit the "CONTEST:" line in the file and Claimed Score may be incorrect for bands 222 MHz and above but the QSO data should be correct.
7.2.1.3. E-mail logs to: springvhfsprints@... preferably using a "Plain Text" e-mail format, with ONLY "your call" and the "band" in the subject line (W4SHG 144 -or- K9JK MICROWAVE for example) and with the log file as an attachment named "<your call>.LOG" (e.g. W4SHG.LOG)
7.2.2. "Web-to-Cabrillo": Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, has graciously agreed to provide 'web forms' to facilitate generation and AUTOMATIC SUBMISSION of Cabrillo-formatted logs for the Spring VHF & Up Sprints at the http://b4h.net/cabforms web site that he maintains. You may have to scroll down the homepage a bit to the "Other Contests" area to find the ones for the Spring VHF Sprints and they may not be there until just before the actual contests. PLEASE consider using these to generate and submit electronically instead of submitting a paper log. Our thanks to Bruce!
7.3. Paper logs:

7.3.1. Paper logs must include a Summary Sheet and the log sheets themselves should include the following information:
Band (in MHz, e.g. 50, 144, 222, 432, 902. For above 902, change to GHz, e.g. 1.2, 2.3, 3.4, etc.)
Mode (e.g. CW, PH, DIG)
Date/Time (PLEASE indicate whether the dates & times are "local" or UTC)
Callsign SENT (can be listed at the top of a page OR on each line)
Grid Locator SENT (PLEASE give your SIX-character locator when known)
Other Station's Callsign
Other Station's Grid Locator (PLEASE ask for and record SIX-character when the other station provides it)
7.3.2. "Snail Mail" paper logs to:
Steve Gilmore ? W4SHG
11 Ryan Way
Stafford, VA 22554
Questions ? Email springsprintquestions@...
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4093. Michigan QSO Party, Saturday, April 19

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-04 21:09:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4093 Message: 4093

The Michigan QSO party is Saturday, April 19, starting at 1600Z and ending at 2359Z.

It operates on all HF bands, 160 thru 10 metres, SSB and CW.

This is a fairly "laid back" contest, so please jump in and represent your county....

For details see http://www.miqp.org

73 de n8xx Hg

4094. Michigan QSO Party, Saturday, April 19 - Correction

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-04 21:11:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4094 Message: 4094

Correction - the ending time was wrong on the previous message, it's actually 0359Z (Midnight EDST)

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4095. Muskegonk County Skywarn/Amateur Radio

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-06 12:59:04 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 4095 Message: 4095

Here is the link to the Muskegon Chronicle's Sunday's editon:

http://blog.mlive.com/chronicle/2008/04/eyes_of_the_storm.html

Jim, K8COP
Muskegon County
mcecs.net

4096. Fw: NMARES D-Star Repeater Project Update - from Jim Davis - KC8NTE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-06 19:41:12 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4096 Message: 4096

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: kc8nte <kc8nte@...>
To: MIDSTAR@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, April 6, 2008 1:26:42 PM
Subject: [MIDSTAR] NMARES D-Star Repeater Project Update - from Jim Davis - KC8NTE

Northern Michigan's 7th District EOC's receive D-Star Equipment.

Good Day

FYI

There will be a free D-Star Presentation at the next NMARES meeting on
April 16th at 6:00 PM.

This presentation will be part of the NMARES monthly meeting held in
Elmira. The location for the meeting is listed below all are welcome
to attend coffee and treats will be provided.

MSP D/Lt. Hosh announced at the last 7th District Emergency
Coordinators meeting, 17 counties in Northern Michigan will be
installing D-Star Equipment in their EOC's - Emergency Operations
Centers. The new D-Star equipment purchase is being funded by a DHS -
Department of Homeland Security grant, that has been approved. Icom
2820-H dual band radios with D-Star Modules and GPS will be installed
in each counties Emergency Operation Center. This additional D-Star
equipment will enhance the Emergency Communications Capability in
Northern Michigan. D/Lt. Hosh is the Emergency Management Coordinator
for the Michigan State Police 7th District.

James E. Davis - KC8NTE
NMARES - Northern Michigan Amateur Radio Emergency Services Organization.
Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Emmet Cheboygan and Otsego Counties.
ARRL - Official Emergency Station, Official Observer and Technical
Specialist.

Thanks - 73 for Now

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- Website http://www.nmares. net/
- YaHoo group http://groups. yahoo.com/ group/NMARES/

- NMARES Meets the Third Wednesday of each Month. 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm,
Elmira Township Hall, 2035 Mountain Jack Road, Elmira, MI 49730-9717
GPS Coordinates Lat. N45° 03.653', Lon. W84° 51.453'

- Calling Frequency - 146.520 MHz
- Information kc8nte@arrl. net

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4097. D-STAR Presentation at Goshen Club Meeting on Tuesday, April 8th @ 7 pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-06 21:13:00 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4097 Message: 4097

The Tuesday, April 8th meeting of the Goshen Amatuer Radio Club (GARC) will feature an Overview & Introduction to D-STAR presented by Mark, WB9QZB.

D-STAR is an open protocol developed by the JARL and supports both Digital Voice & Data on 2m, 70cm & 23cm. D-STAR repeaters can be connected
to the internet via a gateway PC. Icom & others currently make products for D-STAR.

The meeting & presentation are open to all interested amateurs.

GARC meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in Goshen, IN at the Homan Building (Activities Center on the Greencroft campus).

The GARC club house is located on the south side of Goshen, east of state road 15 or west of US 33 on college ave. Go to the enterance of Greencroft Retirement Center which is across from the save-a-lot grocery store. Turn and go south to the stop sign and turn right going around the circle drive to second street turn right and as you make the 2nd right hand turn you will see our 150 foot tower on the right. The club house is located to the south side of the tower in the Homan Activities Building. Main entrance to club house is on the east end of Homan Activities Building, name is on the glass of door.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

More information about GARC is available at:

http://www.goshenarc.org/

More information about the digital modes is available at:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

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4098. MS-150 Information?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-07 00:58:25 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4098 Message: 4098

Is there any info available on the MS 150 - which last year ran from south of Grand Rapids to Holland and back?

I'll try to scare up some help.

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4100. Re:Re: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon's 146.940 Repeater

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-08 10:16:32 UTC
From: Barbara Lukacs Grob
Topic: 4090 Message: 4100

Hi Les -
Sorry I haven't answered sooner! Yes, I am on the Reflector, so I do get these notices, but really appreciate your letting me know about it. Wish I could have seen the work being done on the antenna - not that I would want to climb up anything like that, but it would be quite a "visual", as the worker got smaller and smaller as he went up. To do that work takes a special attitude, one I don't care to cultivate - too scary.

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4101. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon's 146.940 Repeater

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-08 11:29:25 UTC
From: lesandjudyp4@aol.com
Topic: 4090 Message: 4101

Hi Barb

Nice to hear from you again. I'm not an expert on antenna's and rf exposure but I would think that at low power and at a moderate distance you should be ok.

W8QAY Les

In a message dated 4/8/2008 7:16:56 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, redoakscorner@... writes:

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4102. Training available at Michigan Training Institute

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-08 20:26:54 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4102 Message: 4102

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The 2008 Michigan Training Institute is held June 11 - 14 at Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

Check out the announcement and enrollment package for the Institute. A convenient version is found on the Kalamazoo Chapter's website: www.greaterkzooredcross.org/mti. You can also find the package on our website, www.ggr.redcross.org, but it is not quite as user-friendly.

The whole package is 15 pages. Page 1 is the announcement; page 2 is the calendar of course offerings; pages 3 - 9 are course descriptions; page 10 is the application/enrollment form; page 11 is an application for on-campus lodging (check "No Lodging Required" if you will not need a place to stay on campus); page 12 and part of page 13 list the courses (check the boxes); pages 14 and 15 are Red Cross Form 5898H (used by the Chapter to endorse and rcommend a student for advanced courses).

Fill out the on-line application for the courses you want.
Print it and bring it or mail it to this chapter (not Kalamazoo) with your check for $25.00 payable to "American Red Cross." We will forward it promptly to the Kalamazoo chapter.

If you enroll before April 18, the total cost for all course sessions is just $25.00. It's an amazing deal! On offer: eight

advanced courses,* 23 basic courses, nine workshops, and more. The Computer Lab will be open for taking Red Cross web-based courses (for which you will need a user ID and password). Your twenty-five dollars even includes lunch each day!

* For advanced courses, you will need this chapter's endorsement on Form 5898H. Ask Debbie Jones or John Rottenberg.

PS : Your Volunteer Liaison, Vincent Schumacher, is looking for a few members to help make phone calls to keep in touch with DSHR and DAT members. Call 345-8661, extension 3903, to participate.

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4103. Re: MS-150 Information?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-08 21:28:11 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 4098 Message: 4103

Hank,

Historically, the Ottawa County ARES/RACES group (OCEC) has supplied the communications for this even, with help from Hams from all over. The Holland Repeater on 147.06 has been used and the bikes would run through SW Kent and Allegan county to Holland on Saturday, spend the night at Hope College and then travel through Ottawa County back to SW Kent on Sunday.

73, John WB9JSR ORS

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4104. West Michigan Six Meter SSB/AM Tuesday Night Net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-09 07:23:57 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4104 Message: 4104

Western Michigan 6 meter Net on Tuesday night on 50.300 SSB at 9 pm and 50.4 AM at 9:30 pm

Net control in Kalamazoo either WJ8L or K8BKB

Questions. Contact Phil, WJ8L via email at WJ8L@...

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4105. Re: MS-150 Information?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-09 14:29:00 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 4098 Message: 4105

Hank,

This year the dates are May 31 and June 1. Saturday morning the bikes
leave from Holland, travel south to somewhere near South Haven, and
return for overnight. Sunday morning leaving Holland, traveling to
the Spring Lake area, through the Hudsonville area, and back to Holland.

A number of hams are needed. It's a fun event, free food, full days,
good cause.

<http://bikemig.nationalmssociety.org/site/PageServer?pagename=BIKE_MIG_Details#west_mi>

Laryn K8TVZ

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4106. Zapping Cancer Cells at 13.56 MHz on 60 Minutes This Weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-10 19:07:30 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4106 Message: 4106

Zapping Cancer Cells at 13.56 MHz on 60 Minutes This Weekend (Apr 10, 2008) -- John Kanzius, K3TUP, of Erie Pennsylvania, has been working on an RF-based treatment for cancer that is currently undergoing testing. According to ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, Kanzius is scheduled to be on the CBS news show 60 Minutes on Sunday, April 13 (keep in mind that the line-up could change). "While there never is a way to predict what shows and what ends up on the cutting room floor, John gave as many plugs to his ham radio background as he could in being the foundations of hands-on learning that led to his research and invention," Pitts said. Kanzius, a very active Amateur Radio operator, aided in the creation of the upcoming ARRL Technology and Amateur Radio public relations campaign. Read more about Kanzius and his ground-breaking idea to kill cancer cells with radio waves in the February 2008 issue of QST.

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4107. Digital Seminar and a HUGE Day of Fun!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-11 13:24:30 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4107 Message: 4107

Hey, radio people:

We're going to enjoy a seminar related to digital modes on HF radio. This seminar will be Saturday, April 19 at the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council's clubhouse. Google 2888 Scenic Drive, Muskegon for detailed directions. The seminar starts at 9:00 am. That's a week from Saturday.

Come early and we'll have fun with digital modes on HF. You'll see a little RTTY, PSK-31, and Slow Scan TV.

Hang around afterwards and we'll be knee deep into the Michigan QSO Party. The MAARC is going to have at least two Multi Single operations on the air. What, you don't know what multi-single means? FUN!!! And the Steak Fry dinner at 5:00 makes for a fine finale. Well, not the end as the QSO party runs until midnight local time.

Mark those calendars, set the alarm clock, grab a quick breakfast snack on the way, and come on out to the clubhouse. April 19 will be one HUGE and FUN day of radio.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

4108. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Digital Seminar and a HUGE Day of Fun!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-11 14:11:12 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4107 Message: 4108

Gee... not good planning. I want to take full measure of the
QSO Party, and yet also want to attend the Digital Seminar.
Now... I must choose one or the other. Watching a few other
guys make contacts on the club rig... vs... working them on
my own rig with my new headset/mic combo... Hmmmm... Gee I
wonder what I will do....

Shoot.

Thank you for considering my view.

////////////////// Richards - K8JHR //////////////////

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4109. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-11 14:40:47 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 4109

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /2008 ARRL TAPR DCC Ad.pdf
Uploaded by : wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>
Description : ARRL / TAPR DCC (Digital Communications Conference) Chicago

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/2008%20ARRL%20TAPR%20DCC%20Ad.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>

4110. Re: Digital Seminar and a HUGE Day of Fun!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-11 19:04:40 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4107 Message: 4110

Oops!

I didn't intend for anyone to have to choose either the seminar or the MIQP. We can enjoy each as the seminar runs for a couple of hours before the start of the MIQP. We'll just have to shoehorn in a lunch between each. Or sked a rare county for early afternoon. Hi

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

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4111. Fw: FCC ADOPTS RULES FOR DELIVERY OF COMMERCIAL MOBILE ALERTS TO THE PUBLIC,DURING EMERGENCIES

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-12 05:48:03 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4111 Message: 4111

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: "Terry Weatherford, WX9SAR" <tweatherford@...>
To: ScanIllinois <ScanIllinois@yahoogroups.com>; I-WARN <I-WARN@yahoogroups.com>; ScanMetroStLouis <ScanMetroStLouis@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2008 11:43:20 PM
Subject: [ScanIllinois] FCC ADOPTS RULES FOR DELIVERY OF COMMERCIAL MOBILE ALERTS TO THE PUBLIC,DURING EMERGENCIES

FCC ADOPTS RULES FOR DELIVERY OF COMMERCIAL MOBILE ALERTS TO THE PUBLIC
DURING EMERGENCIES. The Commission adopts rules to support the ability
of the nation's wireless carriers to transmit timely and accurate
alerts, warnings and critical information to the cell phones and other
mobile devices of consumers during disasters and emergencies. News
Release. News Media Contact: Robert Kenny at (202) 418-2668; email:
Robert.Kenny@... PSHSB. Contact Contact: Lisa Fowlkes at (202)
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See MCI v. FCC. 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).
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FCC ADOPTS RULES FOR DELIVERY OF COMMERCIAL MOBILE ALERTS
TO THE PUBLIC DURING EMERGENCIES

Washington, DC – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today adopted a First Report and Order (Order) that will support the ability of the nation’s wireless carriers to transmit
timely and accurate alerts, warnings and critical information to the cell phones and other

mobile
devices of consumers during disasters or other emergencies.
In compliance with the Warning, Alert and Response Network Act (WARN Act), today's Order adopts relevant technical requirements based on the recommendations of the Commercial
Mobile Service Alert Advisory Committee (CMSAAC) for the transmission of such emergency messages to the public.

During emergencies, Americans increasingly rely on wireless telecommunications services and devices to receive critical, time-sensitive information anywhere, anytime. Once fully implemented, the Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS) will help ensure that Americans who subscribe to participating wireless services receive emergency alerts when there is a disaster or
emergency that may impact their lives or well-being.

Wireless carriers that choose to participate in the CMAS will transmit text-based alerts to their subscribers. As technology evolves, the CMAS may eventually include audio and video services to transmit emergency alerts to the public. To ensure that people with disabilities who
subscribe to wireless services receive these emergency alerts, the FCC adopted rules that will
require wireless carriers who participate in the CMAS to transmit messages with both vibration
cadence and audio attention signals.

Consumers can expect to receive three types of messages via their cell phones and other mobile devices from participating wireless carriers, including:

· Presidential Alerts - national emergency-related alerts delivered to the American public that would preempt any other pending alerts;

· Imminent Threat Alerts - alerts with information on emergencies that may pose an imminent risk to people's lives or well-being; and

· Child Abduction Emergency/AMBER Alerts - alerts related to missing or endangered children due to an abduction or runaway situation.

-more-

Under the CMAS, subscribers to wireless services with roaming agreements will receive timely alerts, provided the subscriber's mobile device is configured for, and technically capable of,
receiving such emergency alerts from the network they are roaming on.
Participating wireless carriers will be required to comply with the rules adopted in the Order
today within 10 months from the date of announcement that a Federal agency has been designated
to collect and transmit the alerts to the wireless carriers.

Action by the Commission, April 9, 2008, by Commercial Mobile Alert Service First Report and Order (FCC 08-99). Chairman Martin, and Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, Tate and McDowell. Separate Statements issued by Chairman Martin, and Commissioners Copps, Adelstein,

Tate and McDowell. PS Docket No. 07-287.

Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) contact is Lisa Fowlkes, Deputy Bureau Chief, at (202) 418-7452.

-FCC-
News and other information about the Federal Communications Commission is available at www.fcc.gov.

THE COMMERCIAL MOBILE ALERT SYSTEM. Adopted rules necessary to enable Commercial Mobile Service alerting capability for Commercial Mobile Service providers who elect to transmit emergency alerts to their subscribers. Action by: The Commission. Adopted: 04/09/2008 by R&O. (FCC No. 08-99). PSHSB
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4112. How many hams have portable Trackers for APRS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-12 15:13:41 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 4112 Message: 4112

Hello Everyone
I am looking for hams that have fully contained except the antenna
and power tracking units on the 2 meter aprs frq that would be willing
to let us use them for the upcoming Tulip Time parade to try and track
were the Emergency vehicles are along the parade route.
My Idea is to show emergency management how this tracking would be
helpful in emergency events and try to justify getting moneys to
purchase units that would be ready to track emergency units.
I am just checking at this time to see how many units would be
available to us before I find out how they could be hooked up to the
vehicles they would need to be on .
Please let me know by email to kb8odb@...
.. 73 Don Meyer ☐KB8ODB

4113. RE: [WestMichiganHams] How many hams have portable Trackers for APRS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-12 16:37:45 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 4112 Message: 4113

Don,

I don't have any available right now but were trying the same thing for the riverbank run. Hoping to use the Dstar stuff for it. Should be very interesting.

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2008 11:14 AM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] How many hams have portable Trackers for APRS

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<mailto:kb8odb%40sbcglobal.net>
... 73 Don Meyer -KB8ODB

4114. Re: [WestMichiganHams] How many hams have portable Trackers for APRS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-12 17:43:11 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 4112 Message: 4114

I have one. Just needs power and a place for the 2m and GPS antennas.

-Joe, N8FQ

BTW Don: got your APRS message this afternoon but was away at the time...

On Sat, 12 Apr 2008 15:13:41 -0000
"Don Meyer - KB8ODB" <kb8odb@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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4115. montcalm county yahoo group

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-12 17:57:59 UTC
From: paul rocky odem
Topic: 4115 Message: 4115

the montcalm amatuer radio group would like to invite other hams to
check out there yahoo group. open to all thanks paul.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/montcalmcountyares/

4116. Anyone for a QRP Outing?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-12 19:58:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4116 Message: 4116

QST de n8xx:

Anyone for a QRP-xpedition this month? I plan to go out "to the field" during the upcoming QRP To The Field "contest" on April 26. I'd welcome anyone who is interested to join me. The operation would start somewhere around 1500Z (11 a.m EDST) April. 26 and end well before 0300Z April 27 (11 p.m EDST April 26) Last year I shut down around 6 p.m. Complete rules are at http://www.zianet.com/qrp/2008/qttfruls.html

The "twist" to this year's event is to set up near a museum, advertise amateur radio, and make a few CW contacts on 40 thru 10 metres. There's a small museum in downtown Rockford, near where I live, and a nice park with a gazebo which will provide some shelter from the elements if there's any precipitation. There are also some nicely spaced, naturally occurring antenna masts in this park. (Some folks call these things trees, but we hams know their real utility!)

Plus, I'm amenable to a change in venue if anyone has a better idea of where to locate such a station. There are many Museums in the vicinity, I chose the one in Rockford for my own convenience, but I'm quite sure there would be others just as suitable or perhaps more suitable. Many museums are in downtown areas, and not near public parks, so it is difficult to find suitable antenna supports, etc. But, many smaller towns have museums - I'm aware of ones in Rockford, Cedar Spring, and Lowell, all of which appear to be suitable.

I've reserved the use of WQ8RP, the Michigan QRP Club's call for this event. Such a call is generally a "magnet" for operations during a QRP event.

Last year I operated from a parking lot near a Taco Bell Restaurant - because last year's event was "run for the border" where operators got extra multipliers for setting up near a Taco Bell operation. I made 96 Q's in 14 different States and provinces in about 6 hours of low key operating.

It's lots of fun. It's more fun as a group. Things can get a bit tiring if there's no relief in sight. Anyone wish to join in?

Please let me know.

73 de n8xx Hg

4117. Re: MS-150 Information?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-12 20:43:05 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4098 Message: 4117

Thanks, Laryn

I see that it's two loops from Holland to Holland two daze.

If some of us from the Grand Rapids area drap over to Holland on Saturday, will the MS folks put us up, or do we have to either find a motel or drive about 60 to 90 miles round trip back home and back to Holland again on Sunday? This might make a difference to some folks on whether they'd volunteer for one or two daze.

Please advise.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Laryn Lohman" <larynl@...> wrote:
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> Hank,
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> This year the dates are May 31 and June 1. Saturday morning the
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> Haven, and return for overnight. Sunday morning leaving Holland,
> traveling to the Spring Lake area, through the Hudsonville area,
> and back to Holland.
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> A number of hams are needed. It's a fun event, free food, full
> days, good cause.
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> <http://bikemig.nationalmssociety.org/site/PageServer?pagename=BIKE_MIG_Details#west_mi>
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>
> Laryn K8TVZ
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> --- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Hank Greeb <n8xx@> wrote:
> >
> > Is there any info available on the MS 150 - which last year ran
> from south of Grand Rapids to Holland and back?
> >
> > I'll try to scare up some help.
> >
> > 73 de n8xx Hg

4118. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MS-150 Information?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-12 22:35:22 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4098 Message: 4118

I might be able to participate, but I need to know what type of radio
you guys think I need. At this time I only have HF desktop rigs, and
will need to purchase whatever I might need for this project. I asked
before, but no one answered...

Happy trails. 73 ==== JH Richards - K8JHR =====
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Hank Greeb wrote:

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> on whether they'd volunteer for one or two daze.

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4119. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MS-150 Information?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-12 23:17:12 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 4098 Message: 4119

You will need:

* A 2 meter or dual-band HT (if buying new, I recommend the Icom IC-T7H Sport, $170 from www.randl.com)
* A cigarette lighter adapter for it
* A mag-mount antenna with appropriate adapter
* Sunscreen

-Joe, N8FQ

On Sat, 12 Apr 2008 18:35:22 -0400
Richards <jruing@...> wrote:

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4120. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MS-150 Information?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-13 02:22:03 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4098 Message: 4120

2meter 70cm with a magmount antenna and lighter plug for power
----- Original Message -----
From: Richards
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2008 6:35 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MS-150 Information?

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4121. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MS-150 Information?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-13 03:41:50 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4098 Message: 4121

Thanks for the uptake. I will check it out.

Especially the sunscreen...

////////////// Richards - K8JHR ///////////

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Joe Veldhuis wrote:

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4122. HARC General license class - May 5, 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-15 19:51:03 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 4122 Message: 4122

We tried to kick off our General class yesterday, but only one person showed up, so we are rescheduling the beginning of the class for the beginning of May.

If anyone out there has, or knows someone who has, a Tech license and wants to upgrade to General, the Holland Amateur Radio Club is offering a General license class. The class is free, study books are available for $20 from Ed Heyboer, KF8EV (eheyboer@...). Let either him or I know if you're interested!

Date: May 5, 2008 and the next 8-10 Mondays after that
Time: 1900h (7:00 PM)
Place: HARC Technology and Training Center - 280 E 8th St, Holland (42° 47' 24" N/86° 5' 40" W)
Directions: take Chicago Dr. west of US-31, look for blue house on the left just past the Chicago/8th merge, next to the Chamber of Commerce and across from Long John Silver's

At the same place and time, Chuck W8GCW is offering a beginners' CW class. So if you want to work DX without an amplifier, or just be able to identify repeaters, see him.

Spread the word!
-Joe, N8FQ

4123. Special Presentation - OPEN INVITE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-16 17:10:07 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4123 Message: 4123

-----Original Message-----
From: bsmith@... [mailto:bsmith@...]
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2008 7:31 AM
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Dave Lamer; Lohman, Laryn; Malarik, Paul; Don Meyer; Mokma, Ron; Larry
Redder; JIM TANIS; Ted VandenBrink; kb8vee@...;
dphilli@...; Weersing, Dave; bsmith@...; Steve
VanderHill; SINDEE MAXWELL; John Klaassen; Bill King; Bok, John;
bthomas@...; csaddler@...; Gerry Dawson; Vollink,
Josh; Don Stephens; Phil Metten; Rich Brand; Capt. Rick Yonker; John Fisher;
Perry Zimonick; Dahl, Dave; Joe Veldhuis; Mackay, Jason
Subject: Reminder of our Monthly EOC Staff Training Thursday at 7:00 PM

EOCVOLUNTEERScowide:

Just a reminder of our Monthly EOC Staff Training, Thursday, 4/17/08, 7:00
PM in the EOC.

This months training is a special presentation arranged by Marv Hoekstra
with Dr. Sue Stehsjak speaking on "Detection Dogs as Investigative tools.

Thanks

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4124. Bike MS: West Michigan Ride 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-16 18:30:42 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4124 Message: 4124

Hello, the purpose of this email is to share with you information as it relates to this years MS150 Bike Ride, which this year is being call "Bike MS: West Michigan Ride 2008".

The dates for the event are Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, 2008. Please find below the unofficial routes for the event as of today, they continue to be tweaked. The planners are currently planning on 8 SAG vehicles and 12 Medical Support vehicles, plus with a couple HAMS managing Net Control, we need at a minimum 22 Amateur Radio Operators for each day for the two day event.

Day One

May 31, 2008

Start: Holland High School, Holland, MI

Finish: Hope College, Holland, MI

Route opens at 7:00 AM and closes at 5:00 PM

There will be 3 routes ? 30 Mile, 75 Mile and 100 Mile

There will be 7 rest stops; one of them will be the lunch stop

Links:

30 Mile: http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/436925018

75 Mile: http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/633212723

100 Mile: http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/491090237

Day Two

June 1, 2008

Start: Hope College, Holland, MI (a portion of the 30 mile riders will start at Holland High School)

Finish: Holland High School, Holland, MI

Route opens at 7:00 AM and closes at 5:00 PM

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75 Mile: http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/2205038

100 Mile: http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/384269413

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter depends on communication professionals like you to insure such events are safe and efficient, and your support is greatly appreciated. Please consider volunteering for this event, it can be one day or both. Plus please spread the word among your Clubs, groups, and coffee tables of the communication needs for this special event.

If you would to volunteer, please provide me via return email your full name, call sign, email address, your preference as it relates to working in a SAG or Medical vehicle, working Net Control, or assisting in leading the amateur radio efforts of this worthy event. As additional information becomes available, it will be shared via email to those whom have registered to volunteer.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

73s

Steve Vander Hill N8UJD

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4125. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MS-150 Information?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-16 19:48:02 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4098 Message: 4125

Hi Hank, I will check with MS to see if HOPE College dorm rooms will be available, I will advise.

Good question!

73s
Steve N8UJD

-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Hank Greeb
Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2008 4:43 PM
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>
> <http://bikemig.nationalmssociety.org/site/PageServer?
pagename=BIKE_MIG_Details#west_mi>
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> Laryn K8TVZ
>
>
> --- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Hank Greeb <n8xx@> wrote:
> >
> > Is there any info available on the MS 150 - which last year ran
> from south of Grand Rapids to Holland and back?
> >
> > I'll try to scare up some help.
> >
> > 73 de n8xx Hg

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4126. Re: MS150

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-16 19:58:19 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 4126 Message: 4126

> -----Original Message-----
> From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com[41]
> [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com[42]]On Behalf Of Hank
Greeb
> Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2008 4:43 PM
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com[43]
> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MS-150 Information?
>
> Thanks, Laryn
>
> I see that it's two loops from Holland to Holland two daze.
>
> If some of us from the Grand Rapids area drap over to Holland on
> Saturday, will the MS folks put us up, or do we have to either find
a
> motel or drive about 60 to 90 miles round trip back home and back
to
> Holland again on Sunday? This might make a difference to some folks
> on whether they'd volunteer for one or two daze.
>
> Please advise.
>
> 73 de n8xx Hg

Perhaps HARC could open the Technology and Training Center for the radio volunteers staying the night. A lot more economical than hotel rooms.

Jack NY8D

4127. Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Test

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-16 22:22:59 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 4127 Message: 4127

Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Test Scheduled for May

The Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast
Guard are co-sponsoring the annual
Military/Amateur Radio Crossband Communications
Test in celebration of the 58th anniversary of
Armed Forces Day
(<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armed_Forces_Day>AFD).
Although the actual Armed Forces Day is
celebrated on the third Saturday in May -- May 17
in 2008 -- the AFD Military/Amateur Crossband
Communications Test will be conducted on May 10
to prevent conflict with the
<http://www.hamvention.org>Dayton Hamvention?, scheduled for May 16-18.

The annual celebration features traditional
military to amateur crossband communications SSB
voice tests and copying the Secretary of Defense
message via digital modes. These tests give
Amateur Radio operators and short wave listeners
an opportunity to demonstrate their individual
technical skills and to receive recognition from
the Secretary of Defense and/or the appropriate
military radio station for their proven
expertise. QSL cards will be provided to those
stations making contact with the military
stations. Special commemorative certificates will
be awarded to anyone who receives and copies the
digital Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense.

Military-to-Amateur crossband operations will
take place on the dates and time in UTC on the
frequencies listed for each station on the Army
MARS Web site. Voice contacts will include
operations in single sideband voice (SSB). Some
stations, depending on propagation and manning,
may not operate the entire period. Participating
military stations will transmit on selected
Military MARS frequencies and listen for Amateur
Radio stations in the Amateur bands. The military
station operator will announce the specific
amateur band frequency being monitored. Duration
of each voice contact should be limited to 1-2 minutes.

Look for
<http://www.netcom.army.mil/MARS>schedules and

frequencies of participating military stations to
be published in May on the Army MARS Web site.

4128. Re: MS-150 Information?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-17 18:42:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4098 Message: 4128

John:

Don't know what kind of "base station" you have, but typically I've used my mobile station and a mag mount. The mobile station has more power (I typically run it at about 20 watts, a mid range, but can go up to 50 watts if in a hole). A 5/8 wave mag mount is almost a necessity in some areas of the usual routes.

One needs, in any case, a 12VDC adapter with a plug for a cigarette lighter outlet. Even if you're using a handheld (which works in probably 90+% of the locations, you can run the internal batteries down if you don't have a charger.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, <jtlr.fischer@...> wrote:
>
> 2meter 70cm with a magmount antenna and lighter plug for power
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Richards
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Saturday, April 12, 2008 6:35 PM
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MS-150 Information?
>
>
> I might be able to participate, but I need to know what type of
> radio you guys think I need. At this time I only have HF desktop
> rigs, and will need to purchase whatever I might need for this
> project. I asked before, but no one answered...
>
> Happy trails. 73 ==== JH Richards - K8JHR =====

4129. Tornados & Severe Weather on ABC 20/20, Friday, 4/18 @ 9 pm CDT

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-17 18:51:25 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4129 Message: 4129

From: rusty kapela [mailto:Rusty.Kapela@...]
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2008 1:00 PM
Subject: [Fwd: ABC's 20/20]

FYI, this week's episode of ABC's 20/20, which airs tomorrow night at 10:00 p.m. (EDT), is all about weather. Some of the stories listed on the show's Web site (http://www.abcnews.go.com/2020) include:
How to Survive in a Tornado
Weather Forecasting: Myth or Reality
Spring Forward, Fall Back, but Why?
Myths About Driving in Severe Weather
Apparently, the theme of the episode is "Your Weather: Myths, Lies and Downright Stupidity."

...rusty

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4130. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: MS-150 Information?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-17 18:58:00 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4098 Message: 4130

Thanks for the uptake. All very helpful input.

"base station" is an Omni VII AT HF transceiver.
I am in process of selecting VHF/UHF equipment.

////////////// Richards- K8JHR //////////////
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Hank Greeb wrote:
>
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> used my mobile station and a mag mount.
>
> One needs, in any case, a 12VDC adapter with a plug for a cigarette
> lighter outlet.

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4131. Bike MS 2008 West Michigan Ride - Lodging & Food Information FREE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-17 21:51:41 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4131 Message: 4131
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, please note the email below from Jeffrey Bross from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society , if your volunteering and need a room, please advise how many nights, and whom you would like to room with, thanks.

73s
Steve N8UJD

-----Original Message-----
From: Jeffrey Bross
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2008 3:40 PM
To: svanderhill@...
Subject: RE: Bike MS 2008

Hello Steve,

Yes, we provide housing free of charge at Hope College for all volunteers on Saturday night and Friday night (if needed). In addition, we provide a light breakfast on Saturday morning, food and lunch along the route on both days, buffet dinner on Saturday night and buffet breakfast on Sunday morning and a fantastic BBQ at the finish line on Sunday. All meals are provided regardless of where you stay overnight.

Please let me know who will need a room one week before the event. In addition, please let me know who each person wants to room with.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your support.

Jeffrey C. Bross
Development Manager
Logistics/Physical Planning

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Michigan Chapter

21311 Civic Center Drive

Southfield MI 48076-3911

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From: Steve Vander Hill [mailto:svanderhill@...]
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2008 3:48 PM
To: Jeffrey Bross
Subject: Bike MS 2008

Hi Jeff, quick question, will HOPE college dorms rooms be made available to those volunteers that have to drive in a long ways, if so, what will be the cost if any?

Steve

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4132. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-16 21:59:37 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 37 Message: 4132

> Greetings Michigan Amateur Radio Operators,
>
> On Saturday April 12, the Michigan Section of the ARRL held it first
> Youth
> Forum. This effort was designed to bring our younger licensed hams
> together
> in one facility to discuss what interested them in amateur radio, how they
> were mentored, plus what their likes and dislikes are about this hobby.
> Despite our moving the forum into April, some severe snow prevented
> several
> groups from attending. Still, those that were there all reported that
> they
> had an outstanding time and the sessions were very successful. We had
> some
> very frank discussion on all of the key subjects. It was exciting to see
> how
> this group opened dialog on other pertinent subject matter as well. Now
> the
> work has begun on compiling our results into a formal report for
> distribution
> to the ARRL Affiliated Clubs in the state. There is probably three times
> the
> amount of material we had expected to collect from our discussions, so the
> report writing will take couple of weeks. My personal regards go to all
> who
> attended. Simply put, your efforts and the time you took to participate,
> may
> well set the pace for the future of amateur radio. Thanks!
>
> Interestingly, these youth have put forth a "Challenge" to all Michigan
> clubs. "Recruit 5 or more new licensees into your club and be eligible to
> receive an award which will be presented at the Michigan State ARRL
> Convention at Kalamazoo in October." We'll do a separate posting to the
> Section Web page with all the "Challenge" details.
>
> Congratulations to Simon KC8ZYD upon his acceptance of the appointment
> as
> Youth Coordinator for the Michigan Section. Simon's untiring efforts in
> bringing the Forum together and serving as moderator have set a good
> example
> for all of us -- how we can out our faith in young hams to work, how we
> can
> mentor and how we can bring more young folks into amateur radio.
>
> The Annual Michigan Summer Outing is in the final planning stages. We

> hold
> this event at Woodlands Campgrounds near Lupton every July. It has
> provided
> an excellent opportunity for us to get together to have fun, operate
> radio,
> have some interesting meetings, eat great cooking, and share ideas and
> stories. This year's dates are July 11, 12 & 13. Debbie KA8YKK is ready
> to
> accept advance registrations immediately. You may contact her at
> ka8ykk@.... Camp sites and cabin rooms can be reserved, but most
> importantly, we need to get an advanced notice of how many folks to expect
> for our planning purposes. We do have some excellent forums scheduled and
> ASM John N8ZE always insures that the Saturday Campfire is a fun
> adventure.
> This is your opportunity to meet with your ARRL Section Staff, and we
> often
> welcome Great Lakes Division Leadership as well. Please contact Deb as
> soon
> as possible to make your reservation.
>
> *Special event coming up first weekend in May* - and it's for the Birds!
> Hams from Lake Effect ARC, and Eastern UP ARC are putting the Whitefish
> Point
> Bird Observatory on the air May 2, 3 and 4 celebrating the annual spring
> raptor and waterfowl migration. They will be operating as W8B (Birds!) on
> several bands and modes, including CW, and really look forward to making
> contacts in the region. Whitefish Point (of Edmund Fitzgerald fame)
> attracts
> a lot of attention at this time from birders and naturalists around the
> world, and the birding is pretty spectacular. Very attractive QSL cards
> and
> certificates will be available. There may be limited opportunities for
> additional guest operators - See details:
> http://www.LakeEffectARC.info/W8B.htm
>
> The Chelsea ARC's newly elected officers for 2008-2009 are Pres AB8FN,
> VP
> KB8POO, Sec Treas WB8HSN. Ogemaw-Arenac ARC's 2008 officers are: Pres
> KD8CLM, VP KD8BNZ, Sec N8RBS and Treas AB8YG.
>
> At the 2008 "New Hams Dinner" sponsored by the Grand Rapids ARA, The
> Lowell
> ARC and Michigan AR Alliance, the three clubs named the "West Michigan Ham
> of
> the Year". This award is in its 8th year and this year's recipient is Rich
> K8JX of the MARA club. Congratulations to Rich on this award.
>
> Michigan Nets reporting for March: MACS, MiTN, MVTN, QMN, UPN, GLETN,
> TMN,
> SEMTN, Wolverine, Motor City, NLEUPN, Hiawatha, and MiARPSC. Total

> Operator-hours for March: 2782. To include your net's monthly activities,
> contact wb8rcr@....
>
> Station Activity Reports (SAR) for March, 2008: WB9JSR 1337, AC8AR 421,
> AB8SY 316, K8LJG 292, K8AMR 149, K8RDN 127, KD8AAD 124, KC8MLD 89, KD8HPF
> 76,
> W8RNQ 60, WB8RCR 57, WD8USA 26, KC8NTE 15, AB8WF 15, AC8AL 15, WA8OOH 5,
> KC8ZGB 2.
>
> Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHR) for March, 2008: KC8NTE 577,
> WB8RCR 333, K8MFK 186, WD8USA 151, AC8AL 150, WB9JSR 110, K8AMR 107, AC8AR
> 100, K8RDN 90, KB8UIH 82, AB8SY 80, KD8HPF 54.
>
> SARs are reports of all the radiogram traffic you have handled in the
> past
> month. PSHRs include both your net and public service activities for the
> month. PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR. You can access
> a
> simple reporting form at: http://www.mi-nts.org/PSHR_entry.shtml to
> provide
> your reports to WB8RCR. You can also check http://www.mi-nts.org/ for the
> details on all of our Michigan Section reporting nets.
>
> March Official Emergency Station reports came in from K8COP, W8WRB and
> KC8NTE. Your OES reports should be filed with WA8EFK with a copy to your
> EC.
> In all cases, reporting by radiogram is encouraged. Packet messages can
> be
> routed to wb8rcr@... and wa8efk@... .
>
> 73 until next month,
> Dale Williams WA8EFK
>
>
> ---
> ARRL Michigan Section
> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

4133. Steak Fry,,,Steak Fry....Come One Come All Saturday This Week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-18 01:02:36 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 4133 Message: 4133

Greetings to all
>
> Steak fry this Saturday April 19th at MARRC clubhouse in N. Muskegon
5PM
> $7.50 a person. there will be a discount for kids
>
> Includes New York Strip steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Beverage &
Desert.
>
> You can also purchase extra steaks for take home in vacuum sealed
bags
> for $2.50 either cooked or uncooked. Contact Tom W8AMZ at
> w8amz@... or 231-767-1095 in advance if you would like a larger
> quantity of steaks.
>
> Hope to see everybody there
>
> 73' Tom W8AMZ
>
P.S. There will also be cake & ice cream for a very special couple.

4134. FW: whole lot of shaking going on! Earthqauke felt in Grand Rapids

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-18 10:42:54 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 4134 Message: 4134

(CNN) -- A magnitude 5.4 earthquake, centered 127 miles east of St. Louis, Missouri, shook southern Illinois at 4:36 a.m. (5:36 a.m. ET) Friday, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

There were no immediate reports of damage, according to USGS spokeswoman Jessica Sigala.

The epicenter of the earthquake was about 3 miles below ground and 41 miles north-northwest of Evansville, Indiana.

People as far north as Chicago and as far west as St. Louis reported feeling the quake, Sigala said

More info from local source at http://blogs.woodtv.com/?p=3488

4135. Re: Steak Fry,,,Steak Fry....Come One Come All Saturday This Week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-20 12:52:41 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4133 Message: 4135

Thank you to Tom, W8AMZ and his cadre of helpers. They did a wonderful job of preparing our supper last evening. And the turn out! We saw lots of our friends. And not all of them were hams! Steak dinner at the clubhouse with friends just can't be beat.

A hint: When you hear that W8ZHO is having a dinner clear your calendar and get out to the clubhouse. You won't be disappointed!

Thank You, Tom!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

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>

4136. Tool Max this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-21 19:55:36 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3847 Message: 4136

Check out our New Web sight at www.toolmaxonline.com Let me know what you think.

No New items this week I need some, bring them in.

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

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The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
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RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .50 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $3.25 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
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1 Home brew 2 m/440 pipe antenna $15
1 NC 60B Yaesu 15 volt Nica Battery Charger $5
1 GR-213 Holux GPS Receiver for USB port $40
1 Box of Large Compactors 10-12 pc total $5
HP PDA Pocket PC Model Jornada 545 16MB Ram Color PDA $100
Paum Zire Black & White PDA $30
Radio Shack PRO-94 1000 Channel Handheld Trunking Scanner New Price $70
Arrow 222 5 Element 220mhz Beam $25
1 Ampprobe Clamp-Pn Meter $15
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
Mixed box of short length coax cable with PL-259 Connectors on end $1 each
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
2-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each and less for smaller ones

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each

1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40 Make offer
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

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Website www.toolmaxonline.com

4139. FYI: US Court says FCC erred in its adoption of Broadband over PowerLine rules

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-25 16:48:47 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 4139 Message: 4139

http://www.arrl.org/?artid=8164

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Alan NV8A

4140. ARLB008 Court Finds FCC Violated Administrative Procedure Act in BPL Decision

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-26 16:18:25 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4140 Message: 4140

THE COURT DECISION BELOW IS ANOTHER REASON YOU SHOULD JOIN THE ARRL IF YOU AREN'T ALREADY A MEMBER!!!
How to Join the ARRL
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Newington CT April 25, 2008
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB008
ARLB008 Court Finds FCC Violated Administrative Procedure Act in BPL Decision

The US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit today released its decision on the ARRL's Petition for Review of the FCC's Orders adopting rules governing broadband over power line (BPL) systems. The Court agreed with the ARRL on two major points and remanded the rules to the Commission. Writing for the three-judge panel of Circuit Judges Rogers, Tatel and Kavanaugh, Judge Rogers summarized: "The Commission failed to satisfy the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act ('APA') by redacting studies on which it relied in promulgating the rule and failed to provide a reasoned explanation for its choice of the extrapolation factor for measuring Access BPL emissions."

The Court agreed with the ARRL that the FCC had failed to comply with the APA by not fully disclosing for public comment the staff studies on which it relied. The Court also agreed with the ARRL that the Commission erred in not providing a reasoned justification for its choice of an extrapolation factor of 40 dB per decade for Access BPL systems and in offering "no reasoned explanation for its dismissal of empirical data that was submitted at its invitation."

The Court was not persuaded by the ARRL's arguments on two other points, on which it found that the Commission had acted within its discretion.

The conclusion that the FCC violated the APA hinges on case law. "It would appear to be a fairly obvious proposition that studies upon which an agency relies in promulgating a rule must be made available during the rulemaking in order to afford interested persons meaningful notice and an opportunity for comment," the Court said, adding that "there is no APA precedent allowing an agency to cherry-pick a study on which it has chosen to rely in part."

The Court continued, "The League has met its burden to demonstrate prejudice by showing that it 'has something useful to say' regarding the unredacted studies citation omitted that may allow it to 'mount a credible challenge' if given the opportunity to comment." Information withheld by the Commission included material under the headings "New Information Arguing for Caution on HF BPL" and "BPL Spectrum Tradeoffs." The Court concluded that "no precedent sanctions such a 'hide and seek' application of the APA's notice and comment requirements."

With regard to the extrapolation factor, the Court ordered: "On remand, the Commission shall either provide a reasoned justification for retaining an extrapolation factor of 40 dB per decade for Access BPL systems sufficient to indicate that it has grappled with the 2005 studies, or adopt another factor and provide a reasoned explanation for it." The studies in question were conducted by the Office of Communications, the FCC's counterpart in the United Kingdom, and were submitted by the ARRL, along with the League's own analysis showing that an extrapolation factor closer to 20 dB per decade was more appropriate, as part of the record in its petition for reconsideration of the FCC's BPL Order. The Court said that the FCC "summarily dismissed" this data in a manner that "cannot substitute for a reasoned explanation." The Court also noted that the record in the FCC proceeding included a study by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration that "itself casts doubt on the Commission's decision."

The briefs for the ARRL were prepared by a team of attorneys at WilmerHale, a firm with extensive appellate experience, with assistance from ARRL General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, W3KD. Oral argument for the ARRL was conducted by Jonathan J. Frankel of WilmerHale. Oral argument was heard on October 23, 2007; the Court's decision was released more than six months later.

After reading the decision, General Counsel Imlay observed, "The decision of the Court of Appeals, though long in coming, was well worth the wait. It is obvious that the FCC was overzealous in its advocacy of BPL, and that resulted in a rather blatant cover-up of the technical facts surrounding its interference potential. Both BPL

and Amateur Radio would be better off had the FCC dealt with the interference potential in an honest and forthright manner at the outset. Now there is an opportunity to finally establish some rules that will allow BPL to proceed, if it can in configurations that don't expose licensed radio services to preclusive interference in the HF bands."

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, added: "We are gratified that the Court decided to hold the FCC's feet to the fire on such a technical issue as the 40 dB per decade extrapolation factor. It is also gratifying to read the Court's strong support for the principles underlying the Administrative Procedure Act. Now that the Commission has been ordered to do what it should have done in the first place, we look forward to participating in the proceedings on remand, and to helping to craft rules that will provide licensed radio services with the interference protection they are entitled to under law."

ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, concluded: "I am very pleased that the Court saw through the FCC's smoke screen and its withholding of valid engineering data that may contradict their position that the interference potential of BPL to Amateur Radio and public safety communications is minimal. The remand back to the FCC regarding their use of an inappropriate extrapolation factor validates the technical competence of Amateur Radio operators and especially of the ARRL Lab under the direction of Ed Hare, W1RFI. We are grateful for the work of our legal team and especially for the unflagging support of the ARRL membership as we fought the odds in pursuing this appeal."
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4141. sdr

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-27 17:42:05 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4141 Message: 4141

Here is a site that is a online sdr that you can listen to and control you can also log what you hear there can be up to 35 people at onetime listening and controling check it out
73 kc8uny

http://websdr.ewi.utwente.nl:8901/

4142. WEAVER'S WORDS - Dayton Hamvention Upon Us

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-27 11:50:31 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4142 Message: 4142

> [As always, reply only to k8je@....]
>
> - FCC must review BPL technical rules.
> - Ohio amateur sounds the alarm!
> - Hamvention(r) travel advisory.
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> - From the Great Lake Division Legislative Action Chairman.
> - Michigan QSO Party.
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> - What's your opinion?
> - Radios On-Line, offline.
> - Hamvention forums announced.
> - Do you want to be GLD Director or Vice Director?
> - Tentative schedule.
>
> +++ FCC must review BPL rules. +++
>
> In a decision released April 25, a three-judge panel of the US Court of
> Appeals for the District of Columbia directs the FCC to reconsider
> rules it made concerning technical rules for the operation of Broadband
> over Powerlines (BPL). This ruling came as a result of the lawsuit
> ARRL brought against the Commission. The case is identified as No.
> 06-1343. This decision is nearly as much as we could have wanted, and
> is a victory for ARRL and Amateur Radio.
>
> What is the practical meaning of this decision? It means that the FCC
> must reconsider its technical rulings concerning BPL and the technical
> bases for these rulings, and the level of interference that should be
> allowed. It also means that the Commission must make data it says it
> uses in reaching conclusions to all interested parties to review. In
> essence, FCC cannot hide data as it had done in issuing BPL
> regulations.
>
> We don't know the final cost of the suit, yet, but the Board had
> allocated $300,000 for it. This should indicate the great importance
> my 14 fellow directors and I placed on the suit. The effort and
> expense the Board authorized was made possible by members who
> contributed to the relevant ARRL fund drives over the last few years.
> Without these contributions the League would not have had funds
> available to wage a suit, let alone to wage the quality of action that
> proved good enough to win most of the points we made in our argument.
>
> Does this put a little different perspective on the "please donate"

> pleas Mary Hobart, N1MMH has been sending to each of us? Our money
> served a valued, precedent-setting purpose. Thanks to you who
> contributed.
>
> +++ Ohio amateur sounds the alarm! +++
>
> On March 25, Geauga ARA President Eric Bartholomew, KF8YK sent me an
> e-mail warning that an Ohio university had submitted a request asking
> the FCC to assign five frequency pairs in the 420-430 MHz band to it.
> He pointed out that the higher frequency of each pair was in the
> Amateur Band and not legally available for commercial assignment. The
> following is an abbreviated summary of how his warning very likely
> saved the university and the ARRL (i.e. you) a significant amount of
> money, effort and hassle.
>
> After re-reading the relevant portion of Part 97 of the FCC
> regulations, I initially thought Eric's assessment was not correct. To
> be certain, I forwarded his memo to ARRL President Harrison, W5ZN, CEO
> Sumner, K1ZZ and Chief Counsel Imlay, W3KD to obtain expert review.
> K1ZZ and W3KD promptly confirmed Eric's assessment. My problem was
> that I did not read FCC's commercial radio rules -- Part 30 in this
> instance -- which apply in this situation.
>
> Our unanimous view was that ARRL should voice a formal objection to the
> frequency assignment request to the FCC even though its denial should
> have been automatic. Even as the ink on this formal objection was
> drying, the FCC granted the university's request for the frequencies.
> The FCC in essence violated its own rules -- again.
>
> Counsel Imlay tossed our objection into the round file even before its
> final in-house review was completed. In its place, a formal request
> for review was sent to the Commission in its place.
>
> Concurrent with submitting the petition for review to the FCC, General
> Counsel Imlay notified the university administration of the problem.
> Its spokesman immediately offered to withdraw the request and to modify
> it by resubmitting it to cover frequencies that are consistent with FCC
> rules. In turn, ARRL agreed to withdraw our petition for review as
> soon as the university's revised petition was submitted. The problem
> had been the result of an error by a consulting firm.
>
> Arguments over frequency assignments typically cover long periods of
> time and eat many thousands of dollars. In this instance though,
> everyone acted promptly in good faith to avoid a potential, major and
> costly problem. All this was accomplished thanks to the watchfulness
> and action of KF8YK, and to the capability of ARRL that he called on to
> resolve the problem.
>
> Thanks, again, Eric. Good eyes! Thanks, also, to General Counsel
> Imlay for knowing the appropriate prompt action to take with the right

> people.
>
> +++ Hamvention travel advisory +++
>
> "Finally, after . . . 6 weeks, the construction info is now on the
> Hamvention(r) web page," wrote Robert Lunsford, KB8UEY of the
> Hamvention Committee. The information has been posted at
> http://www.hamvention.org/hv2008/media/trafficnews.html. The
> information provides valuable tips on avoiding difficulties that could
> result from highway construction near the 2008 Hamvention. You will
> recall the Hamvention Committee is expecting a bumper crop of Ohio
> "orange barrel" State flowers to be in full-bloom at Hamvention time.
>
> If you will be driving or riding shotgun to the Hamvention, you will
> want to review the information Bob has prepared. Navigating the final
> several miles to HARA will be much easier if you have studied his
> suggestions.
>
> Bob added, "As always if anyone has any Talk-In related questions they
> can email me at talkin@...."
>
> +++ ARRL at the Hamvention +++
>
> ARRL Expo --
>
> The 2008 offering of the Hamvention promises to be another fine example
> of one of the world's greatest Amateur Radio festivals. As part of the
> annual event, the ARRL will present another edition of the ARRL EXPO.
> The EXPO has been so successful its previous two years that many
> vendors ask to have their booths placed near it to benefit from the
> high level of traffic it receives from hams from throughout the US and
> overseas.
>
> Read QST and watch ARRL web announcements to learn of the many features
> that will be available at the EXPO this year.
>
> The ARRL EXPO is at the same location as in 2006 and 2007. It promises
> to be even better than before.
>
> Great Lakes Division --
>
> As was true last year, the Great Lakes Division will have a booth for
> members and appointees to stop by, rest a few minutes if they wish and
> talk with Division and Section leaders who are likely to be there.
> Drop by to say hello, to ask questions, to make suggestions or simply
> to see the faces.
>
> +++ From the Great Lake Division Legislative Action Chairman +++
>
> Since assuming the role of Great Lakes Division Legislative Action

> Chairman I have been bringing myself up to speed on fulfilling the
> position. Now that I have a couple of months under my belt we are
> beginning to move, again.
>
> First and foremost I am very happy to announce that Louis A. Gembolis,
> KG8NK of Ishpeming, MI has accepted appointment as Legislative Action
> Coordinator (LAC) for Michigan. In this position, he will coordinate
> the activities of Legislative Action Assistants (LAA) in the
> Legislative Action Program (LAP) in Michigan. Lou is president of the
> Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association, AEC of Marquette County, Official
> Observer and MARS operator AAR5AD. He also directs over 100 amateurs
> in communicating for a major, annual dogsled race in Michigan's Upper
> Peninsula.
>
> What is the ARRL Legislative Action Program (LAP), you ask? It is a
> grass roots program that makes it possible for ARRL members to promote
> and protect Amateur Radio through coordinated, legitimate political
> action at the Federal government level. Federal Legislators frequently
> vote based upon their understanding of the wishes of their
> constituents. As a constituent, your opinion is important to them.
>
> Members who would like to learn more about the LAP are invited to
> contact me at nb4k@... or Director Weaver at k8je@....
>
> 73,
>
> John D. Meyers, NB4K
> Great Lake Division Legislative Action Chairman
>
> +++ Michigan QSO Party +++
>
> The annual Michigan QSO Party is April 19, 1200 to 2400 EDT (1600Z
> Saturday April 19 until 0400Z Sunday April 20) The major objective is
> to work as many stations possible in as many Michigan counties as
> possible. Details are at http://www.miqp.org.
>
> Current information on who will be/is operating and other information
> about participating stations is available through the Michigan QSO
> Party reflector -- http://www.miqp.org/Reflector.htm.
>
> +++ Ohio State Parks contest +++
>
> Here is an interesting, new contest. The Portage County (OH) ARS is
> sponsoring the very first Ohio State Park on the Air Contest. The
> contest will be Saturday, September 6, 2008 from noon to 8 p.m. EDT
> (1600Z to 2400Z). The contest is open to all amateurs from their base,
> portable or mobile stations and from inside or outside an Ohio State
> Park.
>
> This contest presents an opportunity to visit and enjoy Ohio's parks.

> Information on them and their features is available at
> http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/default/tabid/80/Default.aspx.
>
> Full information on the contest is available at
> http://parks.portcars.org or from the contest chairman, Chuck, K8CMP,
> at k8cmp@....
>
> +++ What's you opinion? +++
>
> This is the sixth year I've stressed that I would like to know what
> about ARRL or Amateur Radio bothers or confuses you, or what you think
> could be done better. Over the months, asked a number of questions
> that were answered by many of you. Your answers provided guidance to
> me in reaching positions I have taken on issues studied by my 14 best
> friends and me on the ARRL Board of Directors. I would like to have
> your help again.
>
> What I would like you to do is to tell me which single issue regarding
> ARRL and its activities you feel has not been explained to your
> satisfaction or that in some other manner concern you. This doesn't
> need to be a complaint, but is the single point that confuses you the
> most, makes the least sense to you, bothers you the most or however you
> view it.
>
> Please send your top-choice issue to me by e-mail. Please also be
> brief in doing this. As much as I may like to receive full discussions
> from you, there simply aren't enough of me to deal with anything that
> approaches the size of a Funk & Wagnall's Dictionary. If I need more
> information on your top-choice issue, I'll ask.
>
> Be certain to include your name and call. Send your single, top-choice
> issue to k8je@.... In addition to getting an answer from me, you
> just may plant a seed that may grow into action at HQ.
>
> +++ Radios On-Line, offline +++
>
> Effective April 30, the ARRL Radios On-Line person-to-person want-ad
> site will go the way of the telegram. Declining use as well as abuse
> by a few hams caused the demise of this ARRL program intended to assist
> hams sell equipment.
>
> +++ Passing commercial traffic +++
>
> "Is it legal, and if so when, to handle business traffic during
> emergencies?"
>
> This is a frequent question by amateurs. The question partly comes
> about as a result of changes made by FCC in Part 97 in December 2006.
> The changes dropped reference to Emergency Communications Declarations
> (ECD) by the FCC. The result of this change is that the FCC no longer

> declares when an emergency exists and, therefore, when amateurs may
> deviate from FCC Amateur Radio rules to protect the public.
>
> The bottom line is that other clauses in Part 97 allow amateurs to
> deviate from standard Amateur Radio practices when legitimate
> emergencies warrant such actions. Provided the purpose of businesslike
> communication is to protect life and property during an emergency, hams
> should have no fear of being threatened with enforcement action.
>
> +++ Hamvention forums announced +++
>
> The list of forums at the Dayton Hamvention has been released by the
> Hamvention Committee. To see the list, go to
> http://www.hamvention.org/hv2008/forums/index.html.
>
> +++ Do you want to be GLD Director or Vice Director? +++
>
> If you think you would like to become the Director or Vice Director for
> the Great Lakes Division, you probably already know that Gary's and my
> seats will be up for election this summer (see Tentative Schedule,
> below). The July QST will contain details of the requirements for
> these positions as well as instructions for obtaining, completing and
> submitting nomination forms to become a candidate.
>
> These (non-paying) jobs are steady, involve a significant amount of
> travel and require one to be attached to a computer by a strong
> umbilical cord. I personally find that meeting many fellow amateurs is
> more than ample reward for the time and effort.
>
> +++ Tentative Schedule +++
>
> 30 Apr: Meet on Ohio antenna bill (Columbus) - Jim
> (I am a volunteer in the Ohio Section organization in this action.)
> 7 May: Mound ARA - present Certificate of Affiliation - SM Phillips,
> Jim
> 15 May: ARRL Donor Reception, Dayton - Jim
> 16 May: Hamvention(R), Dayton - Jim, Gary
> 17 May: Hamvention, Dayton - Jim, Gary
> Meet with Legislative Action staff, Dayton - Jim
> 18 May: Hamvention, Dayton - Jim, Gary
> Hamvention Awards Dinner, Dayton - Jim, Gary
> 30 May: Dixie Heights HS ARC (KY), Present Certificate of Affiliation
> - SM Brooks, Gary, Jim
> 21 Jun: Milford (OH) Hamfest - Jim
> 28-29 Jun: Field Day - Jim
> Jul QST-noon 8 Aug: Nominations open for Director/Vice Director
> 10 Jul: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown - Jim
> 17 Jul: A&F Meeting, Newington - Jim
> 18-19 Jul: Board Meeting, Newington - Jim, Gary
> 22 Jul: Quarterly GLD Teleconference

> 1 Aug: Massillon (OH) RC - Jim
> 10 Aug: Central Kentucky Hamfest, Lawrenceburg - Jim
> 15 Aug: Genesee County RC, 75th Anniv., Flint, MI - Jim
> 13 Sep: OH Section Conf, Columbus - Jim
> 21 Sep: Cincinnati Hamfest - Jim
> 23 Sep-1 Oct: Director/Vice Director ballots mailed.
> 7 Oct: OH-KY-IN ARS (Cincinnati) ARRL Night - Jim
> 12 Oct: Michigan State Convention, Kalamazoo - Jim
> 28 Oct: Quarterly GLD Teleconference
> 21 Nov: (Noon) Deadline for return of ballots. Ballots counted
> 22 Nov: (by end of day) Candidates notified of election results
>
> 2009
>
> 1 Jan: (Noon) Newly elected/re-elected Director/Vice Director replace
> current Director/Vice Director.
>
> 73,
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
> ARRL - The Reason Amateur Radio Is!
> Members - The Reason ARRL Is!
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> ---
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

4143. Tulip Time 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-30 03:22:06 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4143 Message: 4143

Hello, we are currently ten HAMS short for the Saturday, May 10 Tulip Time Festival parade which is little more than a week away.

Please spread the need around in your various circles, thank you. If anyone is interested, please have them contact me via email (svanderhill@...).

73s
Steve N8UJD
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4144. Fwd: Confirm Emm Comm Course Exams at Dayton Hamvention

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-30 02:25:20 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4144 Message: 4144
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This is interesting! I have confirmed there will be EM COMM exams for levels 1,2&3 at Dayton this year! If you are going you might want to try them and see if you can pass. They cost 14.00 a setting. A word of warning however-There are those that say not mentoring through the course as it is set up will lessen the value you get in the end. DE WD8USA ...-.-

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4145. Field Day Locator

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-30 13:28:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4145 Message: 4145

The ARRL has a Field Day locater on the web at

http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php

It has only two sites within 30 miles or so of Rockford, Michigan at the present time. There are two listed in the Kalamazoo area, one in the Holland area. I'm absitively sure that there are more FD sites in the planning stages. This seems like a good way to encourage "drop in" operators who otherwise aren't affiliated with your club.

Please consider putting your location on this site. It's very easy to add and/or modify information on the site.

73 de n8xx Hg

4146. Fwd: Instructions for Annual Electronic Filing of Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-30 20:44:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4146 Message: 4146

QST QST all clubs:

The IRS seems to have a new method of reporting for typical low budget non profit organizations. Typically, they didn't need to report unless their combined income was over a certain amount (I think the number was $25,000, or assets were above a certain amount (again, I think that number was $60,000) but don't hold me to these numbers, since I'm not an accountant. Anyway, they have a very easy form 990N, available on their web site at http://www.IRS.gov. It appears that all 501c-3 organizations, regardless of budget or assets, must file this form. There may be exceptions, but I'd heartily recommend that any ham club with IRS non profit categorization investigate I'm treasurer of a local section of the American Chemical Society Section, and the former treasurer, who filled out this year's 999N said it is very simple. He said it appears that the IRS wants only to keep track of where to send mail in case they have a question about the organization.

I have the instructions from the IRS web site if anyone needs them and/or can't find them on the irs web site.

73 de n8xx Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Instructions for Annual Electronic Filing of Form 990-N (e-Postcard)
Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2008 15:49:44 -0400
From: Mark O'Brien <m_obrien@...>
CC:

Dear Local Section Treasurers:

As you are now aware, changes in IRS regulations require all local sections whose gross receipts are normally $25,000 or less to electronically submit Form 990-N

also known as the e-Postcard. The first e-Postcards are due on May 15, 2008 for tax years ending December 31, 2007.

Attached please find the instructions for the Annual Electronic Filing of Form 990-N.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

ACS Tax Office Contacts:
Maurice Stutchman <mailto:m_stutchman@...>
Telephone: 202-872-6306
Larry Rogers

<mailto:l_rogers@...>Telephone: 202-872-6177

Mark O?Brien
Manager
Office of Local Section Activities
202/872-4611

4147. (no subject)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-30 21:32:29 UTC
From: Zach Lassiter
Topic: 4146 Message: 4147

http://www.thezach.net/hannacam/cam.jpg

4148. RE: [WestMichiganHams]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-30 21:34:18 UTC
From: Zach Lassiter
Topic: 4146 Message: 4148

Sorry, pictures for my cousin to the wrong URL.

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Zach Lassiter
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2008 5:32 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams]

http://www.thezach.net/hannacam/cam.jpg

4149. Follow up - Instructions for Annual Electronic Filing of Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-04-30 21:55:58 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4149 Message: 4149

QST QST all clubs:

After receiving some flak from some offishials of ham clubs and other non profits to which I belong, I looked up the web site for IRS and found where the insttstructions for the 990N reside:

http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html

A very important point on that page is:

Late Filing or Failure To File the e-Postcard

If you do not file your e-Postcard on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice but you will not be assessed a penalty for late filing the e-Postcard. However, an organization that fails to file required e-Postcards (or information returns ? Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The revocation of the organization?s tax-exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year.

So, you're not financially penalized for not filing, except that after three years the organization loses its non profit status, which could affect contributions.

73 de n8xx Hg

4151. Fwd: Confirm Emm Comm Course Exams at Dayton Hamvention

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-01 03:19:15 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4144 Message: 4151
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Breaking news I received tonight-Under pressure from somebody (probably those that took them with a mentor) the exams are canceled! Repeat-No EM Comm exams at Dayton! See fwarded e mail-Sorry for the confusion! DE WD8USA ...-.-

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(http://autos.aol.com/used?NCID=aolcmp00300000002851)

4153. Icom Produces New D-Star Videos

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-01 16:25:28 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4153 Message: 4153

N9JA at 5/1/2008 6:44:44 AM

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  New D-STAR Video
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Recently released on the Global ICOM website introducing D-STAR and the fantastic features and compatible radios.

http://www.icom.co.jp/world/products/video/d-starmovie/index.html

---------- End of Message -------------

The message can be located at:

http://www.icomamerica.com/en/support/forums/fb.asp?m=8050

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4154. AmateurLogic.TV Episode 20: Hy-Gain Factory Tour

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-01 19:45:55 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4154 Message: 4154

AmateurLogic.TV Episode 20: Hy-Gain Factory Tour
George, Tommy, and Peter are back with the long-awaited episode 20. Tour the Hy-Gain Factory and see how antennas and rotors are built.
Peter tells us all about those mysterious ‘Numbers Stations’ on short wave.
Plus an update on what your hosts have been up to lately, viewer emails and timely topics.
It’s 41:42 of Ham Radio Fun.
http://www.amateurlogic.com/blog/

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4155. Remember the Russian Woodpecker?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-03 01:07:21 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 4155 Message: 4155

That monster Over the Horizon Radar that always was bothering us on the low bands?

Take a look at one of the antenna sites:

http://englishrussia.com/?p=1882#more-1882

Imagine loading that thing up on 20 meters!

tom bosscher K8TB

4156. 50 MHz Sprint, Saturday, May 10th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-03 04:47:47 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4156 Message: 4156

The 50 MHz Sprint will be from 2300Z Saturday, May 10, until 0300Z Sunday, May 11, 2008.

2008 Spring VHF/UHF Sprints
http://www.sysadnet.com/vhfsprintrules.htm

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4157. FCC Amateur ULS Information as of05/01/2008 for Ottawa County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-04 19:41:22 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4157 Message: 4157
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Hello, take a look at the number of HAMS that live in Ottawa County that are not active or have never been seen taking part in any of the NOARC, HARC, OCEC, RACES, or Field Day activities.

Maybe this is the opportunity to do some Marketing?

73s
N8UJD

-----Original Message-----
From: fcc_amateur_ottawa-bounces@...
[mailto:fcc_amateur_ottawa-bounces@...]On Behalf Of FCC Amateur License Updates for Ottawa County
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2008 10:38 PM
To: FCC Amateur Updates - Ottawa County
Subject: [FCC Amateur ULS - Ottawa] FCC Amateur ULS Information as of05/01/2008 for Ottawa County

This is the FCC Amateur Database for Ottawa County for 05/01/2008

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4158. It Takes a Club by K1ZZ

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-04 21:04:38 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4158 Message: 4158

It Takes a Club

By David Sumner, K1ZZ, ARRL Chief Executive Officer

May 01, 2008

"Looking at variations in Amateur Radio licensing activity and new ARRL membership around the country, it's apparent that there are "hot spots" where newcomers are joining our ranks in relatively large numbers compared to other areas."

What does it take to make such a "hot spot"? One answer is that it takes a local radio club -- but not just any club. It takes a club that has made a commitment to reach out to the community or communities that it serves, with a program to bring friends and neighbors from a vague awareness of Amateur Radio all the way to being active radio amateurs.

Such clubs don't just happen. It takes vision, leadership and a lot of hard work. It takes club officers and members who are willing to venture beyond their normal comfort zone. It takes a welcoming, supportive and non-judgmental attitude on the part of everyone in the club that a newcomer is likely to encounter.

The good news is that once you have such a club it becomes -- almost -- a perpetual motion machine. Here's how it works.

Assuming that your community has a radio club and that you're a member, the first step is to develop a culture of outreach and welcome within the club. This takes conscious effort, especially if your members are in the comfortable rut of talking to the same group of friends all the time.

Imagine that you're listening to the club's repeater for the first time, as an amateur who is either new to the community or a new licensee. Would you feel welcome to join in the conversation, or would you feel that you would be regarded as an intruder? Now, imagine that you're attending a club meeting for the first time. You walk in and see knots of people talking among themselves. Would anyone greet you and introduce them-selves or would you be left standing by yourself? Before you're ready to make a serious outreach effort you must be able to answer these questions positively.

Being friendly and welcoming is necessary, but not sufficient. Does your club offer licensing classes? Do you help new licensees get over the many other hurdles -- selecting and installing antennas, learning how to use equipment, debugging interference to and from consumer electronic devices, and so on -- that stand in the way of aspiring operators? Do

you make sure that their first on-the-air contact is a positive experience, and offer nets and roundtables that they will want to join? Do you expose them to the wide variety of activities that they can pursue as radio amateurs? Do you encourage ARRL membership, so they will enjoy full access to membership benefits and will receive the monthly stimulus of QST?

If you have all of these bases covered, congratulations! Your club is ready to promote itself to the community. Most clubs already have some experience doing this, with varying degrees of success. While a full discussion of the do's and don'ts is more than this page can accommodate, here are a couple of thoughts.

There are many amateur licensees in your community who are not presently active. With the caveat that some are Silent Keys and others have not kept their addresses current in the FCC data base, it's easy to compile a mailing list for an invitation to an Open House or other special event. If you succeed in reactivating them, their renewed enthusiasm may infect their friends and family members.

If you invite the general public to come and see your club, make sure there's something for them to look at. Even a static display with some QSL cards and photos of past club events can be an ice-breaker, giving your greeters something to talk and invite questions about.

Field Day is just around the corner. With proper planning it can be an ideal event for introducing Amateur Radio to your community, and your club to existing and prospective licensees. This year there is a new, easy-to-use tool for publicizing your club's Field Day site: the ARRL Field Day Station Locator Web Site:

www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php

But remember -- an invitation to visit your site carries with it the responsibility to ensure that visitors (including children) are safe and that they have a positive, informative experience. If your Field Day operation is open to the public, the proper greeting of visitors cannot be left to chance -- it's as important a part of Field Day planning as the antennas, equipment, operators and food.

Every club has its ups and downs. If yours has been in the downward part of the cycle, now is a good time to take stock -- to capitalize on the strengths and overcome the weaknesses. The opportunities for club growth, in quality as well as quantity, have never been greater.

Oh, about that "perpetual motion machine." Have you ever attended a club meeting where there was to be an election of officers, but there were more offices than candidates? If not, you're fortunate. Many clubs with static or shrinking membership lists find that it's difficult to fill club offices or undertake new projects. Once a club finds the formula for attracting and nurturing new members, maintaining the club's vibrancy and activity becomes much easier.

The best local clubs provide a logical path for identifying and developing their future leaders, from student to new member and in succession to greeter, committee member, committee chairman, and officer. Your club's president for 2012 may be someone who sees Amateur Radio in action for the first time on Field Day -- or may be sitting in your licensing class right now!

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4159. Tulip Time 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-04 22:58:11 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4143 Message: 4159

Hello, it's hard to believe but the 2008 Tulip Time Festival has already started. Due to the weather the popular Fire Works display has been cancelled but the this weeks parades are right on schedule.

Currently we are short 1 HAM for both the Wednesday and Thursday parades and we are short 7 HAMS for the grand finale parade on Saturday. For both the Wednesday and Thursday parades the position is a block position working along side a American Red Cross medical team. On Saturday, we are short one packet operator, one SAG (golf cart), and five block positions working with the American Red Cross medical teams. Please spread the need around in your various circles, thank you.

If anyone is interested, please have them contact me as soon as possible via email (svanderhill@...).

73s
Steve N8UJD
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4160. Girls on the Run May 27

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-05 10:38:11 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4160 Message: 4160
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4162. Upcoming Newaygo County drills

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-08 11:44:29 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4162 Message: 4162
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4163. Still need 3 HAMS for tomorrow's parade.....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-09 21:40:25 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4163 Message: 4163

Hello, the big Saturday Tulip Festival parade is tomorrow and we are currently two hams short to walk with the Red Cross Medical Teams, and one ham short to run the packet station at the Red Cross facility downtown.

If you know of anyone that might be available, please ask them to meet up with the group at the Holland High Dome, thank you.

73s
Steve N8UJD
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4164. Dayton Hamvention Preview on RAIN Report

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-10 20:15:26 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4164 Message: 4164

Dayton Hamvention Assistant Chair, Michael Kalter, W8CI, Previews the Hamvention. (14 minutes)

http://www.therainreport.com/rainreport_archive/rainreport-5-9-2008.mp3

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http://mobile.yahoo.com/;_ylt=Ahu06i62sR8HDtDypao8Wcj9tAcJ

4165. Tool Max this week with NEW items for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-12 14:53:02 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 4165 Message: 4165

New items this week. I need some, bring them in.
1 Model PM 200 Compressor/Graphic Equalizer Desk Top Microphone $75

GPS III Garman GPS unit with power and date cables $75
Mag mount GPS external antenna $50
Science Fair 75 in one Electronic project Lab $5

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other NEW items in Stock

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28 Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters out of stock now $110
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Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea
HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $20 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .50 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $3.25 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $8
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300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8

LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Other Used Equipment on Consignment
1 SMC 7004BR 4 port Computer Hub $5
1 Otto Head Set with Mic $5
1 IC 706 interface cable unit to use Power Amp $20
1 RC 432 long wire antenna on a spool $15
1 Home brew 2 m/440 pipe antenna $15
1 NC 60B Yaesu 15 volt Nica Battery Charger $5
1 GR-213 Holux GPS Receiver for USB port $40
1 Box of Large Compactors 10-12 pc total $5
HP PDA Pocket PC Model Jornada 545 16MB Ram Color PDA $100
Paum Zire Black & White PDA $30
Radio Shack PRO-94 1000 Channel Handheld Trunking Scanner New Price $70
Arrow 222 5 Element 220mhz Beam $25
1 Ampprobe Clamp-Pn Meter $15
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
B&W 550A 5 Coax switch unit $10
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
2-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each and less for smaller ones

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40 Make offer
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

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Website www.toolmaxonline.com

4168. TAPR Spring 2008 PSR Journal Available

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-12 21:49:34 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4168 Message: 4168

TAPR Spring 2008 PSR Journal

ftp://ftp.tapr.org/psr/psr105.pdf
D-STAR Digital Voice Sensitivity vs. Analog FM Sensitivity article on pages 4 - 5

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4169. Help needed for Tri-City Events May 24th and May 26th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-13 00:43:17 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 4169 Message: 4169

Hello Everyone .... I am looking for help for these events in the Tri-City area ....

Saturday May 24th we have the YMCA Kick of to Summer Snug Harbor Run in Grand Haven which is a 5K run and a fun run. The 5K starts at 8:30 and will be over bye 10:00. The fun run will start a little later then the 5K but should be over by 10:00 also.
We will be meeting in the Grand Haven Public Safety lot by 7:45 and use the 145.49 repeater to communicate on. If you can help please send me a email @ kb8odb@... or call me at 616-846-7307 and leave a message ? As I get a lot of emails and have to make the maps and get the planning done I may not be able to reply back to you so If I see a email that you have volunteered I will count you in.
??.73 Don Meyer

Also I need help for Monday May 26th for the Spring Lake Memorial Day Parade. We will meet at Spring Lake EOC at 9:15 so we can be in place by 10:15 to close off the roads ? for this we will be assisting police with directing traffic on some of the corners so if you can help please send me a email @ kb8odb@... or call me at 616-846-7307 and leave a message ?73 Don Meyer

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

4170. Storm Spotters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-13 23:07:43 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 4170 Message: 4170

Having held a strong passion in weather and storm chasing . I have always question the idea of sending Storm Spotters out into the elements with out making sure they have the proper equipment and knowledge.
I personally think if a Storm Spotter is sent out the spotter should have a Lap-Top , Cell Phone , 2 meter radio, Weather Radio, GPS, First Aid Kit able to handle severe injuries and knowledge of how to treat severe injuries, Electronic Road Flares or Triangles, Protective Clothing , Eye protection, Head Protection etc.
To jump into your vehicle and run out to a location and not be prepared can and will have circumstances . Remember , There maybe airborne debris, Hail failing to the ground with great velocity, Trees toppling over , Down Power Lines to name a few possibilities that one can face.
I have yet to hear of anyone mention these issues . Maybe due to the fact we have never really had a severe situation to where a life had been claimed or someone had been injured.

Something for those of you who send out Storm Spotters to think about .
The reason I am posting this is due to the death of a Storm Spotter in Missouri this week .

Just my own personal thoughts .

Mark KD8BIG

http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/In-The-Line-Of-Duty/Missouri-Firefighter-Succumbs-to-Injuries-from-Tornado/39$59444

http://www.neoshodailynews.com/news/x934422319/Tornado-s-14th-victim

4171. field day 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-14 23:35:02 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4171 Message: 4171

LOCAL RADIO ENTHUSIASTS SHARE THEIR PASSION FOR TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLIC SERVICE DURING AMATEUR RADIO WEEK
For More Information Contact:
John T Fischer
616-402-0665
Grand Haven Mi) -- On-air demonstrations, satellite communications and emergency preparedness activities are on tap for members of the North Ottawa amateur radio club as they gear up to celebrate Amateur Radio Week, June 23 & 29 2008
During Amateur Radio Week, enthusiasts will put on demonstrations, give talks to community groups and take part in other activities to raise awareness about Amateur Radio. The week culminates with the annual preparedness exercise called "Field Day," June 28 and 29. Field Day is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national association for Amateur Radio.
During Field Day, operators set up in local parks, at shopping malls, or even in their own backyards, and get on the air using generators or battery power. Field Day was designed to test operators' abilities to set up and operate portable stations under emergency conditions such as the loss of electricity. "We want the community to know that in the event of an emergency, we will be ready to assist in any way we can, says Jim Miller. "While people often think that cell phones or other communications technologies have replaced ham radio, we can still provide an important communications service that others can't."
Field Day is a serious test of skill, but it is also a contest for fun and the largest "on-air" operating event each year. During the weekend, radio operators try to contact as many other Field Day stations as possible. More than 30,000 Amateur Radio operators across the country and Canada participated in last year's event.
The North Ottawa amateur radio club will hold Field Day at Coast Guard park on north shore rd. and will be operating from Sat June 28 starting at 8:00am for setup At 2:00 pm Radio operations start until 2:00 pm Sun June 29 "We hope that anyone who is interested in seeing what Amateur Radio is all about will come out for Field Day," says Jim Miller
Today there are more than 670,000 Amateur Radio operators in the United States and more than 2.5 million worldwide. To find out more about Amateur Radio or how you can get started, contact John Fischer at 616-402-0665, or email kc8uny@... Information is also available from the American Radio Relay League, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 or by calling 1-800-32-NEW HAM. The URL for the ARRL's home page on the World Wide Web is www.arrl.org.

4172. EOC / Ham Radio weather Set Thursday May 15th Filmore- we need you

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-15 01:28:41 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 4172 Message: 4172

Hello Weather Spotters and ham members interested in emergancy services ....
Tomorrow night Thursday May 14th you are needed at the Ottawa County Filmore Complex for EOC weather activation SET. Bill King-Skywarn and Rich Brand-NWS have put together a SET weather event tabletop to test the operations of ham radio. We will go through skywarn activation, warnings, events, and how we would respond. Now is the time to come and see how you would respond and see how we can make ham radio?s response better.
If you at all can please come to this training..... 73 Don

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

4173. Muziekparade - May 10, 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-15 02:06:06 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4173 Message: 4173

-----Original Message-----
From: Ed Wirth [mailto:ewirth@...]
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2008 7:33 AM
To: Sindee Maxwell; svanderhill@...
Subject: RE: Muziekparade - May 10, 2008

Steve- please forward this on to your team: On Behalf of the Ottawa County American Red Cross, I just want to say thank you for the professional job done by the Holland Amateur Radio Club during Tulip Time 2008. Several positive comments were given to Duane and I regarding the response times and the communication skills demonstrated by the teams working the road and the command centers. THANK YOU so much!! I am proud to be teamed up with such a professional organization. See you next year

Ed Wirth
Health & Safety Director
Ottawa County American Red Cross

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4174. Bike MS 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-15 02:36:14 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4174 Message: 4174
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Hello, please note the email below from Jeff Bross from the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society concerning the routes for this year's MS150 Bike Tour which is being held Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1.

Please advise if you would be interested in working both or one of the days, or if you would like to be this year's Amateur Radio Event Leader, thanks.

73s
Steve N8UJD
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-----Original Message-----
From: Jeffrey Bross [mailto:jeffrey.bross@...]
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2008 9:30 AM
To: svanderhill@...
Subject: RE: Bike MS 2008

Hello Steve.

I hope you had great weekend at Tulip Time. Here are the routes that we will be using for Bike MS. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Day 1 Saturday, May 31 - 75 mile route

http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/490869887

Day 1 Saturday, May 31 - 30 mile route

http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/49772834

Day 1 Saturday, May 31 - 100 mile route

http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/773572168

Day 2 Sunday, June 1 - 75 mile route

http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/22653062

Day 2 Sunday, June 1 - 30 mile route

http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/440646677

Day 2 Sunday, June 1 - 100 mile route

http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/147781447

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4175. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Bike MS 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-15 18:23:08 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4174 Message: 4175

Hi Steve - Just confirming that I will be able to work it as planned.

/////////////// JH RIchards ////////////////////

Steve Vander Hill wrote:

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> Please advise if you would be interested in working both or one of the days,
> or if you would like to be this year's Amateur Radio Event Leader, thanks.
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4176. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-14 21:27:04 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 37 Message: 4176

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL MI Section" <memberlist@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2008 2:51 PM
Subject: Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

> Greetings Michigan Amateur Radio Operators,
>
> "Get out! Take a Hike!" is the theme of the National Trails Day special
> event being put on by the Lake Effect ARC near Marquette on Saturday, June
> 7.
> The event celebrates the 40th anniversary of the National Trails System
> from
> the Elliott-Donnely Wilderness on the North Country Scenic Trail (trail
> runs
> from New York through PA, OH, MI, WI, MN into SD) north of Marquette. All
> hams regardless of club affiliation or license class are welcome to
> participate. See the event web:
> http://www.lakeeffectarc.info/N8T-Trails2008
> Look for N8T on the bands.
>
> Hank N8XX calls the following to our attention: "The IRS has new rules
> for
> charitable organizations...it would appear that ALL 501c3 organizations
> must
> file a 990-N, or more complicated 990 or 990-EZ regardless of income level
> or
> asset amounts. "Details are at
> http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html "A very
> important
> point on that page is: Late Filing or Failure To File the e-Postcard. If
> you
> do not file your e-Postcard on time, the IRS will send you a reminder
> notice
> but you will not be assessed a penalty for late filing the e-Postcard.
> However, an organization that fails to file required e-Postcards (or
> information returns -- Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years
> will
> automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The revocation of the
> organization's tax-exempt status will not take place until the filing due
> date of the third year. So, you're not financially penalized for not
> filing,
> except that after three years the organization loses its non profit
> status,
> which could affect contributions." 73 de N8XX
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> Newly elected officers for the Livingston ARC: Pres N8GVD, VP W8KDR, Sec
> KC8SER, Treas W8LNO, Technical Dir W8MSP Program Dir KC8VA, Member at
> Large
> KD8CCR. New officers for the River Raisin Repeater Assn.: Pres KA8NCR, VP
> WB8FBG, Sec/Treas N8KUF, Dirs W8PI, WA8EFK. Congratulations to these newly
> elected club officers. I do urge everyone to become an active participant
> in
> your local radio club. Yeah, I know it is pretty easy to sit back and let
> someone else do the job, but a truly active club requires participation
> from
> everyone. Pitch in and offer to help. Your SM is in the fortunate
> position
> to visit a lot of clubs in the Section, and it is easy to see why some
> clubs
> absolutely thrive. It is because the members get involved and help create
> activities. When this happens, additional activities will develop. This
> is
> a strong tribute to all of those active Michigan clubs -- keep up the good
> work.
>
> Field Day is rapidly approaching and along with it the opportunity to do
> some pro-active promoting of amateur radio. Take a close look at the
> League's FD package and insure your group's extra points for Public
> Relations. Contact the local press and invite them to visit you site,
> stressing the ability of amateur radio to operate under emergency
> conditions.
> This "demonstration" can bring the importance of good community relations
> to
> the forefront and go a long way to develop support for all of the
> activities
> we are involved with on a daily basis. Inviting community leaders to your
> site can show how we hams have unique abilities to adapt antennas and
> installations to fit the situation. Be certain to make your FD site an
> "inviting" area and not overwhelm visitors with overly-technical
> discussions.
> Pay special care to avoid buzz words and ham lingo, but talk with visitors
> in
> plain and easy to understand terms so they can grasp the overall scope of
> generators, tents, towers and a lot of aluminum hardware. And most of
> all,
> have a fun time. I'll be looking for your FD radiogram messages. You may
> want to consider sending them by packet to wa8efk@.... This
> is
> my standard packet radio address and I'll be picking messages up during
> FD.
>
> April Official Emergency Station reports came in from N8HA, K8COP, WU8Y,
> WB8WRB and KC8NTE. Your OES reports should be filed with WA8EFK with a
> copy

> to your EC.
>
> Station Activity Reports (SAR) for April, 2008: WB8JSR 1023, AB8SY 363,
> K8LJG 177, K8RDN 150, KD8AAD 145, KC8MLD 137, K8AMR 111, KD8HPF 58, W8RNQ
> 57,
> AB8WF 48, WB8RCR 48, WD8USA 16, KD8GFE 14, WA8OOH 10, KC8NTE 9, AC8AL 8,
> KC8LXS 2. SARs are reports of all the radiogram traffic you have handled
> in
> the past month.
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> Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHR) for April, 2008: WB8RCR 362,
> KC8NTE 326, K8MFK 185, K8AMR 144, WD8USA 131, K8RDN 114, AC8AR 110, WB9JSR
> 110, AC8AL 110, K8AE 95, AB8SY 80, K8VFZ 73, KD8HPF 50, KD8GFE 33. PSHRs
> include both your net and public service activities for the month.
>
> Michigan Nets reporting for March: MACS, UPN, QMN, TMMN, WSSBN, GLETN,
> SEMTN, NLEUPN, Hiawatha, MARPSC. Total Operator-hours for March: 2656.
> To
> include your net's monthly activities, contact wb8rcr@.... All nets
> are
> invited to report, and this especially includes your local ARES and RACES
> nets. It is time for all of us to take credit for what we are doing!
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> PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR. You can access a
> simple
> reporting form at: http://www.mi-nts.org/PSHR_entry.shtml to provide your
> reports to WB8RCR. You can also check http://www.mi-nts.org/ for the
> details
> on all of our Michigan Section reporting nets. In all cases, reporting by
> radiogram is encouraged. Packet messages can be routed to
> wb8rcr@... and wa8efk@... .
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> 73 until next month. Now, I am off to Dayton. Nuts to the price of
> gas...this
> is all for HAM RADIO!
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> Dale WA8EFK
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> ---
> ARRL Michigan Section
> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from

> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

4177. RE: Storm Spotters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-15 22:09:11 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 4170 Message: 4177

Mark,

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Andrew

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From: Mark Strait

Message

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Posted by: "Mark Strait" muskegonjimquay@... muskegonjimquay
Date: Tue May 13, 2008 4:07 pm ((PDT))

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Just my own personal thoughts .

Mark KD8BIG

4178. RE: [WestMichiganHams] RE: Storm Spotters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-15 23:36:42 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 4170 Message: 4178

I remember someone did die during the storms but I don't think it was a spotter. Jim, Don or Tom V might remember..

For some reason I think he was either hit by a wire or a pole something? Possibly an electrical worker.

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[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Andrew Young
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2008 6:09 PM
To: westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] RE: Storm Spotters

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4179. Storm Spotter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-16 01:10:49 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 4179 Message: 4179

It was an off-duty Muskegon Co Sheriff's Deputy. He was in his personal van and a tree limb came down and crush him. It happened by the White Lk Channel.

Jim, K8COP

4180. Muskegon Repeater 444.550 Mhz

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-16 02:17:07 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 4180 Message: 4180

All,

As of this afternoon the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council's UHF Repeater is back in service. This repeater only covers the Muskegon Area, and is a low-power repeater.

Freq 444.550 Mhz Tone 94.8 Hz

Jim, K8COP
MAARC Repeater Trustee

4181. Question about the MS Bike Ride

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-16 17:38:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4181 Message: 4181

I asked this question privately of someone I thought was part of the organizing committee, and received no reply. Sorry for the bandwidth.

I'll probably volunteer. I'm available both daze. However, it's an 88 mile round trip from my home in Rockford to Hope College and back.

Will the MS folks put us ham volunteers up for Saturday evening in similar housing as the Bike Riders? If so, I can volunteer for both daze. Otherwise I'll choose one or the other, depending on need and what else might be happening here in Rockford..

73 de n8xx Hg

4182. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Question about the MS Bike Ride

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-16 19:42:42 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4181 Message: 4182

Hello, please note the email below from Jeffrey Bross from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society , if your volunteering and need a room, please advise how many nights, and whom you would like to room with, thanks.

73s
Steve N8UJD

-----Original Message-----
From: Jeffrey Bross
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2008 3:40 PM
To: svanderhill@...
Subject: RE: Bike MS 2008

Hello Steve,

Yes, we provide housing free of charge at Hope College for all volunteers on Saturday night and Friday night (if needed). In addition, we provide a light breakfast on Saturday morning, food and lunch along the route on both days, buffet dinner on Saturday night and buffet breakfast on Sunday morning and a fantastic BBQ at the finish line on Sunday. All meals are provided regardless of where you stay overnight.

Please let me know who will need a room one week before the event. In addition, please let me know who each person wants to room with.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your support.

Jeffrey C. Bross
Development Manager
Logistics/Physical Planning

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

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4183. Michigan ARRL DRG's Suggested SSID's

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-17 06:14:21 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4183 Message: 4183

----- Forwarded Message ----

Michigan ARRL DRG's Suggested SSID's
Posted by: "Dan Dahms" n9wnh@... n9wnh
Date: Thu May 15, 2008 6:35 pm ((PDT))

I have done some initial searching via the internet concerning SSID protocols. Since the ARRL never bothered to establish a standard and because the Indiana Digital Experimenters Assoc. died and knowone to my knowledge has picked up the pieces, here we sit.

In fact the whole country has been a mix of different protocols. If we are reviving packet we should try and establish some kind of standard at least statewide no matter what it is.

Here is what Michigan Section ARRL DRG had proposed back in 2005.

Dan M. Dahms N9WNH
President
Whitley Co. ARC Inc.

ARRL Michigan Section Digital Radio Group (DRG)

Working Group
for
Operational Standards

Recommended SSID Assignments:
At the first DRG meeting held Saturday March 5th 2005 in Lansing, here are the suggested SSID assignments that were discussed. Many of these are 'legacy' uses and some are new assignments. These are not cast in stone but are supplied here as a suggested guideline.

SSID	PURPOSE
none (-0)	home stations
-1	home station personnal mailboxes (usually a TNC-based PBBS
-2	gateways
-3	full-service BBS's (those that forward mail/bulletins)
-4	network nodes (having two or more radio ports that perform routing functions via TCP/IP, NetROM, etc.) (Can be combined with BBS's that also perform routing)
-5	console/keyboard -or- printer

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  -6          conference bridges
  -7          cross-band digipeaters (and KA-nodes)
  -8          cross-band digipeaters
  -9          mobile / modats
-10          WL2K
-11            - unassigned -
-12            - unassigned -
-13            - unassigned -
-14            - unassigned -
-15          (often used as a downlink address when exiting the far
                end of a network connection)

Enjoy!
    --- Jay Nugent  WB8TKL
        Washtenaw AEC - NTS Liasion & Packet Operations
        District-2 DRG Representative
        Chair, ARRL Michigan Section "Digital Radio Group" (DRG)
        [www.MI-DRG.org]
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4184. Re: [WestMichiganHams] RE: Storm Spotters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-18 16:09:49 UTC
From: stapeljb79@aol.com
Topic: 4170 Message: 4184

Hello, the gentleman's name was John Flynn, a good friend of mine's father.
he was on his way out to the lake to watch the storms come in, and a tree
fell on his automobile.

W8SWX

In a message dated 5/15/2008 7:37:27 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
lists@... writes:

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spotter. Jim, Don or Tom V might remember..
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Possibly an electrical worker.

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**********Wondering what's for Dinner Tonight? Get new twists on family favorites at AOL Food.
(http://food.aol.com/dinner-tonight?NCID=aolfod00030000000001)

4185. W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-19 03:55:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4185 Message: 4185

Anyone care to join me in this effort? It's always nice to have at least two operators for an event such as this. Anyone capable of either or both phone or CW is cordially invited to contact me. Availability for all or part of the proposed operating times is all that's required.

The special events call W8T will be activated during the National Trails day from the Hospitality Kiosk next to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail <http://www.whitepinetrail.com/> http://www.whitepinetrail.com/ either in Belmont Michigan or a similar kiosk in Peppler Park, downtown Rockford, Michigan. Proposed operation will be between about 1600Z and 2359Z on June 7. I've just reserved the call, it should be official within a week or so.

The advantage of downtown Rockford is it is close to home, power is probably available, and the park is quite busy. This location is also near facilities for food, restrooms, etc. The advantage of the Belmont location is that is is very close to the White Pine Trail, so it might be a slightly better site for advertising ham radio, but we'd need a generator (which I have), and practically need two people, since restrooms and food facilities are a mile or two away. Both site would involve only very short trek with radio gear.

See http://www.greeb.net/w8tinfo/ for details.

73 de n8xx Hg

4186. [WestMichiganHams] Question about the MS Bike Ride

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-19 20:55:18 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4181 Message: 4186

Hi Hank, reference your question about dorm rooms being available at HOPE College, YES, but I need to know whom needs them, what nights, and how many rooms are needed.

Please plan on two individuals per room, and if you need a room, please get the room reservation information to me by this Friday the 23rd, because the next weekend is the actual event, thanks.

73s
Steve N8UJD

-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Hank Greeb
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2008 1:39 PM
To: West Michigan Hams
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Question about the MS Bike Ride

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Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG.
Version: 7.5.524 / Virus Database: 269.23.6 - Release Date: 4/28/2008 12:00 AM

4187. American Red Cross Responds to ARRL Concerns Regarding Background Checks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-20 05:08:24 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4187 Message: 4187

American Red Cross Responds to ARRL Concerns Regarding Background Checks
In November 2007, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, wrote to the American Red Cross (ARC) regarding concerns voiced by ARRL volunteers. In 2006, the Red Cross stated it would implement background checks that included, among other things, a credit check and a "mode of living" check for its staff and volunteers, including ARES volunteers providing services to the Red Cross during disasters. ARRL saw these portions of the background check as unneeded and inappropriate for ARES service.
In a letter dated May 8 of this year, Armond T. Mascelli, ARC Vice President for Disaster Response Services replied to President Harrison: "I can now report back to you that [these] actions have been completed and changes have been instituted which I trust resolves the concerns detailed in your letter. This effort took considerably more time and attention than originally envisioned, but I believe the results will now benefit our respective organizations.
"A new background consent form now [is] to be used by all Red Cross chapters for ARRL members and other partner organizations. The form and related process is limited to the name and social security number verification of the individual, and a criminal background check. References and suggestions to other related investigative possibilities have been stricken."
ARRL Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager Dennis Dura, K2DCD, announced the resolution at the ARRL ARES forum at the Dayton Hamvention® and received hearty applause. "We are very pleased that the American Red Cross has addressed some of the issues that we raised regarding their background investigations and that we can move forward in a relationship that has existed for a long, long time," Harrison said. "The American Red Cross and the ARRL have shared a productive relationship for many years which has been of benefit to both the organizations and to the public. We are glad that throughout the past months we have been able to negotiate the issues that we had and have finally come to a resolution."
What's Next?
With the background check issue apparently resolved, the ARRL will be working with the ARC in the negotiation and creation of a draft for a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or similar document to replace the one which expired last year; Dura and Keith Robertory of the ARC will be leading the effort. When complete, the draft of the MOU will be presented to the leadership of both organizations for approval.
"The ARRL is very pleased that the American Red Cross has responded appropriately to our concerns about the background check issue," said ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. "We believe it now will be possible to go forward to negotiate a statement of understanding between the two organizations. We look forward to renewing and expanding the relationship with the Red Cross."

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4188. Price rises ahead?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-20 14:02:24 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 4188 Message: 4188

Someone has reported the following in another Yahoo! group:

"ICOM is raising all prices across the board by anywhere from 10-20% on June 1. The other mfrs. are expected to follow suit shortly thereafter. So anybody on the fence about buying a new rig- act now!"

I have no idea whether this is true, but some price rises would not come as a surprise, because of the falling US$.

73

Alan NV8A

4189. Field Day....Field Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-20 17:46:10 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 4189 Message: 4189

Ok everyone,

I spoke to Father Olsen from St. Thomas church today and he has given permission to the MAARC today to hold Field Day at th church this year.

73' Tom W8AMZ

4190. Help Needed for events this weekend and next in Tri-Citys

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-20 23:56:59 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 4190 Message: 4190

Hello Everyone .... I am looking for more help for these events in the Tri-City area ....

Saturday May 24th we have the YMCA Kick of to Summer Snug Harbor Run in Grand Haven which is a 5K run and a fun run. The 5K starts at 8:30 and will be over bye 10:00. The fun run will start a little later then the 5K but should be over by 10:00 also.
We will be meeting in the Grand Haven Public Safety lot by 7:45 and use the 145.49 repeater to communicate on. If you can help please send me a email @
kb8odb@sbcglobal. net or call me at 616-846-7307 and leave a message ? As I get a lot of emails and have to make the maps and get the planning done I may not be able to reply back to you so If I see a email that you have volunteered I will count you in. ??.73 Don Meyer

Also I need help for Monday May 26th for the Spring Lake Memorial Day Parade. We will meet at Spring Lake EOC at 9:15 so we can be in place by 10:15 to close off the roads ? for this we will be assisting police with directing traffic on some of the corners so if you can help please send me a email @
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Also I need help for Saturday May i31st in Grand Haven the girls on the run run we will meet at the public safety lot at 7:30 am run kicks off at 9:00

Please let me know if you can help out with these events ..... 73 Don

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

4191. Re: [WestMichiganHams] W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-21 04:21:43 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4185 Message: 4191

Sorry Hank, but what are you going to DO for the event?
(Rookie question, I know, but I am not sure what you
are asking us to do with you...) Are you setting up a
remote station like on field day?

//////////////// Richards - K8JHr //////////////

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Hank Greeb wrote:
> Anyone care to join me in this effort?

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4192. Re: W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-21 16:15:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4185 Message: 4192

Hi, Richards:

Questions, "rookie" or otherwise, are always welcome. You guessed correctly. This will be a Special Events Station on 80 through 10 meters, SSB and CW (probably only 80/75 thru 20 with the current lack of sunspots), set up next to the White Pine Trail . If the local QRN from downtown Rockford isn't overwhelming, the preferred location will be the park next to the dam behind Arnie's. The alternate site is a kiosk/shelter next to the White Pine Trail in Plainfield Township just north of West River Drive near the trail overpass. This will not be a "high stress" effort - we'll call CQ repetitively, and/or look for stations calling CQ if our calls aren't answered, but we can chat and describe National Trails Day. I hope to have some brochures about the White Pine trail and about Ham Radio, for publicizing the trail and giving information about Ham Radio to passers by. If we have more than a couple of operators we can also operate on VHF, 2 metres and 440 MHz, probably FM. With the linked repeater system we should be able to scare up considerable activity on VHF. The object will be to contact as many people as we can to publicize outdoor hiking, ham radio, and the White Pine Trail.

Besides local reflectors like this, I've put the information on the ARRL web site at http://www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html There will be other special event stations during this time - I know that N8T will be on from the Upper Peninsula from the Elliott-Donnely Wilderness on the North Country Scenic Trail (trail runs from New York through PA, OH, MI, WI, MN into SD) north of Marquette. See the event web: http://www.lakeeffectarc.info/N8T-Trails2008 I have told KC8ULE, the organizer of the N8T effort, that we will be looking for them on 40 metres SSB and CW. It looks like a dozen or more special event stations, commemorating other events, will be on, so hopefully the bands will be crowded with folks desiring to work 1 by 1 calls.

This kind of event is good publicity for Ham Radio - as well as for an organization like National Trails Day.

Come on out and lend a hand - one hour or all 8 hours! It should be fun.

73 de n8xx Hg

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4193. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-21 17:19:44 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4185 Message: 4193

Sounds like fun. Do I need to bring a radio? I would prefer
to leave my HF station Txcr (Ten-Tec Olni VII) at home,
but I have a Yaesu VX-6R HT with mag mount I can take into
the field.

Would that help?

Thanks. /// Richards - K8JHR //
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4194. ARRL Introduces "Fifth Pillar" at Dayton Hamvention®

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-21 20:54:14 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4194 Message: 4194

ARRL Introduces "Fifth Pillar" at Dayton Hamvention®
On Saturday, May 17 at the Dayton Hamvention, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, plans to announce that the League will expand its identity program to include greater emphasis on technology. Harrison explained that "Ham radio operators, and particularly ARRL members, closely identify with current and emerging radio technology. Today, we are naming 'technology' as ARRL's new fifth pillar." ARRL's other four pillars, the underpinnings of the organization, are Public Service, Advocacy, Education and Membership. "For hams, expanding the four pillars to include technology will reinforce one of the organization's guiding principles -- that ham radio is state-of-the-art, innovative and relevant," he said.

"Radio amateurs have entered a new era. More than a dozen Amateur Radio satellites are presently in orbit with more to come. Software is expanding the capabilities of their radio hardware and communication by digital voice and data is expanding rapidly among hams," Harrison said.

In addition to the new fifth pillar, the ARRL has launched a year-long ham radio recruitment campaign emphasizing the Amateur Radio Service as a scientific national resource. The campaign invites newcomers to discover ham radio in the 21st Century -- where hams are using science, technology and experimentation to explore the radio spectrum. "For more than 90 years, the ARRL has been at the forefront of technology, encouraging experimentation and education through its license training resources, publications and periodicals. ARRL provides its members with top-notch technical information services, trusted product reviews and radio spectrum advocacy," Harrison said. "The ARRL Laboratory is a centerpiece of ham radio technology, contributing to radio electronics experimentation, spectrum development and advocacy, and radio frequency engineering." Harrison also noted that many hams attribute their affinity to "Amateur" Radio as launching their professional careers in radio engineering, satellite communications, computer science and wireless communications.

"This is less about defining a new course for Amateur Radio, but simply recognizing a course that has always been a precept of radio amateurs and the ARRL," he said. Referring to the federal rules and regulations for Amateur Radio, Harrison explained that one of the defining principles of the Service's very creation by the government is the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art. Harrison remarked, "Today's technology is nothing new to ham radio!"

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4195. Garmin GPS 12XL Personal Navigator - For Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-21 22:04:54 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4195 Message: 4195
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, I have a used Garmin 12XL GPS for sale; it comes with GPS unit, carrying case (black w/zipper), cigarette lighter plug power cable, lanyard, and owner?s manual. I am selling the unit to purchase a new dual-band HT, if you?re interested in the unit, please let me know. If you want we can arrange for you to play with it a few days to take it for a test drive. No reasonable offer will be refused, thanks.

Below is Garmin?s product description and attached is the Garmin PDF file on the unit.

Description:

When your idea of an outdoor adventure means getting way off the beaten path, you demand the most of yourself and your equipment. And when the time comes to head back to civilization, you'll enjoy the peace of mind that the Garmin? GPS 12XL has to offer.

The GPS 12XL is all about performance. It features a 12 parallel channel receiver for fast satellite aquisition and tight satellite lock ? even under tree cover. More than just an ultra-reliable receiver, the GPS 12XL is loaded with navigation information including 106 map datums and 7 grid formats, plus advanced orienteering features like user datum/UTM/and user grid formats to define your own map parameters. Store your position as one of 500 waypoints or add it to any of 20 routes. The proximity waypoint feature gives advanced warning of nearby hazards, while the position averaging function helps get the best fix possible.

Packed in a rugged case to handle tough conditions, the GPS 12XL uses an ergonomic rocker keypad for easy one-hand operation and features a user-friendly operating system to keep you on the move instead of pushing buttons. Four AA batteries provide up to 24 hours of use, and a variety of accessories can be added like an external antenna and mounting bracket. With the GPS 12XL, getting there won't be half the battle ? it'll be half the fun.

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4196. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Upcoming Newaygo County drills

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-22 01:51:15 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 4162 Message: 4196

Sign me up for both Tim.
On another note,I need to schedule an appointment with you for some-paid-laptop assistance.I feel too many times I have just shown up and gotten "free"help from you.I just don't want to wear out my welcome.Friendly tips and tricks are one thing, but business is business.

73 KD8CBJ

**********Get trade secrets for amazing burgers. Watch "Cooking with Tyler Florence" on AOL Food.
(http://food.aol.com/tyler-florence?video=4&?NCID=aolfod00030000000002)

4197. Re: W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-22 21:28:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4185 Message: 4197

Hi, Richards:

Are you interested in help the effort? I have one other volunteer, and could certainly use more help. A few hours, or the entire event.

Please let me know.

73 de n8xx Hg

P.S. BTW, I notice. from your bio on qrz.com that you're involved with helping people with disabilities. My brother in law has had Muscular Dystrophy, probably all his life - he was diagnosed as a teen-ager, so I know some of the problems faced by people with physical disabilities.

"Richards" jruing@... wrote:
> 3a. Re: W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7
> Posted by: "Richards" jruing@... jruingggg
> Date: Tue May 20, 2008 9:21 pm ((PDT))
>
> Sorry Hank, but what are you going to DO for the event? (Rookie question, I know, but I am not sure what you are asking us to do with you...) Are you setting up a remote station like on field day?
>
> ///////////////// Richards - K8JHr //////////////
>
> ==
> Hank Greeb wrote:
>
>> Anyone care to join me in this effort?

4198. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-23 00:53:22 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4185 Message: 4198

Yes -- I can help out that day. I do, however, need to know
the frequencies and PL codes in advance as I have a new radio
and need to figure out how to program in the frequencies. It
is probably awkward and embarrassing to have to ask you guys to
set up my radio before I can work it!

I have a nice HF station, but only recently purchased a UHF/VHF
rig. I skipped the Technician class privileges and went straight
to the low bands when I was first licensed. In that way, I am
backwards.

Happy trails. Just let me know what to bring and when and
where to bring it.

////////////////////// JH Richards - K8JHR //////////////

Hank Greeb wrote:
> Hi, Richards:
>
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> could certainly use more help. A few hours, or the entire event.
>
>

4199. Bike MS: West Michigan Ride 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-23 02:33:24 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4124 Message: 4199

Hello, reference below, looking for help, we're currently 12 HAMS short.

Please consider working at least one day, and take advantage of dorms/food being made available at Hope College. IF you need a room, please let me know how many nights, and whom you would like to bunk with, thanks.

73's
Steve N8UJD

-----Original Message-----
From: ocecwmsar@yahoogroups.com [mailto:ocecwmsar@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Steve Vander Hill
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2008 2:31 PM
To: Ron Mokma N8GWA; Bill Smith; WestMichiganHams; OCEC/WMSAR; North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club W8CSO; Holland Club K8DAA
Subject: [ocecwmsar] Bike MS: West Michigan Ride 2008

Hello, the purpose of this email is to share with you information as it relates to this years MS150 Bike Ride, which this year is being call "Bike MS: West Michigan Ride 2008".

The dates for the event are Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, 2008. Please find below the unofficial routes for the event as of today, they continue to be tweaked. The planners are currently planning on 8 SAG vehicles and 12 Medical Support vehicles, plus with a couple HAMS managing Net Control, we need at a minimum 22 Amateur Radio Operators for each day for the two day event.

Day One

May 31, 2008

Start: Holland High School, Holland, MI

Finish: Hope College, Holland, MI

Route opens at 7:00 AM and closes at 5:00 PM

There will be 3 routes ? 30 Mile, 75 Mile and 100 Mile

There will be 7 rest stops; one of them will be the lunch stop

Links:

30 Mile: http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/436925018

75 Mile: http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/633212723

100 Mile: http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/491090237

Day Two

June 1, 2008

Start: Hope College, Holland, MI (a portion of the 30 mile riders will start at Holland High School)

Finish: Holland High School, Holland, MI

Route opens at 7:00 AM and closes at 5:00 PM

There will be 3 routes ? 30 Mile, 75 Mile and 100 Mile

There will be 8 rest stops; one of them will be the lunch stop

Links:

30 Mile: http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/424575325

75 Mile: http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/2205038

100 Mile: http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/384269413

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter depends on communication professionals like you to insure such events are safe and efficient, and your support is greatly appreciated. Please consider volunteering for this event, it can be one day or both. Plus please spread the word among your Clubs, groups, and coffee tables of the communication needs for this special event.

If you would to volunteer, please provide me via return email your full name, call sign, email address, your preference as it relates to working in a SAG or Medical vehicle, working Net Control, or assisting in leading the amateur radio efforts of this worthy event. As additional information becomes available, it will be shared via email to those whom have registered to volunteer.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

73s

Steve Vander Hill N8UJD

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4200. Girls on the Run event

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-23 10:51:31 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4200 Message: 4200
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4201. Re: Bike MS: West Michigan Ride 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-23 12:37:47 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 4124 Message: 4201

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Steve Vander Hill"
<svanderhill@...> wrote:
>
> Hello, reference below, looking for help, we're currently 12 HAMS short.
>

Steve figure on me for Saturday. I'm unable to do Sunday.

Laryn K8TVZ

4202. IRA 'Good Old Days' Hamfest June 7th

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-25 18:54:29 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4202 Message: 4202

Hello, attached is a PDF file for the IRA Hamfest which will be held on Saturday, June 7 at the Hudsonville Fair Grounds. The Ottawa County Sheriff's Mobile Command Trailer will also be there on display.

73s
Steve N8UJD

For a IRA Hamfest brochure:
http://www.w8hvg.org/Hamfest%202008.pdf

For IRA Hamfest Directions:
http://www.w8hvg.org/Hamfest%202008-2.pdf

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4203. Bike MS: West Michigan Ride 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-25 20:55:52 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4124 Message: 4203
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families an honorable and safe Memorial Day.

Also I would like to remind you of next weekend's MS150 Bike Tour which this year is being called "Bike MS: West Michigan Ride 2008". This years daily routes are listed below:

Day 1 Saturday, May 31 - 75 mile route
http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/490869887

Day 1 Saturday, May 31 - 30 mile route

http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/49772834

Day 1 Saturday, May 31 - 100 mile route

http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/773572168

Day 2 Sunday, June 1 - 75 mile route

http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/22653062

Day 2 Sunday, June 1 - 30 mile route

http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/440646677

Day 2 Sunday, June 1 - 100 mile route

http://www.mapmyride.com/ride/united-states/mi/holland/147781447

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is planning on 8 SAG vehicles and 12 Medical Support vehicles, plus with a couple HAMS leading Net Control, we need at a minimum 22 Amateur Radio Operators for each day for the two day event. As of today, we have had only six Amateur Radio Operators that have volunteered, plus there is no one at this time to run Net Control or move the communications trailer to and from it's various locations throughout the weekend.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society depends on communication professionals like you to insure such events are safe and efficient, and your support is greatly appreciated. Please consider volunteering for this event, it can be one day or both. Plus please spread the word among your Clubs, groups, and coffee tables of the communication needs for this special event.

If you would to volunteer, please provide me via return email your full name, call sign, email address, your preference as it relates to working in a SAG or Medical vehicle or Net Control, if you are able to tow a small

trailer, and if you need a dorm room for any of the nights. As things are finalized this week and additional information becomes available, it will be shared via email to those whom have registered to volunteer.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

73s

Steve N8UJD

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From: Steve Vander Hill [mailto:svanderhill@...]
Sent: Sunday, May 04, 2008 6:45 PM
To: Jeffrey Bross
Subject: Bike MS 2008

Hi Jeff, just wondering if the routes have been nailed down, we want to perform some signal tests along the routes to see what we'll be up against, thanks.

Steve

-----Original Message-----
From: Jeffrey Bross [mailto:jeffrey.bross@...]
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2008 10:01 AM
To: svanderhill@...
Subject: RE: Bike MS 2008

Hello Steve,

I just wanted to let you know that we will probably only have 6 medical vehicles so the total vehicle count will be 14. We would, however, like a couple shadows. If you have trouble finding volunteers, please let me know.

We can look at our highest priorities and shuffle some things around.

Jeffrey C. Bross
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From: Steve Vander Hill [mailto:svanderhill@...]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2008 9:21 PM
To: Jeffrey Bross
Subject: FW: Bike MS 2008

Hi Jeffrey, reference electricity for the trailer, yes, that would help us out a lot, a standard outlet would be just fine.

Have the routes been finalized, the reason for asking, we are a bit concerned about the Southern route being out of range of the Holland repeater with just hand held radios, which most of our volunteers have. Also, the number of SAGs and Medical units is double of the previous years, which means we need to come up with double the radio operators, are the numbers cast in stone?

When can I start spreading the word of the ride and the details, I would like to start getting the word out ASAP.

Best regards,

Steve

-----Original Message-----
From: Jeffrey Bross [mailto:jeffrey.bross@...]
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2008 10:55 AM
To: svanderhill@...
Subject: Bike MS 2008

Hello Steve,

I know that you usually set up net control at the lunch stop. Does you trailer require electricity? If so, is it just a standard outlet that is needed?

Thank you very much for your help and have a great weekend.

Regards,

Jeffrey Bross

Development Manager, Logistics and Physical Planning

National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter

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4205. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New ham and a half wave

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-25 23:17:13 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4204 Message: 4205

Mark Try a pair of vice grip pliers with a piece of angle iron welded to it truckers have used this method for years than you mount a NMO or the mount of your choice , the cab is probably aluminum if the truck has heated mirrors than the brackets are allredy grounded or a mag mount on the muffler bracket also works well 73kc8uny John----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: MCARES@yahoogroups.com ; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; K8MHZHamClass@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, May 25, 2008 5:44 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] New ham and a half wave

Hi all!

I am proud to announce the latest achievement of my little ham class, that is Tim Dunn, now known as KD8IQV!

(Golf claps are in order and highly encouraged)

Now, Tim is an over the road truck driver and wants to play with 2 meter / 440 repeaters. The problem is that his truck has a fiberglass body. Does anyone know of an antenna made for such use? My thoughts were that there has to be an antenna such as an end fed matched 1/2 wave made for use on boat and the occasional Corvette.

I suggested removing the headliner and sticking a bunch of aluminum foil between the liner and the roof but Tim has indicated that the truck is company owned and he had some sort of an instinct that the owner would probably not go for the idea! He also is looking for an antenna that will work while mounted on a mirror bracket so it can be removed when he changes trucks.

Thoughts? Ideas? Any will be appreciated and I will pass all along to Tim.

I am now returning this reflector back to normal amateur radio use....

73

Mark K8MHZ

4206. Re: New ham and a half wave

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-26 03:05:22 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 4204 Message: 4206

Congrats to Tim!

The antenna will be tougher. There are half-wave antennas made that inherently do not require a ground plane but I haven't found one that's dual band. A 19" quarter-wave for 2m works pretty well on 70cm also but requires a ground plane. So that's not helpful either. Two separate single-band half-wave antennas fed with a band splitter could work.

If I think of something else I'll let you know...

Laryn K8TVZ

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> 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>

4207. Re: New ham and a half wave

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-26 18:10:34 UTC
From: John Wehmer
Topic: 4204 Message: 4207

Congrats to Tim.

There are any number of 1/2 mobile antenna on the market. They look like 5/8 but typically are just a little shorter. Just make sure that it is a 1/2 wave or multiple of 1/2 waves, not 5/8 wave or multiples of 5/8 wave.

I haves two of them, one is 2/440, the other is 6/2/440. I have had them mounted on the side of my van (on the sliding door) with no noticeable directivity.

73, John WB9JSR

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>
> Mark K8MHZ
>

4209. MCECS Stuff For Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-26 19:39:06 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 4209 Message: 4209

Here is some surplus items that we would like to get out of our way:

3) 17" or 19" Computer Monitors. The monitors are new to very low hours. Two of the monitors are the dark colored Dell brand. $35.00 each. The other one is black and silver.

Onan Generator unit. 4 KW gas operated, electric start. Installation Manual. This unit was removed from the Old MCARES Motorhome. The unit powers either 220 VAC or 110 VAC. $100.00

Yes, we will accept offers also......

Contact Barney, KC8LLN or Jim, K8COP

4210. Re: [WestMichiganHams] MCECS Stuff For Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-26 21:53:32 UTC
From: stapeljb79@aol.com
Topic: 4209 Message: 4210

Hello Jim, I would like one of those monitors if I could please. also I'd like to take a look at the generator if possible. I could come over tomorrow (Tuesday Pm) after work. Please let me know.
Jeff Stapel
W8SWX

In a message dated 5/26/2008 3:39:33 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, jimk8cop@... writes:

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(http://food.aol.com/tyler-florence?video=4&?NCID=aolfod00030000000002)

4211. Ham and a half wave

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-27 21:44:45 UTC
From: Andrew Young
Topic: 4211 Message: 4211

For a vehicle with a fiberglass body, he could use a j-pole of some sort, if the metal parts of the vehicle are far enough away from the antenna. A glass mount antenna works fairly well. I used one for a few years on an SUV and a pickup truck. If it's a tractor, do the mirrors have metal brackets? If so, there are NMO mounts that can clamp to them.

4212. Yesterday's Girls on the Run event

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-28 11:04:50 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4212 Message: 4212
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4213. Looking for help this Saturday for Girls on the run in Grand Haven (also check time update)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-29 01:00:48 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 4213 Message: 4213

Hello Everyone ... We are still looking for help for Saturday May 31st in Grand Haven for the girls on the run run event we will meet at the public safety lot at 8:30 am (<updated time) ... run kicks off at 9:45
There are a lot of events going on this weekend so please consider helping out as much as you can .... if there is anyway possible.
This event will be done before 12:00

Please let me know if you can help out with these events ..... 73 Don
kb8odb@...

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

4214. Bike MS 2008 Bike Tour - Saturday May 31 and Sunday June 1

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-29 02:42:23 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4214 Message: 4214
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, reference this weekend's Bike MS 2008 Bike Tour through Ottawa and Allegan counties, we are still 10 short to either ride in a SAG or Medical vehicle or assist with Net Control.

Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile event, thank you.

73s
Steve N8UJD

-----Original Message-----
From: Jeffrey Bross
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 5:27 PM
To: svanderhill@...
Cc: tammy willis gmail
Subject: RE: Bike MS 2008

Hello Steve,

I hope you had a great time at Tulip Time. It looks like you are going to have a busy couple of weeks ? we really appreciate your hard work.

Here are the answers to your questions.

Route Maps: I have attached the route maps for your team. We will also have copies in the vehicle packets. Please use those during the event just in case we have made a last minute change.

Lunch Stops: Day 1, 5/31/08 ? Casco United Methodist Church, 880 66th St., South Haven (Corner of 66th and 109th)

Day 2, 6/1/08 ? Robinson Elementary School, 11801 120th Ave, Grand Haven (120th between Buchanan and Rich)

Lunch volunteers will begin to arrive at 8:30 AM. The Salvation Army is helping with our lunch this year so they will have their Canteens on site each day

Briefing: We will have a briefing at 6:00 AM for drivers at Holland High School on 5/31. I am not sure that we will have anything on Sunday Morning. Most of our volunteers come for both days.

Route: The routes will open at 7:00 AM and the will close at 5:00 PM both days.

Lodging: Yes, you can still reserve rooms at Hope College. Please email Tammy Willis (she was cc?d on this message) the names of the people that will need rooms, who they would like to room with and whether they will be

there for one or two nights. Check in on Friday is at between 6PM and 10PM at the Haworth Conference Center. On Saturday afternoon, check in will be in front of Gilmore Hall at the finish line.

Vehicles: We will have 7 SAG vehicles, 8 Medical Vehicles and 2 Staff Vehicles (Shadows).

Agencies along the route: Basically, we notify the Sherriff Departments, Road Commissions and Fire Departments and the hospital we plan to use (if needed) will be in Holland. I have attached those phone numbers along with our staff numbers. You will be working closely with the Route Manager. Her name is Kim Howard and her number is on the Staff list.

You will also receive additional information when you arrive on Saturday at the briefing. All of the vehicles will have county maps with the routes highlighted so you can find shortcuts if necessary. The most important thing is that any key information is filtered through our Route Manager during the event. Kim will have additional action items in the event of an emergency.

Please let me know if you have any questions. After today, I will only be able to be reached by cell phone ? 248-229-1541. Otherwise, I will see you this weekend. In addition, please email Tammy the lodging information by the end of the day tomorrow. We could still get you in after tomorrow but it will be difficult to get everyone their keys and roommates.

Regards,

Jeffrey C. Bross
Development Manager
Logistics/Physical Planning

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4215. upcoming Newaygo County drill

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-29 11:59:33 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4215 Message: 4215
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4216. Re: [WestMichiganHams] upcoming Newaygo County drill

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-29 23:07:32 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4215 Message: 4216

Tim:

From this e-mail, it sounds like you won't be needing any help from us in Mecosta County, but if you do, just let me know.

I am giving presentations for a workshop at Ferris on Tuesday, but could be free after 5 p.m.

If I don't hear from you, I'll assume our help will not be needed.

Just keep me advised, and good luck on the exercise.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tim Deater" <kc8mse@...>
To: <westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com>; <ncecg@...>;
<abbym@...>
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2008 7:59 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] upcoming Newaygo County drill

> Here is what is going to happen on Tuesday (June 3rd) for our Dam Failure
> disaster exercise part II (better known as the 'Dam Drill')
>
> *The scenario:*
> Heavy rains and severe weather have caused extensive flooding of the
> Muskegon river and is threatening both the Croton and Hardy dams in
> Newaygo
> County. Once Consumers Energy feels the dams are threatened, the various
> first responders and other public safety agencies in the county will be
> going door to door to warn people to evacuate. (They will actually go
> door
> to door to distribute packets of emergency planning information) There
> will
> also be a swift water rescue practice going on in Bridgeton.
>
> Amateur Radio's primary responsibility will be watching the river to tell
> the EOC and the National Weather Service where the flood wave from the
> failed dam is located. The NWS' only river gauges in the area are at the
> dams and would not provide them any useful information. This is a very
> critical job as our reports are what get the first responders out of harms
> way. Keep in mind, if this was actually happening, DO NOT CROSS THE
> MUSKEGON RIVER! Once the dam failure warning is issued, all bridges would
> be closed and if the dam actually failed, many, if not all of those
> bridges
> may be gone. It would make for a VERY long drive to get home.
>

> This is part of a larger district drill, so there are other activities
> going
> on starting today (May 29) and going until the 4th.
>
> *What we are going to do:*
> For the drill, I am not going to ask anyone to sit out in the field for 5
> hours or so to read a pre-scripted message at a pre-determined time. I
> just
> need someone that can get into the Fremont repeater that can listen for
> the
> duration and read the script at a pre-determined time. The drill starts
> at
> around 5:00pm. The dam failure (where our messages will start) will not
> be
> until 8:15pm. The last message and close of the drill will be at 10:00pm.
> We are testing our EOC and the command structure with this drill.
>
> For anyone that does want to go into the field, I do want to test the
> coverage of two other commercial radio systems with this drill. You would
> ride the media bus as it tours the disaster area with two commercial
> portable radios talking just back to me. This really is not ham radio,
> but
> I am tasked with all of the communications, not just ham radio
> communications, so I need to check out some of my other options. You
> would
> need to report to the EOC in White Cloud by 5:00pm. You will arrive back
> in
> White Cloud around 8:30pm where you would be done.
>
> A real task we will have to do will be Skywarn. The long term forecasts
> have a chance of thunderstorms the day of the drill. *Any
> thunderstorm*during this drill, even not severe, will be dangerous to
> our first
> responders in the field. We will be working closely with the National
> Weather Service and the exercise controllers to keep an eye on this. We
> will activate a Skywarn net for ANY real thunderstorm that comes into the
> area for the duration of the drill.
>
> Also, I need people that are interested in working in the Emergency
> Operations Center as alternate communications personnel. You would not
> only
> be operating ham radio equipment, but commercial and public safety
> equipment
> as well. If you think you may be interested in doing this, you can hang
> out
> in the EOC for the drill to observe what you would be doing. The EOC is
> located in the building labeled DBH on the following map:
> http://countyofnewaygo.com/Maintenance/images/County%20Complex%20Map.pdf
> If you decide you want to be a EOC communicator, you would need to
> complete

> the training requirements and background checks to be a Newaygo County
> RACES
> operator. This includes 5 FEMA independent study courses as well as
> training on our public safety radio systems and the Michigan Public Safety
> Communications System. There will always be another county communications
> official with you during EOC operations.
>
>
> *The timeline:*
> I will start a net on the Fremont Repeater around 5:00 or shortly
> thereafter. I will take check-ins from anyone that wants to check in. I
> would like at least one person who can also get into the Muskegon 146.820
> repeater that can liaison with them if needed.
>
> Various announcements will be broadcast from the EOC by me at various
> times.
>
> Starting around 8:15 we will start the scripted messages to the EOC.
>
> *Some specifics:*
> Fremont Repeater
> 146.920 rx 146.320 tx pl 94.8
>
> Newaygo County Simplex:
> 146.540 no pl
>
> White Cloud Repeater: (Backup if the Fremont repeater fails)
> 145.450 rx 144.850 tx pl 94.8
>
> Muskegon Repeater
> 146.820 rx 146.220 tx pl 94.8
>
> Map to White Cloud County Complex:
> http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=1087+Newell+St,+White+Cloud,+Mi+49349&s
ll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=52.637906,81.914062&ie=UTF8&z=16&iwloc=addr
>
> 1087 Newell St, White Cloud MI 49349
>
> If you plan to come to the EOC either to ride the media bus or observe,
> let
> me know today or tomorrow so I can get ID's made up for you.
>
> Thanks!
> 73
> Tim Deater
> KC8MSE
> Newaygo County EC RO
> Newaygo County Communications
>

4217. Re: [WestMichiganHams] upcoming Newaygo County drill

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-29 23:43:49 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4215 Message: 4217
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4218. Re: [WestMichiganHams] upcoming Newaygo County drill

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-30 11:39:48 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4215 Message: 4218

Tim:

I'll make an effort to monitor the 146.74 Big Rapids repeater Tuesday evening, should you want to give it a try from your field station.

We do have a weekly net at 9 p.m. on that frequency if you would want to check in.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
From: "Tim Deater" <kc8mse@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2008 7:43 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] upcoming Newaygo County drill

>I will not need anyone for the drill from the surrounding counties. I
> appreciate your offer for help. I will try to establish communications to
> the surrounding counties repeaters to make sure we can do it with my field
> station. We do not have equipment in the E.O.C. yet.
>
> Tim
> KC8MSE
>

4219. GET READY FOR THE UPCOMING ARRL JUNE VHF QSO PARTY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-30 19:49:17 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4219 Message: 4219

GET READY FOR THE UPCOMING ARRL JUNE VHF QSO PARTY

June is just about here, and according to ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X, that means the VHF bands are starting to get some steam. "If you've never experienced the fun of VHF+ operating, the ARRL June VHF QSO Party is a great place to start. With many HF radios now offering at least 6 meter SSB/CW capabilities -- and some offering 2 meters and 70 cm as well -- any amateur with a Technician class license or higher can experience long-haul communication on the VHF bands," he said.

Known as the "Magic Band," 6 meters can be quiet for days at a time, and then suddenly explode with signals when the E layer of the ionosphere cooperates. There's no guaranteed way to predict when 6 meters opens, which is why the propagation mode is called "Sporadic-E." When 6 meters opens, contacts several hundred miles away can be made with relatively modest equipment; 50 W and a simple dipole antenna can do wonders during a good opening.

When operating on VHF, Kutzko said that your Maidenhead grid square is the common geographical information exchanged. For complete information on grid squares and how to tell what grid square you are in, visit the ARRL's web site <http://www.arrl.org/locate/gridinfo.html>.

Kutzko advises that there are a few things to know about operating on 6 meters: In the US and Canada, there is a "calling frequency" on 50.125 MHz USB. Many stations monitor this frequency to listen for band openings. Stations can call CQ on the calling frequency, and if somebody answers, the stations will find a new frequency on which to conduct their QSO. It is considered poor etiquette to monopolize the calling frequency for QSOs.

Most SSB activity will take place between 50.125 MHz and 50.250 MHz. If conditions are exceptional, Kutzko said you may hear signals above 50.250: "CW signals can be found from 50.100 MHz to 50.080 or so. The frequencies between 50.100 and 50.125 MHz are a 'DX Window,' meaning it is reserved for QSOs between W/VE and DX stations. Please do not make stateside-to-stateside QSOs in the DX Window."

Kutzko said that getting on 6 meters is easy: "A dipole for 6 meters is only 9 feet, 4 inches long and is an easy construction project. Try to get the dipole in the air as high as possible, but even 15 feet off the ground will make some QSOs. If you have an antenna tuner that can handle 6 meters, you can try loading up another of your antennas on 6 meters with reasonable success."

Because VHF+ antennas are relatively small, Kutzko said that many amateurs operate from portable locations, such as a hilltop or a campground. Others operate the contest as a "rover," operating from their car or truck while transmitting from multiple grid squares over the contest period. "Tracking rovers during the contest is almost as much fun as the contest itself," he said.

The ARRL June VHF QSO Party runs from 1800 UTC Saturday, June 14-0300 UTC Monday, June 16. Be sure to use those extra bands on your transceiver and get in on the fun you've been missing on 6 meters and up! For more information on this contest, please be sure to check out the Contest Rules <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/june-vhf.html>.

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4220. Re: upcoming Newaygo County drill

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-30 21:17:51 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4215 Message: 4220

Typically, in most states (including Michigan), Disaster Service Agencies are based on the county, and only rarely does an in-county drill ask for help from surrounding counties.

This assumes that if one county has a disaster, it's likely that adjoining counties will be tied up with their own concerns.

In practice, if something "big" hits an isolated area of a state, agreements similar to fire and police departments' mutual aid pacts are invoked, and amateurs from other parts of the state or country are brought in. This was most evident on a national scale in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, where hams from all over the country were solicited to help in the Gulf Coast areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, etc., and were put to use for several months after the event. On a smaller scale, in SW Ohio during the floods of the Ohio River and its tributaries, hams from Dayton and elsewhere were solicited to help the Queen City Emergency Net and Cincinnati Red Cross in flood damage assessment. Much earlier, in the widespread tornadoes which hit a swath from Cincinnati to Xenia, Ohio in 1974, hams from Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton, and elsewhere converged on Xenia for damage assessment and other communications needs because many/most of the hams in Xenia and immediate surroundings were directly affected.

I've only been in Western Michigan since fall, 2005, so don't have much history on natural disasters here, so I'm not aware of any large scale events which required mutual aid from one part of the state to another. Olde tymers in the area probably could recall some events similar to what happened in SW Ohio.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

"T Behler" tbehler@... wrote:
> 1a. Re: upcoming Newaygo County drill
> Posted by: "T Behler" tbehler@... kb8tyj
> Date: Thu May 29, 2008 4:07 pm ((PDT))
>
> Tim:
>
> From this e-mail, it sounds like you won't be needing any help from us in Mecosta County, but if you do, just let me know.
> <snip>

4221. Re: W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-30 21:43:24 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4185 Message: 4221

Hi,Richards:

Sorry I didn't catch this message earlier.

Don't be embarrassed about programming a new radio. I need to refer to the user's manual every time I want to set something different in my radio. The programming of many modern day rigs is obvious to only those who manufacture them. :)

I gather than you want to help with VHF FM contacts for W8T? I'm not sure of which repeaters can be accessed from downtown Rockford near the river, but the local repeaters are:

147.26 + offset, 94.8 Hz sub audible tone (Downtown Grand Rapids)
147.16 + offset, 94.8 Hz Sub audible tone (Grand Rapids)
146.88 - Offset, 141.3 Hz sub audible tone (Cedar Springs)
145.41 - Offset, 94.8 Hz sub audible tone (Grand Rapids)
145.27 - Offset, 94.8 Hz sub audible tone (Lowell)
145.23 - Offset, 94.8 Hz sub audible tone (Grand Rapids)
145.11 - Offset, 94.8 Hz sub audible tone (Grand Rapids)

If I missed any in this area, would someone else please straighten me out.

I'll take my mobile down to the site and see which repeaters I can access with 5W, to give you an idea of what you might expect from a hand held radio. If we can hit 145.27 or 147.16 MHz they are connected to a linked repeater system, so we should be able to contact people from throughout a large area of Michigan.

As I said earlier, plans are to activate W8T from downtown Rockford next to the White Pine trail on Saturday, June 7, starting about noon and running to about 6 or 7 p.m. Your help most any time during that period will be most helpful. I'll be posting some info early next week. I've been overloaded with other items this week.

73 de n8xx Hg

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Richards <jruing@...> wrote:
>
> Yes -- I can help out that day. I do, however, need to know
> the frequencies and PL codes in advance as I have a new radio
> and need to figure out how to program in the frequencies. It
> is probably awkward and embarrassing to have to ask you guys to
> set up my radio before I can work it!
>
> I have a nice HF station, but only recently purchased a UHF/VHF

> rig. I skipped the Technician class privileges and went straight
> to the low bands when I was first licensed. In that way, I am
> backwards.
>
> Happy trails. Just let me know what to bring and when and
> where to bring it.
>
> ////////////////////// JH Richards - K8JHR //////////////

4222. Bike MS 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-30 23:30:35 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4174 Message: 4222

Hello, we still are need six operators for Saturday and Sunday for this weekends Bike MS 2008 Bike Tour.

If you can make it tomorrow, please show up the Holland High School by 7:00am, if you can make it on Sunday, please call me on my cell 616-218-1325, or email me and I will let you know where to meet up with your specific Team.

We will be using the Holland Amateur Club's repeater 147.06 (+.60)pl 94.8 both days. If see one of the members of the Club, please thank them for making the repeater available for this event each year, it's a great community service.

Best regards,
Steve N8UJD

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4223. WEAVER'S WORDS - New Survery Special

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-30 01:52:52 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4223 Message: 4223

> [As always, reply only to k8je@....]
>
> This is a special addition of Weaver's Words. Its primary purpose is
> to obtain your input on holding division-wide Internet/telephone
> conferences.
>
> - Division-wide Internet and telephone conferences?
> - Great Lakes Division Scholarship Winners.
> - A brief poll - results.
> - Classes in good operating practices.
> - Congratulations to DHHSARA.
> - Good show, HARA.
> - New look for Internet publications.
> - Vice Director candidates.
> - Tentative schedule.
>
> +++ Division-wide Internet and telephone conferences? +++
>
> What is your opinion?
>
> The technology is available to permit us to hold Division-wide
> Internet/telephone conferences involving hundreds of members
> simultaneously. These conferences would permit a greater exchange of
> thinking between Division members and Division leaders. I've been
> looking into developing such a conferencing system for the Great Lakes
> Division. I would like to learn if you believe I should proceed with
> them.
>
> The conferences would variously be among Division members. They could
> include one or more guests as well. Guests could include ARRL
> officers, ARRL HQ staff or other personalities of interest to Amateur
> Radio operators. We could field questions from members and share
> information among Division members on a person-to-person basis. These
> conferences also could help members provide input into planning for
> future events.
>
> To express your opinion, please send an e-mail to me. Type YES, I'M
> INTERESTED in the subject line of the heading if participating in a
> trial of these conferences. Type NO, I'M NOT INTERESTED in the subject
> line if you have no interest in participating in the trial
> conferences.
>
> If you have suggestions, questions or comments, please place these in
> the body of the e-mail.
>

> You know the drill. Send your message to k8je@....
>
> +++ Great Lakes Division Scholarship Winners +++
>
> I am very pleased to announce the follow GLD amateur who have been
> awarded ARRL Foundation Scholarships for 2008:
>
> Michael Volz, W2NRL, East Lansing MI. Earl I. Anderson Scholarship -
> $1250.
>
> Jacob Wagner, KD8CDC, Rocky River OH. Dayton Amateur Radio Association
> Scholarship - $1,000.
>
> Thomas Fielitz, KC8YAK, Smiths Creek MI. K2TEO Martin J. Green Sr.
> Memorial Scholarship - $ 1,000.
>
> Janet Ruminski, KC8WGT, Beavercreek OH. The David W. Misek, N8NPX
> Memorial Scholarship - $1,500.
>
> John Shipp, KC8TPN, Saint Bernard. OH. The Thomas W. Porter, W8KYZ,
> Scholarship Honoring Michael Daugherty, W8LSE - $1,000.
>
> Kayla Check, N8KAY, Independence, OH. The Carol J. Streeter
> Scholarship - $750.
>
> Kathryn Ankenbauer, KD8AHA, Portage MI. The YASME Foundation
> Scholarships - $2,000.
>
> A substantial number of scholarships are available through ARRL each
> year. Most scholarships and programs are directed toward young. In
> addition, the League offers Technical Awards to recognize technical
> service, innovation and microwave development.
>
> Information about ARRL scholarships and awards is available at
> www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/instructor/instructor/grants.html.
>
> +++ A brief poll +++
>
> In the last issue of Weaver's Words, I asked if you believe ARRL should
> "ban" the practice that many contesters have of issuing 59 or 599
> signal reports automatically, rather than to give individualized
> reports based on the actual signal quality they hear. I asked for a
> YES or NO vote on a ban. I also asked for YES voters to outline a way
> to enforce the ban.
>
> Here are the result of the poll and the takeaways I have from it:
>
> - 205 members responded.
> - 150 (74%) of these voted a flat NO.
> - 6 (2% of these voted a flat YES.

> - 40 (24%) of these in effect voted that the contest exchange should be
> changed to include information other than a signal report.
>
> I wonder how many of the 150 who voted NO, would have voted to change
> the contest exchange to avoid the signal report if I had offered this
> possibility. Nonetheless, I interpret your NO or YES vote that
> suggests changing the report to avoid signal reports was a vote to move
> ARRL away from being claimed to support false signal reporting.
>
> Thanks for your help. I apologize for improperly wording the
> questionnaire.
>
> One additional point on the subject of banning false signal reports:
> These repo0rts are not illegal. FCC has no rules concerning signal
> reports. In addition, ARRL has no enforcement power. It would be
> virtually if not totally impossible for ARRL to ban this and any
> additional legal practices.
>
> +++ Congratulations to DHARA +++
>
> Congratulations to the Dixie Heights High School ARA for becoming
> affiliated with the ARRL. The affiliation was formalized this past
> March and it was presented in a brief ceremony at the school on May 30
> by Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA and Kentucky SM Jim Brooks,
> KY4Z.
>
> +++ Classes in good operating practices +++
>
> Congratulations to the Cuyahoga ARC for offering training in good
> operating practices to students and new licensees. This is one of the
> best ways there is to instill good operating in hams. As you know, I
> feel it is important that we provide training in good operating
> practices to new hams.
>
> Thanks to other clubs that offer this training as well.
>
> +++ Good show, HARA +++
>
> No, not HARA as in the home of the Hamvention(r), instead, in this
> instance HARA is the Hiawatha ARA of Marquette, MI. The "good show" is
> for their thoughtfulness to give the local public library a set of ARRL
> manuals and books in an effort to promote Amateur Radio. Similar "good
> shows" go to other clubs who have done this, but have gone undetected
> beneath the radar beam here in SW Ohio.
>
> ARRL gives a special price to clubs that make similar presentations to
> local libraries.
>
> Incidentally, one of the presenters in Marquette was HARA President Lou
> Gembolis, KG8NK who also is the Michigan Legislative Action

> Coordinator. Lou is looking for a few good ARRL members who are
> willing to help by making occasional visits to offices of US
> Representatives and Senators in Michigan. The visit would be in
> support of legislation that benefits Amateur Radio and the public.
> Please contact Lou at kg8nk@... if you would like to volunteer or
> to learn more about this program.
>
> +++ New look for Internet publications +++
>
> As you may have noticed, the ARRL Contest Rate Sheet has a new look and
> name -- the ARRL Contest Update -- News and Techniques for the Active
> Operator. This biweekly e-letter is just the first in a series of
> upgrades in League Internet offerings that will appear during coming
> months. The ARRL Contest Update also is essentially the first to
> appear in HTML format as well as in plain text. With HTML, it is easy
> to insert "eye pleaser" photos and other plain text no-no's so keep
> your eyes open as things develop.
>
> +++ Vice Director candidacies announced +++
>
> Sitting Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA has indicated he plans to
> file for re-election later this year. He will apparently have
> opposition from close friend John Meyers, NB4K. John is former
> Kentucky Section Manager as well as being the Division Legislative
> Action Chair (DLAC) for the Great Lakes Division. I wish good luck to
> each of these men.
>
> +++ Tentative Schedule +++
>
> NOTE: Beginning with this month, appearances made by John Meyers,
> NB4K, in his capacity as the Division Legislation Action Chair will be
> listed in the Tentative Schedule.
>
> 16 Jun: Conneaut ARC, Conneaut, OH - John
> 21 Jun: Milford (OH) Hamfest - Jim
> 29-30 Jun: Field Day - Jim
> Jul QST-noon 8 Aug: Nominations open for Director/Vice Director
> 10 Jul: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown - Jim
> 11-13 Jul: Michigan Summer Outing, Lupton - Jim, John
> 17 Jul: A&F Meeting, Newington - Jim
> 18-19 Jul: Board Meeting, Newington - Jim, Gary
> 22 Jul: Quarterly GLD Teleconference
> 1 Aug: Massillon (OH) RC - Jim
> 10 Aug: Central Kentucky Hamfest, Lawrenceburg - Jim
> 15 Aug: Genesee County RC, 75th Anniversary, Flint, MI - Jim
> 13 Sep: OH Section Conf, Columbus - Jim, Gary
> 21 Sep: Cincinnati Hamfest - Jim, Gary
> 23 Sep-1 Oct: Director/Vice Director ballots mailed
> 7 Oct: OH-KY-IN ARS (Cincinnati) ARRL Night - Jim
> 12 Oct: Michigan State Convention, Kalamazoo - Jim

> 28 Oct: Quarterly GLD Teleconference
> 21 Nov: (Noon) Deadline for return of ballots; ballots counted
> 22 Nov: (By end of day) Candidates notified of election results
>
> 2009
>
> 1 Jan: (Noon) Newly elected/re-elected Director and Vice Director
> replace the present Director and Vice Director.
>
> 73,
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
> ARRL - The Reason Amateur Radio Is!
> Members - The Reason ARRL Is!
>
> ---
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

4224. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-31 04:15:19 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4185 Message: 4224

Thanks for the uptake. Looking forward to it.
I may end up learning more than helping, but I will
do what I can.

/////////// Richards- K8JHR ////////////
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Hank Greeb wrote:

> I gather than you want to help with VHF FM contacts for W8T? I'm not
> sure of which repeaters can be accessed from downtown Rockford near
> the river, but the local repeaters are:

> As I said earlier, plans are to activate W8T from downtown Rockford
> next to the White Pine trail on Saturday, June 7,

Your help most any time during that
> period will be most helpful.

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4225. Derecho Anniversary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-05-31 04:25:33 UTC
From: Scott Pawlowski
Topic: 4225 Message: 4225

The infamous SPC analysis

http://www.spc.noaa.gov/misc/AbtDerechos/casepages/may30-311998page.htm

4227. dog toy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-01 21:22:34 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4227 Message: 4227

Need a ball luncher for your dog? see video.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PcL6-mjRNk

4228. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: Re: repeater usage authorization for Michigander Bike Tour requested

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-02 13:28:20 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4226 Message: 4228

Thanks for the good news on the 94 repeater situation, Al.

Thanks also for helping spread the word about the Michigander in mid July.

More to come as the time gets closer.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO, and Michigander Bike Tour NCS

----- Original Message -----
From: "Al Pepping" <kv8x@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>; <W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 01, 2008 10:00 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fw: Re: repeater usage authorization for Michigander Bike Tour requested

For all users of the 94 repeater. Please keep these dates in mind and keep an ear open. As the new antenna and feedline is still being "beta" tested, I would appreciate feedback on how it performs.

Al...KV8X

-------Original Message-------

From: Al Pepping
Date: 6/1/2008 9:56:50 AM
To: T Behler
Subject: Re: repeater usage authorization for Michigander Bike Tour requested

Hi Tom

You are most welcome to use the repeater for your event. All MAARC repeaters are open repeaters. You will also find coverage has improved dramatically with the new antenna and feed line now at 370 foot height. Our 444.550 UHF machine is now back in service and provides 5- 10 mile hand held coverage, feel free to use this as needed when you are in the local area. . Both machines are 94.8 PL. Good Luck.

Al Pepping KV8X

-------Original Message-------

From: T Behler
Date: 5/31/2008 5:49:32 PM
To: al pepping
Subject: repeater usage authorization for Michigander Bike Tour requested

May 31, 2008

Hello, Al.

My name is Tom Behler, and my amateur call is KB8TYJ.

I am writing on behalf of the Michigander Bike Tour, which will be coming through your area during the week of July 12--18, 2008.

I will be serving as main net control station for the bike tour, as it traverses the entire planned route from the Walker/Muskegon area to Traverse City.

During the week-end of April 26--27, I and several other fellow bike tour hams did a repeater coverage test run through the designated route, and found the 146.940 repeater to be extremely useful as a possible communications tool.

Therefore, we are wondering if you could grant us permission to use the 146.940 repeater as a back-up net repeater when we are in your area?

Even though we would like to use your repeater for back-up net communications, we will always respect the fact that it is your repeater, and assure you that your usage needs will be given precedence at all times.

Both I, and the organizers of the Michigander Bike Tour, would appreciate a response to this inquiry at your earliest convenience.

In addition, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

If you want more information on the Michigander Bike Tour itself, go to:

www.michigantrails.org

Thanks much, and 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO and

Michigander main NCS station

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4229. FRS Radios and Repeaters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-03 03:26:54 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 4229 Message: 4229

Hi Ed KF8EV. I don't have the definitive info on whether a store and forward repeater is legal or illegal on FRS. From what I've read, there are many opinions. I have not seen any prohibition in the rules (Part 95).

I post this publicly hoping that someone else may have more info on this. Anyone???

Laryn K8TVZ

4230. Joe Bells Mother

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-03 15:19:08 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 4230 Message: 4230

All:

I regret to share with you that Joe Bell□s (WD8USA) mother passed away
Monday June 2nd.

Please remember Joe, Kathy and the kids in your thoughts and your prayers
during
This time of their loss and grief.

Joe's Email Address is:
wd8usa@... <mailto:wd8usa%40aol.com>

I am providing the text from the obituary below:

Sally Grace Young Bell

Born: September 01, 1921

Died: June 02, 2008

Services: The service for Sally will be Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at the
Pederson Funeral Home in Rockford, MI, with Pastor Richard Riley of the
Rockford United Methodist Church officiating.

Visitation: Friends may meet with Sally□s family from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9
p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Sally Grace Bell, age 86, passed away on Monday, June 2, 2008 at Clark
Retirement Community, her second home after being a long-time Rockford, MI
resident. Sally Grace was born in Canton, Madison County, Mississippi on
September 1, 1921, daughter of Stanley Gaylord Young and Hattie Emma Denson.
She grew up on the family farm four miles from town before the era of
tractors and technology. In those depression era years, a full bale of
cotton yield meant prosperity and the ability to afford the essentials
including shoes and a new dress for school plus a few extra quarters set
aside for emergencies. Sally□s life was enriched by many close relationships
from her extended family during her youth; she had continued to maintain
connection with many cousins through the years by frequent correspondence.
Sally graduated from Canton High School in 1940, earning a special
recognition award for never having missed a single day of school during her
school career. She celebrated her fiftieth high school reunion in 1990, to
the delight of her family and alumni friends. Miss Young came to Michigan in
1940 where she began work in the mailroom at Wolverine Shoe Company in
Rockford, Michigan, later becoming a bookkeeper in the sales division. After
her retirement in 1953, she continued to manage the books at several local
businesses. Robert G. Bell and Sally Grace Young were united in marriage on
February 11, 1950, at the First United Methodist Church in Rockford. Mr.

Bell was a manufacturer□s representative, in partnership with Bell & Schrotenboer at the time of retirement. During her children□s youth, she was a 4-H leader, band parent, and interested in her children□s school careers. A 50-year member of the Rockford United Methodist Church, she had served as past board member and enjoyed membership in several women□s circles. Sally loved her flower garden, arts and crafts, and treasured her southern heritage and tradition. She loved to travel with her husband and had visited many foreign countries, as well as many points of interest in the USA. Bob and Sally wintered in Pompano Beach, FL where they enjoyed participation as owners in the harness racing business in which their favorite □Mainstreet□ was a special joy. After her husband□s death, Sally pursued her dream of dancing by taking ballroom lessons, doing a mean tango at age 72. Sally Grace Young Bell was predeceased by her husband, Robert on September 10, 1992, and her parents, Stanley G. Young and Hattie Emma (Denson) Young, and very special friends, Joseph Bonello, and Ray Wayno. Survivors include her son, Joseph and Kathleen (Ure) Bell; daughter and her husband, Charles and Roberta Bell Wolfe; four grandchildren, Kathryn E. Wolfe and her fiancé, Aaron Norris, Robert V. Wolfe, Elizabeth G. Bell, and Jennifer A. Bell; sister, Mrs. Emma Jean Bowman; and nieces, nephews, and cousins. Interment will be in Cannonsburg Cemetery.

The web site for the obituary at the funeral home is:
http://www.funeralquestions.com/obits/pederson/memorial.asp?listing_id=10887
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There is an option to send condolences to Joe and his family and to sign the guest book.

May God grant peace to her memory, comfort to her family, and grace to us all as we seek to live faithful lives.

Thank You for your support
Jeffrey Nawrot
RACES Coordinator
Kent County, Michigan

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--- "the right decision is not always the easy decision! ---

4231. Newaygo County Drill Frequency

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-03 19:53:48 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4231 Message: 4231
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4232. Joe Bells Mother

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-03 20:02:41 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4230 Message: 4232

With condolences to Joe Bell, WD8USA and his family, I forward the following from m-Live.com.

The url for the obituary, which is in the Tuesday edition of the Grand Rapids Press is

http://tinyurl.com/6npp7e

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An interactive map for the Pderson Funeral Home is at

http://tinyurl.com/6h4xho

4233. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Newaygo County Drill Frequency

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-03 21:17:18 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 4231 Message: 4233

FYI.Any noise you experienced on the .92 was not heard on this end.

73 KD8CBJ

**********Get trade secrets for amazing burgers. Watch "Cooking with Tyler Florence" on AOL Food.
(http://food.aol.com/tyler-florence?video=4?&NCID=aolfod00030000000002)

4234. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Newaygo County Drill Frequency

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-03 21:24:21 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4231 Message: 4234
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4235. Tower For Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-02 22:32:46 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4235 Message: 4235

Kirt N wanted this.

I have a Rohn BX64 64 foot tower for sale, this is all ready on the ground. Asking $200.00

Military portable aluminum mast kit, 8 poles with original carrier and guy ropes. $75.00

Contact by e mail kc8qde@... or phone 616-836-3737

4236. Last Minute Info: Saturday's FoxHunt at the IRA Hudsonville Swap

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-04 00:18:07 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 4236 Message: 4236

Be sure to stay around after the IRA Hamfest in Hudsonville Saturday for the "My Money's All Gone" Foxhunt put on by the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Assoc.

Meet the "Official Starter" Jim Leys, KD8CAN, in the Park Avenue Parking lot by the IRA ticket booth by 12:45 PM to record your odometer reading and to get the latest instructions. The Fox (the team of Tom and Sheila Bosscher K8TB/K8AJ) will begin transmitting their taunts exactly at 1:00 PM.

See the GRARA website http://www.w8dc.org/FoxHuntMain.htm for rules and all kinds of useful links to foxhunting info.

In the words of Jack Kunnen, GRARA President.... "The hunt should be a good one, even if you don't have fancy equipment come on out we can match up and car pool as needed. Fox hunts are a good time, putting some of our Ham skills to a test. Everyone is welcome."

What do you win, you ask? Just the unending respect of your peers and the first option to be the fox at the next GRARA fox hunt.

In addition, you will have the extreme pride in knowing that you brought the current championship back to your Grand Rapids Club. The current reigning champions are Tom and Sheila Bosscher from the Holland Amateur Radio Club. (The HARC couldn't win twice in a row..... could they?)

If you get a chance, sign-up on the W8DC website so we know to expect you. This is a beginner level fox hunt. No computer aided or doppler tracking systems are allowed.

Come on out and enjoy ham radio! Saturday at 12:45 at the IRA Hamfest.

4237. Re: [WestMichiganHams] dog toy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-04 00:42:09 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4227 Message: 4237

Too cute! Just gotta love the dog.

/// Richards - K8JHR ///
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Jim KC8PCJ wrote:
> Need a ball luncher for your dog? see video.

4238. W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7 - Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-04 02:51:07 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4238 Message: 4238

The special events call W8T will be activated during the National Trails day from a gazebo in Peppler Park, downtown Rockford, Michigan. The operation will be between about 1600Z and 2359Z on June 7. The call has been reserved, and three operators will share the duty on 80 thru 20 metres, CW and SSB, plus several 2 metre FM repeaters in the area. See http://www.greeb.net/w8tinfo/ for details of the proposed operating frequencies and times. A pictorial QSL card will be available - send #10 envelope or larger with SASE to N8XX QTHR.

Another special events station will be N8T, will be activated by the Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club of Marquette, Michigan in the Upper Peninsula. Details of this operation can be found at http://www.lakeeffectarc.info/N8T%2DTrails2008/N8TBandOpsPlan.htm

We hope to see as many operators from West Michigan on the bands as possible.

73 de n8xx Hg

4239. Museum Ships on the Air - Three Vessels From Muskegon!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-04 13:47:30 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 4239 Message: 4239

Hello, All:

Check it out, three vessels from Muskegon will be represented this coming weekend for Museum Ships on the Air, all day Saturday and Sunday. Members from the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council will operate from LST-393 (N9AUY), USCGC McLane (W8ZHO), and the USS Silversides (WB8IXV). Look for us! There are 74 ships in the event this year, it promises to be a fun time.

Here's your link for more information:
http://users.tellurian.com/freddie/nj2bb/ship-event.html

Good sailing and 73,
Linda, AB8QH

4240. Re: [WestMichiganHams] W8T - National Trails Day - Jun 7 - Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-04 14:02:54 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4238 Message: 4240

Hi Hank - you mentioned the possibility of my bringing my HF rig...

but I do not know what I would use as an antenna. I have a wide
range internal tuner (runs about 8:1 which is more than the usual
3:1 in many rigs) and I have a 20 meter dipole I made but do not have
up...

Any ideas on antennas for HF operation if I bring my rig?

ALSO, SORRY I missed meeting you in person last weekend on the
MS 100 route - I was "Staff 2" on the project. Our support
vehicle arrived back after the last rider was in.

//////////////// Richards - K8JHR ///////////////

Hank Greeb wrote:
> The special events call W8T will be activated during the National Trails
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4241. Hamfest this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-04 10:55:02 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4241 Message: 4241

Saturday, June 7, 2008 - 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.
We?re bringing back the 'Good Old Days' at
West Michigan?s Largest Hamfest & Computer Fair.
Support your Michigan linked repeater system. Be there!
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
I.R.A. 'GOOD OLD DAYS' HAMFEST
Convenient location with spacious facilities at the Hudsonville Fairgrounds.
Located 14 miles west of Grand Rapids, two miles north of I-196 at exit 62.
FREE tables and FREE trunk sales spaces (tickets required). Friday night
potluck,
camping, demonstrations, and exhibits. We have listened to your suggestions!
OVER 22,000 SQUARE-FEET INDOOR FACILITIES with CONVENIENT ACCESS and FREE
PARKING.
FREE 8' tables (indoors) and FREE trunk sale spaces (outdoors). Sellers and
dealers must reserve
tables and/or trunk sale spaces with a prepaid ticket order! Tables/spaces
first come, first served.
Tickets: $5.00 ea. through June 6th; $6.00 ea. on June 7th. NOTE: Prepaid
ticket reservations held until
0745 Saturday then released (no refunds). All reservations with SASE please.
Camping, tables, and trunk
spaces are not an admission to Hamfest; tickets are required. Friday night
set-up available after 7 p.m. or
6:00 a.m. start on Saturday. CAMPING: $10 fee, showers and electricity
available for camping. There is a
$5 additional fee for any electrical hookup. Food and drinks available in
comfortable indoor eating facilities.
Many sit down "Eyeball QSO areas." Children under 12 years admitted free
accompanying an adult.
Handicapped parking and access. In case of rain, trunk sellers could move
indoors if space is available.
.FAMOUS "ROADKILL-CHILI" POTLUCK FRIDAY EVENING
.MDXA ISLAND ACTIVATIONS FORUM - 9:00 A.M.
.GETTING YOUTH INTO HAM RADIO FORUM - 11:00 A.M.
.NEWS-TV, SKYWARN & EMERGENCY VEHICLE EXHIBITS
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.VE AMATEUR EXAMS - 12:30 P.M. START
Bring a main dish to pass and join in the fun at 6:45 P.M. after
helping with setup. Enjoy "Eye-ball QSOs," entertainment, awards,
and surprises. Last opportunity to purchase reduced-price Hamfest
tickets. GRARA Club meeting held immediately after the potluck.
Over 125 people attended the potluck last year.
All walk-ins. Technician, General and Extra Class. Please bring
original and a copy of your license, any C.S.C.E.'s with some form
of photo ID and a check made out to "ARRL / VEC".

INFO: Call Kathy at (616) 698-6627 after 4 p.m.
(E.D.S.T.) for info and discount rate motels.
Check out the IRA Web-site at: www.w8hvg.org.
Talk-In will be on 147.160 link system (94.8 pl).
Write for reservations & tickets to: I.R.A. Hamfest,
562 92nd Street SE, Byron Center, MI 49315.
Camping fee: $10.00; w/elec. $5.00 more. Tickets:
$5.00 ea. before June 6th; $6.00 ea. on June 7th.
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.GRAND RAPIDS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS - DOWNTOWN
Dale Williams, ARRL Michigan Section Manager - Moderator
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DEALERS: BRING YOUR HAM
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BOOKS, PARTS, JEWELRY, CAPS,
SWEAT-SHIRTS, JACKETS, ETC,
TO SELL ..... BE THERE!
HAMS: BRING YOUR RADIOS, BOOKS,
ANTENNAS, COAX, COMPUTERS,
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OR SELL ..... BE THERE!
COMPUTER HOBBYISTS: BRING
YOUR EXCESS HARDWARE, BOOKS,
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EVERYONE: LOOK AT ALL THE
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From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan Region 6 Emergency Coordinator
Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/

E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422

4242. Field Day....Field Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-05 19:03:19 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 4189 Message: 4242

Tonight the program at the club house general meeting the program will be Field Day hosted by Al Pepping our field day chairman.

In addition I will be bringing out a portion of the power plant that will be used. It will be 3KW battery operated inverters with modified sign wave output. I have operated a Elecraft K2, Collins KWM-2 and Heathkit SB-102 and have found NO noise generated on HF bands 80-10 With the filters turned off on the rigs. Feel free to bring your radio and plug it in and try it out.

W8AMZ

4243. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hamfest this Saturday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-06 06:10:12 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4241 Message: 4243

I wonder if, perhaps, maybe this should have been sent out
a month ago so folks could plan for it better...

////////////// K8JHR ///////////

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> ASSOCIATION, INC.
> INCLUDE S.A.S.E. AND MAIL TO: I.R.A. HAMFEST, 562 92ND STREET SE, BYRON
> CENTER, MI 49315
> .D-STAR WHAT IS IT? DEMO AND FORUM - 10:00 A.M.
> .LINK REPEATER SYSTEM OPERATION EXHIBIT
> .GRAND RAPIDS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS - DOWNTOWN
> Dale Williams, ARRL Michigan Section Manager - Moderator
> .DX-PEDITION VIDEOS AND AWARDS EXHIBIT
> DEALERS: BRING YOUR HAM
> EQUIPMENT, COAX, COMPUTER
> EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, WIRE,
> ALTERNATIVE ENERGY EQUIPMENT,
> BOOKS, PARTS, JEWELRY, CAPS,
> SWEAT-SHIRTS, JACKETS, ETC,
> TO SELL ..... BE THERE!
> HAMS: BRING YOUR RADIOS, BOOKS,
> ANTENNAS, COAX, COMPUTERS,
> AND EQUIPMENT TO SHOW, TRADE
> OR SELL ..... BE THERE!
> COMPUTER HOBBYISTS: BRING
> YOUR EXCESS HARDWARE, BOOKS,
> SOFTWARE, PARTS, ETC., TO TRADE
> OR SELL ..... BE THERE!

> EVERYONE: LOOK AT ALL THE
> ACTIVITIES ..... BE THERE!
>
>
>>From Tom VanderMel KB8VEE Michigan Region 6 Emergency Coordinator
> Assistant Director for Member Services Great Lakes Division ARRL
> General Manager Tool Max Industrial Supply
> Home Page http://www.qsl.net/kb8vee/
> E Mail kb8vee@... Home Phone is (231) 865-1558 Cell Phone (231) 206-0422
>
>

4244. Whet your whistle for Museum Ships Event with this YouTube video

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-07 13:34:24 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 4244 Message: 4244

Check it out:

http://youtube.com/watch?v=73ESCKdBbf4

74 ships this year. As the TV announcer says, "it is a big deal."

Hope conditions bless us,
Linda, AB8QH

4245. Newaygo County EOC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-07 18:02:17 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4245 Message: 4245
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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4246. FIELD DAY IN NEWAYGO AND OCEANA COUNTY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-08 21:00:49 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4246 Message: 4246

Howdy everyone.
Does anyone have any information as to if Newaygo and Oceana County
are going to conduct any Field Day operations?

Thank you
Rich "Doc" Strait, AC8AL
Volunteer DST Lead
Red Cross serving Muskegon,
Oceana and Newaygo counties
dstlead at arcmon.org
www.arcmon.org

4247. Laryn, K8TVZ and Bob, KD8HNF narrowly beat GRARA's Pres in Fox Hunt

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-09 00:08:32 UTC
From: mike_w8der
Topic: 4247 Message: 4247

Fox"ees" Tom and Sheila Bosscher (K8TB/k8AJ) kept everyone laughing with their taunts as searchers combed western Ottawa County in the GRARA "My Money's All Gone Fox Hunt" Saturday afternoon. Tom and Sheila had quietly slipped out of the IRA Hamfest in Hudsonville and were sitting under a shade tree in Heritage Park on Canel Avenue in Grandville. For a while it seemed like nobody would find them. Hints like "I see a lot of green", and "this ice cream tastes good" didn't seem to help a lot.

Laryn Lohman, K8TVZ, and his sidekick Bob Robinson, KD8HNF, narrowly beat the GRARA team of President Jack Kunnen, AB8ND, Tom Hansen, N8DGD, and Louie White, N8ZVB.

Both teams took over an hour to find the Fox with the winning team traveling 8.9 miles and the second team traveling 10 miles. The team traveling the least distance within the two hour contest time becomes the winner who earns a nifty certificate "suitable for framing" and the first shot at becoming the fox for next month's hunt.

All teams found Heritage Park within the two hour limit with "straggler" Mike Hill, W8DER, stumbling in with 8 minutes to spare and the team of Jim Leys, KD8CAN, and Kirk Wyatt, KC8TTT, slipping in with three minutes to spare. Admittedly the hints got a little better at the end. The final hint went something like "fill in the blank -- I would go to a dentist for a root _____."

Everyone who met at the Burger King on 44th and Kennowa for a drink agreed that this transmitter hunt will be hard to beat.

BUT WE ARE GOING TO TRY IN JULY. STAY TUNED......

Clubs represented included HARC, GRARA, Lowell and GVSU.

Our thanks go out to Tom and Sheila for showing us how much fun a transmitter hunt can be. Also our thanks to the IRA folks for letting us start our hunt from their hamfest.

For information on the next hunt, rules and equipment tips, watch the GRARA web site, http://www.W8DC.Org under "Fox Hunts 2008".

The Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

4248. W8T - National Trails day - HF a bust

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-09 01:05:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4248 Message: 4248

Randy, AG8A, and I activated W8T for the National Trails Day at just after 1600Z. today (June 7). We operated next to the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail in downtown Rockford, Michigan, near Peppler Park and the dam site on the Rogue River. There was lots of foot and bicycle traffic, and we answered quite a few questions about Ham Radio, CW, and voice communications via radio.

We were running about 5 watts to a random wire antenna, up about 15'. A "weight eating tree" ate my golf ball weights, so we threw a string over a convenient branch about 20' from the operating position, and use it to hoist the antenna. The match was excellent on 40 metres, but we couldn't get a match on 20. A similar antenna had done well for QRPTTF, so we were optimistic. Our optimism waned because we didn't raise anyone after over an hour of CQ's. Don't know if it was conditions, antenna configuration, or operator error. We heard only a few fairly strong stations in the lower parts of the band, and somewhat of a "pile up" on WW2LST, a museum ship so it appeared that the receiver was working. Even on the strongest stations slow QSB was evident. We tuned to 7250, where we said we'd be operating voice, but there were no strong stations, and only a few weak stations, so we didn't try SSB.

The day wasn't a total bust, because 2 meter FM was useful. We contacted several stations on the wide area linked repeaters in Michigan using that mode.

I'm glad to hear that conditions were better for others.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

Yahoo! Groups Links

4249. DV Dongle Now Available at AES

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-09 16:19:43 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4249 Message: 4249

I heard from the AES National Sales Manager today that AES is now selling the DV Dongle and has them in stock. You can reach AES at: 800-558-0411 or www.aeshamcom

More information about the DV Dongle that allows you to use your PC to connect to D-STAR repeaters over
the internet is available at: http://www.dvdongle.com/DV_Dongle/Home.html73, Mark, WB9QZB Chicago, IL

4250. Re: [WestMichiganHams] FIELD DAY IN NEWAYGO AND OCEANA COUNTY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-09 16:27:11 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4246 Message: 4250
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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4251. Re: FIELD DAY IN NEWAYGO AND OCEANA COUNTY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-09 17:54:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4246 Message: 4251

Is this what thou seeketh?

from: http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php

N8OE
Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club

Big Rapids, MI
GOTA: no
Talk-in: 146.740
Contact: John W McDowell, KC8BAR
KC8BAR@...
Web Site

According the the Mecosta County Web site, Big rapids is the county seat
of Mecosta County.

If you need for info, contact kc8bar@... directly.

73 de n8xx Hg

ravennaelectronics wrote:

> 1. FIELD DAY IN NEWAYGO AND OCEANA COUNTY
> Posted by: "ravennaelectronics" ravennaelectronics@... ravennaelectronics
> Date: Sun Jun 8, 2008 2:00 pm ((PDT))
>
> Howdy everyone.
> Does anyone have any information as to if Newaygo and Oceana County are going to conduct
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> Thank you
> Rich "Doc" Strait, AC8AL
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4252. radio for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-10 14:09:58 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 4252 Message: 4252

All
Can someone please buy the radio from Chris by Thursday. It looks like a great buy to me.
Tom KB8VEE

----- Original Message -----
From: Chris Schulte
To: toolmax@...
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 10:04 AM
Subject: radio for sale

I have the following radio for sale that needs to go extremely quickly:
Kenwood TMV71A dule band mobile.

This radio is echo link ready, has a reversable face, and recieves from 108.00 mhz to 1300.00 mhz. It puts out 50 watts on 2 meters, and 35 watts on 70 cm.

I still have the original packaging, and all of the manuals.

I also have preinstalled, the VGS1 voice chip, which is not only a voice synthesizer, but a voice recorder as well.

I will also include the PG5H cable kit for echo link. There is nothing that comes with the radio that wasn't sent from the factory originally. I have made no other upgrades to the radio other then having the voice chip installed. There are no other modifications to the rig, and it has been in a clean smoke free environment.

I am asking $325 for everything mentioned.

This radio needs to be sold by thursday morning. I am moving to Grand Rapids, and need to come up with some money for the prorated first month's rent, and a security deposit. If you can get me the requested price sooner, the better for me.

I am having Tom post this to the list because there is a good chance that I can get it sold quickly. I live in Muskegon, but if there is someone interested in Grand Rapids that can meet with me thursday morning to make the exchange, then I will be more then happy to oblige them by meeting them there.

I can be reached at 231-457-7136. You can also contact Tom, kb8vee and he will pass along any contact information.

Please help out a blind ham that really needs it.

73,
Chris, w8cjs

4253. Ol' Sol still quiet.....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-10 16:16:32 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 4253 Message: 4253

And no-one knows why..... not even so called "experts".

http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/06/080609124551.htm

Greg, KC8HXO

4254. Re: [WestMichiganHams] radio for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-10 18:01:00 UTC
From: kb8vee@comcast.net
Topic: 4252 Message: 4254

Thanks He has a buyer in about a hour. Tom KB8VEE

-------------- Original message --------------
From: "Tool Max Ind. Supply" <toolmax@...>
All
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73,
Chris, w8cjs

4255. need e-mail contact with Abe (W8HVG)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-10 18:18:09 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 4255 Message: 4255

Hi, all.

I'm writing this e-mail on my laptop at my son's house near St. Louis,MO.

I'm trying to get in touch with Abe (W8HVG), from the IRA link system, about getting his permission to use the link system if needed for back-up communications for the Michigander Bicycle Tour which will be traversing through Western and Northern Lower Michigan this coming July.

The e-mail address I now have for abe is:

abra@...

Perhaps he is out of town too, but Abe usually responds to his e-mail fairly quickly.

Thanks for any help you can provide.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO and Michigander Bike Tour NCS Station

4256. field day 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-10 23:39:43 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4171 Message: 4256

LOCAL RADIO ENTHUSIASTS SHARE THEIR PASSION FOR TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLIC SERVICE DURING AMATEUR RADIO WEEK
For More Information Contact:
John T Fischer
616-402-0665
Grand Haven Mi) -- On-air demonstrations, satellite communications and emergency preparedness activities are on tap for members of the North Ottawa amateur radio club as they gear up to celebrate Amateur Radio Week, June 23 & 29 2008
During Amateur Radio Week, enthusiasts will put on demonstrations, give talks to community groups and take part in other activities to raise awareness about Amateur Radio. The week culminates with the annual preparedness exercise called "Field Day," June 28 and 29. Field Day is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national association for Amateur Radio.
During Field Day, operators set up in local parks, at shopping malls, or even in their own backyards, and get on the air using generators or battery power. Field Day was designed to test operators' abilities to set up and operate portable stations under emergency conditions such as the loss of electricity. "We want the community to know that in the event of an emergency, we will be ready to assist in any way we can, says Jim Miller (Activities director.) "While people often think that cell phones or other communications technologies have replaced ham radio, we can still provide an important communications service that others can't."
Field Day is a serious test of skill, but it is also a contest for fun and the largest "on-air" operating event each year. During the weekend, radio operators try to contact as many other Field Day stations as possible. More than 30,000 Amateur Radio operators across the country and Canada participated in last year's event.
The North Ottawa amateur radio club will hold Field Day at Coast Guard park on north shore rd. and will be operating from Sat June 28 starting at 8:00am for setup At 2:00 pm Radio operations start until 2:00 pm Sun June 29 "We hope that anyone who is interested in seeing what Amateur Radio is all about will come out for Field Day," says Jim Miller Activities director.
Today there are more than 670,000 Amateur Radio operators in the United States and more than 2.5 million worldwide. To find out more about Amateur Radio or how you can get started, contact John Fischer at 616-402-0665, or email kc8uny@... Information is also available from the American Radio Relay League, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 or by calling 1-800-32-NEW HAM. The URL for the ARRL's home page on the World Wide Web is www.arrl.org.

4257. bicyle mobile antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-12 00:42:42 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4257 Message: 4257

Looking for a 2 meter or dual band mobile antenna to mount on my bicycle. Any body have an plans?

KC8PCJ

4258. Re: [WestMichiganHams] bicyle mobile antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-12 00:05:16 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4257 Message: 4258
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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4260. Re: need e-mail contact with Abe (W8HVG)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-12 03:35:45 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 4255 Message: 4260

I don't know what you have for Abe's address since Yahoo doesn't allow addresses in plain text.

In a recent QST article his address is listed as:

abra *at* i2k <dot> com

Laryn K8TVZ

4261. The Sunspot Enigma: The Sun is “Dead”—Wha t Does it Mean for Earth?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-12 03:42:46 UTC
From: Jason
Topic: 4261 Message: 4261

Don't know how many of you out there follow Digg articles, but I thought this one may be of slight interest to a few of you.

http://www.dailygalaxy.com/my_weblog/2008/06/the-sunspot-mys.html

73
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Jason
KI4VUO

4263. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: need e-mail contact with Abe (W8HVG)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-12 15:08:39 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 4255 Message: 4263

Laryn:

That's the e-mail address I have for Abe.

May just have to resort to a phone call here if I continue to get no response.

Thanks for the info, though; at least I know I've got what seems to be the most current information.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Laryn Lohman" <larynl@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2008 11:35 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: need e-mail contact with Abe (W8HVG)

I don't know what you have for Abe's address since Yahoo doesn't allow addresses in plain text.

In a recent QST article his address is listed as:

abra *at* i2k <dot> com

Laryn K8TVZ

4264. Fw: WEAVER'S WORDS -- INVITATION TO ON-LINE CONFERENCE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-12 11:15:55 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4264 Message: 4264

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL GL Division" <memberlist@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2008 7:13 AM
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- INVITATION TO ON-LINE CONFERENCE

> [Reply only to k8je@....]
>
> RE: DIVISION CONFERENCING TEST -- REGULATORY WEBINAR
>
> Dear GLD member,
>
> * Response to poll.
> * Invitation to try one conferencing method.
> * Let me know your view of the method.
>
> Some 450 members responded to my request concerning interest in holding
> division conferences electronically. The response was about 20-to-1 in
> favor of giving this a try. Thanks to all for sharing your thinking.
>
> Thanks to a fellow director, we have an opportunity to try out one form
> of conferencing. The system involved is the Webinar. It involves
> logging into a special web site (to receive conference video on your
> computer screen) and calling into a telephone conference (to receive
> the voice discussions), Admittedly, the telephone call may involve a
> toll fee unless you have unlimited long distance service through your
> provider.
>
> Director Bill Edgar of the Atlantic Division is holding a Webinar this
> Saturday, June 14. The subject is FCC Amateur Radio Regulations. The
> leader of the discussion is Dan Henderson, ND1Q the ARRL HQ Regulatory
> guru. You will have the opportunity to have your questions answered.
> The time of the Webinar is from 11 AM-12 Noon.
>
> Bill has extra space in the Webinar and has invited members of the GLD
> to participate. Instructions on doing this are provided, below.
> Please be aware that there is a limit to the number of people who can
> be served in a Webinar; therefore, if you are interested in seeing how
> this works, you should reserve your space by registering as soon as
> possible. If you participate, please let me know how you feel about us
> using this form of conferencing to serve our division.
>
> To participate:
>
> Title: Atlantic Division ARRL Regulatory Webinar
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>
> Reserve your Webinar seat now at:
> https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/295496463
>
> Saturday, June 14, 2008
>
> Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT
>
> Meet with ARRL's Regulatory Manager, Dan Henderson N1ND, who will
> present information about the ARRL's regulatory program and what he's
> been working on.
>
> This webinar/teleconference is for anyone interested in regulatory
> issues such as ARRL members, clubs members, ARES members, Section
> Managers, Section Cabinet Staff and everyone else.
>
> This is a free online presentation and teleconference. (The telephone
> call to the conference center may be a toll call however.)
>
> There will be a question and answer period after the presentation.
>
> System Requirements
> PC-based attendees
> Required: Windows? 2000, XP Home, XP Pro, 2003 Server, Vista
>
> Macintosh?-based attendees
> Required: Mac OS? X 10.3.9 (Panther?) or newer
>
> Space is limited.
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
> ARRL - The Reason Amateur Radio Is!
> Members - The Reason ARRL Is!
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> --
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> --
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.

> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

4265. Re: [WestMichiganHams] bicyle mobile antenna

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-13 22:00:20 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4257 Message: 4265

Thanks for the suggestions. now to decide what to do...

----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2008 9:12 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] bicyle mobile antenna

I stuck a mag mount on the rear rack a while back and it worked great!

My rack is now aluminum so I can't do it anymore.

mhz

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: westmichiganhams
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2008 08:42
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] bicyle mobile antenna

Looking for a 2 meter or dual band mobile antenna to mount on my bicycle. Any body have an plans?

KC8PCJ

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG.
Version: 7.5.524 / Virus Database: 270.2.0/1497 - Release Date: 6/11/2008 8:32 AM

4268. "We Do That" with Amateur Radio!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-15 20:40:14 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4268 Message: 4268

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/06/10/10151/?nc=1
"We Do That" with Amateur Radio!

The third ARRL Public Relations campaign -- We Do That - with Amateur Radio -- celebrates the technology side of ham radio. According to ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, Amateur Radio means many things to many people. "What is it about Amateur Radio that arouses the interest of people?" Pitts asked. "You have the fun, friendship and hobby side. We showcased this side in 2006 with our Hello campaign. You have the emergency service side. We brought this valuable part of Amateur Radio to the public's eye in 2007 with Emergency Radio - Getting the Message through for Your Family and Community. And now you have the technology and creative side. In 2008, we are capitalizing on this third prong, getting word out to the public that there is tons of stuff you can do with Amateur Radio."
Unveiled at the 2008 Dayton Hamvention® this past May, this new coordinated public relations effort shows the world the technological activities and creative imaginations that Amateur Radio's people love. Like the previous public relations campaigns, Pitts said, this is a campaign with several interlocking parts:
Public Service Announcements
There are Public Service Announcements (PSAs) that can be played on commercial radio stations. Check these out on the ARRL Public Information Officer Web site; more will be coming out as the year unfolds. These mp3 files are easily downloaded and can be taken to local radio stations. "Many radio stations have a public service obligation they need to fulfill, and these PSAs are a great way for them to do so, while showcasing the neat things we do as hams," Pitts said.
Brochures
ARRL has created an attractive brochure http://www.arrl.org/brochures/ that celebrates ham technology. This brochure shows hams doing many exciting activities, from Green Radio -- Amateur Radio using renewable energy sources -- to the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) through time and space itself. These brochures, in packs of 25, are available at no cost except for a small shipping fee.
WeDoThat-Radio.org
A new special Web site has been created just for this campaign. "Maximizing the strong points of the
Hello-Radio http://www.hello-radio.org/hello/ and Emergency-Radio
http://emergency-radio.org/ Web sites before it, WeDoThat-Radio.org uses some of the newer technologies similar to the blog format, allowing for easy topic additions and changes, even providing a place for and visitors to ask questions," Pitts said.
Stickers
Let's admit it, hams and kids like free things and stickers are fun. So we made up a bunch to share. If you happen to have a presentation to students, it's a nice touch. These are "free while the supply lasts," Pitts said.
Talk on a Disk
What began as an experiment in 2007 has since become a major success. The ARRL's Talk on a Disk was quickly snatched up and used by people making presentations to groups. This CD contains all the materials you need to make a good PowerPoint presentation before a non-ham

group, including slides and supportive audio and video. "For 2008, we created a brand new Talk on a Disk highlighting the technology campaign and coordinated with the brochures. It can make almost anyone look good in front of a group. Just follow the script! Or, you can modify it to meet local needs," said Pitts. If you have a presentation to make and want to talk about the technology of ham radio, please e-mail Pitts about it.

Swiss Army Knife for PIOs

The 2008 Knife, Pitts said, is actually a CD with all the basic forms and information a Public Information Officer (PIO) should need -- all in one place. "Last year, we produced more than 1000 of these and they were all snatched up," Pitts said. With audio and video files, documents in computer forms that PIOs can modify to meet local needs, as well as hundreds of pointers and ideas, the Swiss Army Knife for PIOs has become a mainstay for public relations work. Disks are available for PIOs by sending Pitts an e-mail.

Every Ham is a PIO

"There is a saying," Pitts said, "that all news is local -- and it is true. If there is not a local or personal 'hook' to a story, it does not make it into the news. Because of this, the Public Information Officers in your area are critical to the local perception of Amateur Radio." When PIOs take these materials and modify them for local use, it affects everything from antenna regulations to club membership levels.

But it is not just up to the PIOs to achieve positive publicity for hams, Pitts said: "There is another saying, 'Every ham is a PIO.' When people become curious about Amateur Radio they turn to the first ham operator they find and that conversation is crucial to the future. All the brochures, TV ads, radio and news stories are of no benefit if that initial conversation with a potential recruit is not positive. PIOs can only 'bring the fish to the boat.' It is up to every ham to be ready to bring them in by taking the time and effort to make the initial one-on-one contact a positive experience. In the end, 'It takes a ham to make a ham.'"

Need Help?

There is a wealth of materials available http://www.arrl.org/pio for anyone to use. Here you can find background information handouts for media, as well as all sorts of helpful files and tips. Each month, Pitts puts out CONTACT!, an e-zine for ARRL PIOs that contains ideas, information and timely materials. The ARRL Public Relations Committee is also able to aid groups facing unusual problems or situations. These PR veterans have a wealth of knowledge you can draw upon. There is a public relations email reflector where PIOs from around the country share their problems, ideas and successes with other PIOs.

It's Up to You

The energies that your club -- and you as an individual -- put into positive PR work will pay off for your radio future in many ways, Pitts said. "Go show the world that 'It's not just your grandfather's radio anymore.'"

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4270. WEAVER'S WORDS -- Post Webinar Special Edition

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-15 11:42:17 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4270 Message: 4270

[As always, reply only to k8je@....]

This is a short "special edition." The principal purpose for this edition is to request feedback from GLD members who were able to participate in the Webinar this past Saturday. Your opinion of the Webinar format for conferencing within our Division is very important to me.

If you participated in the Webinar, did you like the format? Did you dislike the format? Do you believe that discussions with questions and answers such as on Saturday would be useful? Not useful? Do you vote "I think we ought to hold Webinars" or do you vote "Do not hold Webinars?"

Please send your comments to k8je@.... Please place the subject WEBINAR COMMENT in the subject line of the e-mail message.

Tnx for your help. I hope to be able to piggy-back on future Webinars in the near future -- and to be able to give you greater advance notice of these.

73, TNX,

Jim

- Webinar test.
- You asked.

+++ Webinar test +++

I will appreciate it if you who had the opportunity to take part in last Saturday's Webinar test will let me know your impression of it. In particular, do you believe it is a viable method to use to hold on-line and telephone conferences within our Great Lakes Division? Was the form of the conference useful to you? Do you believe it would be useful to other members of the Division?

Please send your comments to k8je@....

I apologize for the short timing I gave in notifying you of the Webinar. I became aware of it only several hours before I forwarded notice of it to you.

I want to thanks Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR for allowing us to piggyback on his Webinar. I believe we will have another opportunity or two to join him in future Webinars before we need to make the decision about buying into this same system for our Division.

+++ You asked +++

A few members asked what is going on that such a fuss is being made over D-Star when it is obviously a product of ICOM and is not open to other equipment makers. They are concerned we should not promote communication systems when the sales only benefit a monopoly.

The answer to this question is fairly simple. D-Star is not a monopoly. It is open for all manufacturers to use.

This digital form of communication was developed through a grant from the Japanese government. The developers were the Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL) and ICOM. Once developed, ICOM chose to manufacture gear using this technology. ICOM and JARL have offered the system to other manufacturers; however, none of the others have chosen to use D-Star . . . to this date.

Because of its capabilities, development of D-Star systems has been pursued with vigor by ARES(r) in some Sections of the country. There are hot-spots of great interest in other Sections. D-Star supports voice, digital and other modes.

The fact that ICOM is the only manufacturer that is selling D-Star gear is not necessarily surprising. One marketing strategy of corporations in response to a new, breakthrough product is to wait to enter the
> market until they are sure the market will support a second
> manufacturer. Until this has been demonstrated, they wait rather than
> invest money in products and advertising. I believe we are in the
> waiting period at this time.
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> The fact that ICOM currently is the only manufacturer of D-Star
> equipment is not because ICOM has a monopoly. The D-Star technology is
> readily available to others to use in making equipment -- when they
> want to use it.
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> +++ Tentative Schedule +++
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> NOTE: Beginning with this month, appearances made by John Meyers,
> NB4K, in his capacity as the Division Legislation Action Chair will be
> listed in the Tentative Schedule.
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> 21 Juh: Milford (OH) Hamfest - Jim, John
> 29-30 Jun: Field Day - Jim
> 10 Jul: Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown - Jim, John
> 11-13 Jul: Michigan Summer Outing, Lupton (TBD) - Jim, John
> 17 Jul: A&F Meeting, Newington - Jim
> 18-19 Jul: Board Meeting, Newington - Jim, Gary
> 22 Jul: Quarterly GLD Teleconference
> 1 Aug: Massillon (OH) RC - Jim
> Noon 8 Aug: Nominations close for Director/Vice Director election
> 10 Aug: Central Kentucky Hamfest, Lawrenceburg - Jim
> 15 Aug: Genesee County RC, 75th Anniversary, Flint, MI - Jim

> 13 Sep: OH Section Conf, Columbus - Jim, Gary
> 21 Sep: Cincinnati Hamfest - Jim, Gary
> 23 Sep-1 Oct: Director/Vice Director ballots mailed
> 7 Oct: OH-KY-IN ARS (Cincinnati) ARRL Night - Jim
> 12 Oct: Michigan State Convention, Kalamazoo - Jim
> 28 Oct: Quarterly GLD Teleconference
> 21 Nov: (Noon) Deadline for return of ballots; ballots counted
> 22 Nov: (By end of day) Candidates notified of election results
>
> 2009
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> 1 Jan: (Noon) Newly elected/re-elected Director and Vice Director
> replace the present Director and Vice Director.
>
> 73,
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
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> k8je@...
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

4271. Tool Max this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-16 13:53:04 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3847 Message: 4271

Check out our New Web sight at www.toolmaxonline.com Let me know what you think.

New items this week I need some, bring them in.
1 Radio Shack Pro 2018 200 Channel Scanner Works great $50
1 NWS All Weather Rain Gauge New $10
1 X-50 Diamond base Antenna Like new $70

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other NEW items in Stock

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28 Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters out of stock now $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea
HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $20 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .50 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $3.25 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $8
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

We are the only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.

Technician Class $18.95
General Class $20.95
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)

300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8

LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Other Used Equipment on Consignment
1 SMC 7004BR 4 port Computer Hub $5
1 Otto Head Set with Mic $5
1 IC 706 interface cable unit to use Power Amp $20
1 Box of Large Compactors 10-12 pc total $5
HP PDA Pocket PC Model Jornada 545 16MB Ram Color PDA $100
Paum Zire Black & White PDA $30
Arrow 222 5 Element 220mhz Beam $25
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
2-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each and less for smaller ones

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40 Make offer
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

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down) in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios parts for sale. For more information call or e mail Tom KB8VEE at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

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Website www.toolmaxonline.com

4272. help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-16 14:41:22 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1081 Message: 4272

Hello All . this sat june 21 2008 we have a 5K race in spring lake. we will meet at the spring lake eoc at 7:00 am the race starts at 8:00am if tou can help contact kc8uny or kb8odb thanks John kc8uny

4274. Fw: Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-15 23:49:41 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 442 Message: 4274

> Greetings Fellow Amateurs,
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> Well, Field Day is finally upon us, the biggest operating event of the
> year. With some slight revisions to "The Rules", we are encouraged by
> this
> opportunity to gain some valuable publicity for the activity. Please
> insure
> that arrangements have been made for public officials to visit and that
> your
> Official Welcoming Committee is in place. Keep in mind that most visitors
> will be completely overwhelmed by what they see and someone needs to be
> your
> spokesperson to explain what all the antennas and equipment are really
> doing
> -- and explain it all in easy to understand terms. That is, no ham radio
> buzzwords, but in language the visitors can relate to. Good luck
> everyone.
>
> I am pleased to announce that Simon Boehme KC8ZYD of Kalamazoo has
> accepted
> the appointment as Assistant Section Manager for Youth. Simon has been
> working diligently to help the ARRL Michigan Section determine where
> Michigan
> hams stand in terms of having a solid growth plan for young entry-level
> hams
> and to initiate a process to insure bring more young people in this hobby.
> Formalizing this appointment will offer the recognition that is
> appropriate
> for these responsibilities. We will be hearing more and more from Simon
> as
> these next few weeks progress. In the interim, you can establish contact
> with him at kc8zyd@....
>
> With one change comes another, it seems. After 10 years as our Official
> Observer Coordinator and 15 as an OO, Don N8NJE is preparing to step down.
> "It's time," Don said. His retirement date is August first and over the
> next
> few weeks, Don and I will be working on the list of candidates under
> consideration for his replacement. Our cadre of OOs has accomplished much
> under Don's capable leadership. Our relationship between the Amateur
> Auxiliary and the FCC continues to be very high and N8NJE deserves much of
> the credit for that excellent association. Did you know that the OO
> position
> is the only ARRL Field appointment that requires applicants to pass a test
> before they are appointed? Keeping these high standards is paramount for

> members of the OO/AA program and this is not taken lightly. Don always
> interviews each applicant for the program and is very diligent to insure
> that
> the applicant follows ARRL and FCC guidelines. My sincere thanks as well
> as
> the combined thanks of the members of the ARRL Michigan Section go to Don
> for
> his many years of service.
>
> Just a reminder for all of us, please take some time to update your
> records
> at the ARRL Members Only Web Page. I have noted that many phone numbers
> and
> similar information are out of date. This is important contact data and I
> ask that you take the time to insure that we have everything correct.
> Home,
> work and cell numbers often change and this database is my first reference
> point if I need to contact you. Thanks.
>
> Newly installed officers for the Hazel Park ARC are: Pres. KE8UM; 1st V
> Pres K8ABZ; 2nd V Pres. K8TRF; Treas. K8UP; Dir. KC8WPW; Sec. W9NPI;
> Parliamentarian, WD8S. Congratulations to these new club officers. Last
> month I "fat fingered" the call sign of the Livingston ARC's Program
> Director. KC8VAB is the LARK's new Program Director.
>
> Here come the monthly reports. I do sincerely wish to thank each and
> everyone for doing an outstanding job of reporting monthly. To our ECs
> and
> DECs, our Net Managers, and our OESs: I truly appreciate all that you do.
> These reports are collected by WB8RCR and are posted on our Section ARPSC
> Web
> Pages for your review. The ECs' FSD 212 reports are also seen by our
> State's
> Emergency Managers, so they have a good idea of the services we are
> performing. Keeping this information flowing is truly vital to our
> success.
> We can only impress those whom we serve by reporting what we are doing and
> how vital these efforts have become. Keep up the good work.
>
> Station Activity Reports (SARs) for May, 2008: WB9JSR 629, AC8AR 434,
> AB8SY
> 327, K8LJG 228, KD8AAD 128, KC8MLD 99, K8KV 95, K8RDN 80, AB8WF 76, K8AE
> 75,
> KD8HPF 53, WB8RCR 51, W8RNQ 50, KC8BMV 18, WD8USA 16, KD8FNN 15, KC8NTE
> 12,
> AC8AL 7, WA8OOH 4, KC8ZGB 4, KC8LXS 4. SARs are reports of all the
> radiogram
> traffic you have handled in the past month.
>
> Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHRs) for May, 2008: WB8RCR 242,

> AC8AL
> 238, KC8NTE 237, WD8USA 201, K8RDN 175, WB9JSR 135, K8MFK 130, AC8AR 125,
> K8AE 98, AB8SY 80, K8KV 80, K8VFZ 75, KD8FNN 53, KD8HPF 50. PSHRs include
> both your net and public service activities for the month.
>
> May Official Emergency Station reports came in from N8HA, K8COP, and
> KC8NTE. Your OES reports should be filed with WA8EFK with a copy to your
> EC.
>
> Michigan Nets reporting for March: MTN, MVHFTN, MACS, QMN, UPN, TMMTN,
> WSSBN, NLEUP, GLETN, Motor County ARC Net, Hiawatha, MIARPSC, Chelsea ARC
> Net. Total Operator-hours for March: 2468. To include your net's monthly
> activities, contact wb8rcr@.... All nets are encouraged to report
> and
> this especially includes your local ARES and RACES nets. Here is a way to
> way everyone know your net is active. Complete monthly net report details
> are at http://www.mi-nts.org/netreport.php.
>
> PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR. You can access a
> simple reporting form at: http://www.mi-nts.org/PSHR_entry.shtml to
> provide
> your reports to WB8RCR. In all cases, reporting by radiogram is
> encouraged --
> let's keep the NTS busy. Packet messages can be routed to
> wb8rcr@... and wa8efk@... .
>
> 73 until next month.
>
> Dale WA8EFK
>
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> ---
> ARRL Michigan Section
> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
> ---
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> -- webmaster@...

4275. Re: FIELD DAY IN NEWAYGO AND OCEANA COUNTY

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-17 03:04:17 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4246 Message: 4275

Hi Tim.
Thank you for the information. I going to be visiting Field Day sites in several counites as a Red Cross official and am working on my visitation schedule. I am currently deployed to Indiana and working on the Disaster Response Operation here that is for the tornado and flooding. I will be back by Field day.

Best Regards,
Rich "Doc" Strait, AC8AL
Volunteer Disaster Services Technology Lead
Red Cross serving Muskegon, Oceana and Newaygo counties.
ECRV 4711 Operator/Driver
--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Tim Deater" <kc8mse@...> wrote:
>
> I have nothing planned for Newaygo County after all of our drill and
> operations lately. If anyone wants to organize something, I can see what we
> can do.
>
> Tim
> KC8MSE
> Newaygo County
>
>
>
> On Sun, Jun 8, 2008 at 5:00 PM, ravennaelectronics <
> ravennaelectronics@...> wrote:
>
> > Howdy everyone.
> > Does anyone have any information as to if Newaygo and Oceana County
> > are going to conduct any Field Day operations?
> >
> > Thank you
> > Rich "Doc" Strait, AC8AL
> > Volunteer DST Lead
> > Red Cross serving Muskegon,
> > Oceana and Newaygo counties
> > dstlead at arcmon.org
> > www.arcmon.org
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4276. Announcing D-STAR at Field Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-17 15:00:05 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4276 Message: 4276

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: "Woodrick, Ed" <ewoodrick@...>
To: "illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com" <illinoisdigitalham@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2008 9:40:01 PM
Subject: [illinoisdigitalham] Announcing D-STAR at Field Day

D-STAR Field Day!
If you or your club is planning on participating in Field Day this year, then think about also setting up a D-STAR Field Day station and participating in D-STAR Field Day. The rules are similar to Field Day in that is to demonstrate capabilities to others such as Amateur Radio Operators, Public Officials, and even your own Club Officials.
Setting up a D-STAR Field Day Station doesn't take much, a handheld and a log book may be all that is required. Or go all out and setup a Voice, Low Speed Data, and High Speed Data Station.
The rules and more information may be seen at DSTARINFO

 http://www.dstarinfo.com/news/DSTAR_Field_Day.html

We look forward to hearing you during D-STAR Field Day!

Ed WA4YIH

4277. Re: [WestMichiganHams] W9XS Bicycle Mobile

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-17 15:00:16 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4273 Message: 4277

My friend from Albuquerque NM gave a seminar on biking and
ham radio at the Dayton Hamvention this year. Had his bike
and his rig, and all, right at the convention seminar. It as cool.

I enjoyed that little intro this guy made up. Made my day. Thanks.

////////////////////// Richards- k8JHR ////////////////////////
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Al Pepping wrote:
> Here's a ham who takes his bicycle mobile seriously. About as easy
> as pulling teeth (he's a dentist also). Cool stuff !!

4279. field day press release

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-17 21:08:34 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3012 Message: 4279

News Release
National Ham Radio Emergency Test June 28-29
Newington, CT June 10, 2008 -- Thousands of Ham Radio operators will be showing off their emergency capabilities this weekend. Over the past months, the news has been full of reports of ham radio operators providing critical communications in emergencies world-wide. During the recent tornadoes and in Hurricane Katrina, Amateur Radio - often called "Ham radio" - was often the ONLY way remaining by which people could communicate. When trouble is brewing, ham radio people are often the first to provide critical information and communications. On the weekend of June 28-29, the public will have a chance to meet and talk with these ham radio operators and see for themselves what the Amateur Radio Service is about. Showing the newest digital and satellite capabilities, voice communications and even historic Morse code, hams from across the USA will be holding public demonstrations of their emergency communications abilities.
To find out where the Amateur Radio operators will be set up in your area, go to http://tinyurl.com/5bkhzp
This annual event, called "Field Day" is the climax of the week long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the ARRL, the National Association for Amateur Radio. Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators will construct emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools and back yards around the country. Their slogan, "When all else fails." is more than just words to the hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, internet or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a crisis. More than 34,000 amateur radio operators across the country participated in last year's event.
"We hope that people will come and see for themselves, this is not your grandfather's radio anymore," said Allen Pitts of the ARRL. "The communications networks that ham radio people can quickly create have saved many lives in the past months when other systems failed or were overloaded."
There are 654,000 Amateur Radio operators in the US, and more than 2.5 million around the world. Through the ARRL, ham volunteers provide emergency communications for the DHS Citizens' Corps, Salvation Army, FEMA and hundreds of state and local agencies, all for free.
To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to www.WeDoThat-Radio.org. The public is most cordially invited to come, meet and talk with the hams. See what modern Amateur Radio can do. They can even help you get on the air!
In this area The North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club will be setting up at Coast Guard Park setup starts at 8:00 am radio operating starts at 2:00pm and runs until 2:00pm Sun June 29 2008 the public is invited to see what amateur radio is all about or to find out how to become an amateur radio operator
For more info contact John Fischer
616 402 0665 or e-mail kc8uny@...

4280. field day press release

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-17 21:09:51 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3012 Message: 4280

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616 402 0665 or e-mail kc8uny@...

4281. Use if UI-View for Skiwarn and Field day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-18 02:01:50 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 4281 Message: 4281

Hello Everyone .... In Ottawa County we have been looking at implementing the use of one of the existing ham radio networks for Skywarn. Using the APRS network and utilizing a program named UI-View we will be able to place objects representing spotter locations on a map and be able to see them at different locations connect by the APRS network and the Internet. If this was to happen in every county we could see were spotters are being deployed and how well we have Michigan covered.
By setting up the linked repeaters in the county for the Skywarn Weather information net and using simplex frequencies in different areas of the county for spotter check in and check out we will be able to cut traffic on the main system, know in multiple places were spotters are and with UI-Views message system communicate with Skywarn command and net control. This would also provide for a better communications and coordination of spotters. This would also provide a place we could use hams that do not want to participate with attending skywarn but like to use packet radio and have a good station at home for simplex phone and want to stay at home.
With fieldday coming up I would like to see West Michigan Hams take a look at UI-View (free download, request of a donation of your choice to a cancer fund for free registration) and if possible have a APRS station setup for field day this year.
If you think this is a good idea for your area also please drop me a email at : kb8odb@... and I hope to see you on the APRS network.
P.S. you can download the UI-View program register it, set it up (it steps you through it) and with a Internet connection see what is out there on APRS...no radio required.

4282. New Links to UI-View on West Michgan Hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-18 02:23:54 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 4282 Message: 4282

See new links to UI-View on West Michigan Hams

4283. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Tool Max this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-18 03:25:30 UTC
From: steve Cowan
Topic: 3847 Message: 4283

Hi Tom,

I would like to buy a couple of your hamstick antenna's but with gas prices i cannot drive up to your location. Would it be possible to have them shipped to me. I live in Barryton, if you can ship them what would the shipping be.

Thank You and 73
Steve KD8DHZ

"Tool Max Ind. Supply" <toolmax@...> wrote:
Check out our New Web sight at www.toolmaxonline.com Let me know what you think.

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E Mail toolmax@...
Website www.toolmaxonline.com

4284. Wind Turbine in a Box

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-18 15:04:06 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 4284 Message: 4284

Excellent news story on mlive.com for those of us following alternative energy solutions:

http://blog.mlive.com/chronicle/2008/06/invention_brings_wind_energy_h.html

It won't get you off the grid completely, but an interesting development and perhaps a fun toy for Field Day and other outback type operations.

Linda, AB8QH

4287. Re: Wind Turbine in a Box

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-19 16:45:19 UTC
From: Ross
Topic: 4284 Message: 4287

When I read this in the paper last night, I did some quick math. My electric bill is about $35/month. At a 20% savings, the payback is 23 years.

My brother installed a system for Y2K. It has more power, batteries, inverters, and is connected to the grid. When the generator produces more power than he is using, he sells it back to CE for about a tenth of what they charge. Nice markup on their part.

I asked him a while back about his return on investment and he declined to tell me, that says how bad it is.

I think GVSU is going after the third world market, so people can charge up their iPods.

RossN8GMY

4288. Re: Wind Turbine in a Box

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-19 17:28:21 UTC
From: Linda
Topic: 4284 Message: 4288

Geez...sorry I brought it up! Won't happen again.

4290. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Wind Turbine in a Box

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-19 20:40:47 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4284 Message: 4290

Don't feel bad. Turns out to be an excellent discussion. It just proves that one has to do the math, and really figure out what is wheat and what is chaff before embarking on any project.

Good lessons. Obviously some tools are better than others, and the analysis of knowing how to discern which is what is worthwhile.

Thanks. // Richards - K8JHR //
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Linda wrote:
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4291. help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-19 22:51:45 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1081 Message: 4291

Hello all help is needed this sat june 21 2008 with a 5k run in spring lake . we will meet at 7:00 at the spring Lake village Hall in the EOC room the Race starts at 8:00 am if you can help contact don kb8odb or john kc8uny or show up on Sat morning we will be using the 145.490 repeter thanks 73 kc8uny

4292. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Wind Turbine in a Box

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-19 23:07:27 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 4284 Message: 4292

YUP Mark I agree -- thanks Linda.

On Thu, 2008-06-19 at 14:32 -0400, k8mhz@... wrote:
>
> I, for one, have always wondered how much electricity could be
> garnered from a home brew windmill. Would they be able to be 'piggy
> backed' to produce current levels in excess of any indivual generator
> (or alternator as the case may be).
I for two, have long wondered if our consumption habits would ever change to support this technology. We hams use this kind of stuff to power repeaters on hill-tops, not home sites with air conditioning. Cruising sailors use it to power GPS & nav lights but never turn the prop. Mark your math is right, and yes it will stall before generating tripping current for circuit breakers (mostly), but no it just doesn't fit the model. We are stuck with gas gens in the back yard -- aarrggg.

As I've read this stuff about applying small wind turbines in home use I've wondered what kind of scam was afoot. Viewed from the utility, local gen is more pain than promise. The cost of tuning wind power into the standard 120vac is a huge percentage of the total. So look for stuff that could run sometimes when the wind is blowing, on variable voltage, probably DC, nor require many watts. Not much comes to mind does it?

So we are back to putting repeaters and batteries on windy hill tops. Now we can morph into a positive review? Windy hills & windy hams -- not a bad match up. But it won't sell many. :-)

73
de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

4293. Re: [WestMichiganHams] help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-20 00:42:51 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 1081 Message: 4293

Does Don have a more current email address... the one on QRZ
does not seem to work for me....

////////////////////// K8JHR /////////////////

4294. Re: [WestMichiganHams] help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-20 01:25:55 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1081 Message: 4294

kb8odb@...
----- Original Message -----
From: Richards
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2008 8:42 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] help needed

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does not seem to work for me....

////////////////////// K8JHR /////////////////

4295. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Wind Turbine in a Box

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-20 04:05:57 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4284 Message: 4295

Linda, Please don't ever feel sorry about bring these things up. It was a learning experience for many. and myself I thing more things on the order of GREEN should be brought up, good or bad. The reflector should be used more for discussion on things like this and radio of course. Most of what I see on the reflector is not very thought provoking. Please continue with things you find as far as I am concerned.

Jim.
KC8PCJ

----- Original Message -----
From: Linda
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2008 12:28 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Wind Turbine in a Box

Geez...sorry I brought it up! Won't happen again.

4296. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Wind Turbine in a Box

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-20 04:17:49 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4284 Message: 4296
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Here is a link to building your own 10' wind mill. At 10 MPH wind generates 100 watts. expected at 25 MPH to generate 700 watts

http://www.otherpower.com/turbineplans.html

Many other projects at www.otherpower.com

Check out there test vehicle.

4297. Re: Wind Turbine in a Box

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-20 15:34:47 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 4284 Message: 4297

Yeah... Saw this one, and did not need to do any math. Just laughed out loud. I guess they know "there's one born every minute".

FYI, NOARC has run ALL of the stations for the last 2 Field Days on Solar charged batteries. 100W power, not QRP. NO GAS GENERATOR at all. Man, is the QUIET ever nice!! Works well. Stop in and visit us at Coast Guard Park in Ferrysburg!

Greg, KC8HXO

4299. July Meeting Program

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-21 03:48:08 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 4299 Message: 4299

Hello All,

I wanted to run an idea by Ham Radio community and members of the MAARC. As part of my job each month as V.P. I am required to plan out our programs for each monthly meeting. Well for the month of July the program I had planned feel through. So with the great big huge event next weekend called Field Day I thought maybe we could have a Post Field Day meeting slash discussion about how things went and thoughts on how we can make it better for the next year.

So I am asking YOU the members and the Ham Radio community your thoughts for this idea???

Thank you,

73' de Tom W8AMZ
MAARC Vice President

4300. Re: Wind Turbine in a Box

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-22 11:04:16 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4284 Message: 4300

While driving past Grand Valley's building in Muskegon I see that they have added a wind generator that looks like a lolly pop. A neighbor has one of these wind turbines and I've been wondering if they really work anywhere near as advertised. GVSU is in the energy "business" and way out there trying new things. I'm guessing that if I were to drop into their facility why would they not give me a straight answer to the question, "How much energy do these things generate?"

I'm glad that some folks have "done the math" and shown a flaw in the logic of the "snake oil" salesmen. Thank you.

We can all wonder at the possibility. And we can encourage each other's dreams. Certainly it is a challenge to take your home off the grid. And certainly it is a worthy challenge. Don't squish a dream. Add a little reality. Energy costs, like gasoline, (aren't they the same thing?) (it's just politically correct to jump on the gas price band wagon) will certainly only go higher. Find a way to help the monthly budget.

Bill, AB8SC

4302. New items at Tool Max

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-23 15:48:10 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3762 Message: 4302

Check out our New Web sight at www.toolmaxonline.com Let me know what you think.

New items this week from K8BGP

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1 IC-725 HF Radio $300 or BO
1 MFJ 949B HF Tuners $30
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1 Astron 20 AMP Power Supply $30
2 Pyramid 20 Amp Power Supply $30
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4303. ARLX006 2008 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-24 16:26:44 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4303 Message: 4303

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ARLX006 2008 W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

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From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT June 24, 2008
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Day	Mode	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
FRIDAY	CW	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
	Teleprinter	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM
	Phone	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	8:45 PM	9:45 PM
	CW	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	11:00 PM
SATURDAY	CW	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
	Phone	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
	CW	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
	Teleprinter	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM
	Phone	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	8:45 PM	9:45 PM
SUNDAY	CW	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
	Phone	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
	PSK31	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM

2008 K6KPH Field Day Bulletin Schedule

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	CW	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:30 PM
	Teleprinter	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	9:30 PM
SUNDAY	CW	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
	Teleprinter	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	12:30 PM

W1AW will operate on its regularly published frequencies.

The special PSK31 bulletin will be transmitted on the regular W1AW
teleprinter frequencies.

CW frequencies are 1.8175, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975,
21.0675, 28.0675 and 147.555 MHz.

Teleprinter frequencies are 3.5975, 7.095, 14.095, 18.1025, 21.095, 28.095 and 147.555 MHz (includes PSK31).

Phone frequencies are 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390, 28.590 and 147.555 MHz.

W1AW will transmit the bulletin in 45.45-baud Baudot RTTY, 100-baud AMTOR FEC Mode B, and 110-baud ASCII.

The Maritime Radio Historical Society's K6KPH will transmit the "W1AW" Field Day 2008 message for the benefit of West Coast stations on 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975 and 21.0675 MHz, CW only.

The frequencies for K6KPH Teleprinter (RTTY and FEC AMTOR) will be 7.095 and 14.095 MHz. The K6KPH schedule is accurate as of June 24, 2008.

Any additional transmissions or changes in the schedule will be posted on the web at,
http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/fd-2008-w1aw-sked.html .
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/EX

4304. Fw: D-STAR Field Day Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-24 17:37:43 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4304 Message: 4304
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: "Woodrick, Ed" ewoodrick@...
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 7:24:24 PM
Subject: D-STAR Field Day Update

The days are dwindling. D-STAR Field Day is just about here.

If you haven't heard about it, take a visit to www.DSTARINFO.com for more information.

First, there will be rewards! Icom America has generously offered to donate plaques to the winners of the event. The following plaques will be presented:

- 1st place Overall
- 2nd place Overall
- 1st Place Data Contacts
- 1st Place Bonus Points

So get out this weekend and see if you can get one of these for your club!

We've added some updated information about some suggestions for operating and logging. Please visit www.DSTARINFO.com to download the updated information, as well as the rules.

The goals for D-STAR Field Day is to have fun, show others how to have fun J, and to see just what it is like when we get a lot of people on the air.

A little secret, look at the rules, do a bunch of demonstrations, easiest way to gain points.

Ed Woodrick WA4YIH

4305. Capacitors needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-24 19:43:35 UTC
From: Joe Veldhuis
Topic: 4305 Message: 4305

I recently picked up several large boxes full of resistors with values ranging from less than 10 ohms to nearly a gigohm, many of which are nonstandard values; so I shouldn't have any trouble finding the resistors I need for whatever project I might want to work on. However, I still have a shortage of (useful) capacitors.

Since I will be using most of them in a solderless breadboard at some point (prototyping is a lot easier when soldering isn't involved), the leads need to be fairly long (at least a centimeter) and not too big (smaller than 0.6 millimeters). Those are the only specs that I really care about.

I could also use similarly sized diodes. Doesn't matter what kind they are as long as they work and are labelled in some meaningful way.

Let me know what you want to get rid of and I'll see what I can do with it...

-Joe, N8FQ

4306. Field Day up north

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-24 20:42:08 UTC
From: (Skip) K8RRA
Topic: 4306 Message: 4306

Greetings.

Does anyone know if there will be a Field Day active on Mackinac Island?
What club fields the event?
Where might they set up?

I googled it without joy...

73
de [George (Skip) VerDuin] K8RRA k

4307. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Field Day up north

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-25 03:02:13 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 4306 Message: 4307

Hi Skip .... Here is a place you can email to see what is going on up there ...73 Don
http://www.ccecpsco.org/mackinaw/index.html

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4308. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-26 01:28:39 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 4308

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This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

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http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/D-STAR/D-STAR%20Digital%20Voice%20versus%20Analog%20FM%20Sensitivity.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>

4309. Field Day Shack Leaders

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-26 13:55:32 UTC
From: w8amz
Topic: 4309 Message: 4309

Greetings Field Day Shack Leaders

I will have the power distribution system delivered about 3:00 PM on Friday and operational by 3:30 PM. It would be a good idea to come out early to try out the system with your shack location. Although there are distance limitations to the distribution system, exceeding them will cause a voltage drop that could be harmful to your equipment. We will try to centrally locate it to all the shacks. You as shack leaders will be required to have a good 12-gauge or heavier extension cord to go between your shack and the power pedestals. The maximum length of your extension will be based on where you plug in at on the distribution system.

On another note I will have an extra 10x10 canopy that can be used with or without the screen sides and a couple of extra portable 20' and 30' masts for antennas if needed..

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions by email or call me at 231-855-0281

73' Tom W8AMZ

4310. idas system

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-26 16:37:33 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 4310 Message: 4310
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

i seen this brochure and cant believe how far amatuer radio has come. it looks like all mode repeater system. does anyone have more information on this? paul

4311. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-26 21:06:59 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 4311

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
group.

File : /IDAS System.pdf
Uploaded by : kc8zmo <rockyroster@...>
Description : idas system

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/files/IDAS%20System.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

kc8zmo <rockyroster@...>

4312. idas system

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-26 21:07:52 UTC
From: paul rocky odem
Topic: 4310 Message: 4312

oops i download it as a file

4316. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Radio Class changes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-29 18:19:49 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 4315 Message: 4316

k8mhz@... wrote:

> Greetings Earth People,
>
> As a possible solution to the poor attendance at ham class of late, I
> have decided to try a schedule modification of sorts.
>
> Each Monday will have a different criteria.
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>

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>

Um, this being the "WestMichiganHams" forum, what club and where are
we talking about?

Tom K8TB

4318. Morley receive site grounds maintenance plus campout.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-06-30 15:45:27 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 4318 Message: 4318

Morley receive site grounds maintenance plus campout.

It's time once again for grounds maintenance at the 250ft commercial tower NE of Morley owned by T&W Electronics which, among other radio services, hosts the Lowell Amateur Radio Club 145.27- (94.8Hz) Morley remote receiver 144.67 MHz.
Part of our arrangement with T&W is upkeep of the grounds.
Being the site is a mix of field and woods located in a rural area near Amish families and an Elk-Deer-Buffalo farm, some of us combine this with a camping trip.
The main cleanup day will be this Saturday, July 5. Figure start around 10AM. Rolls and coffee will be provided in the morning, Burgers and beverages for lunch. The "better half" and kids are welcome.
There are no toilet facilities here, but I will have the rest room in my motorhome available. It's not a problem, really!
I plan to arrive Thursday the 3rd and not leave "until I'm ready to".
Anyone else interested in a cheap non-crowded campsite for the Independence Day weekend is welcome. Electricity is available.
Questions? My cell phone is (616)318-4551

On the cleanup agenda this time. Mowing. Cut out stumps. Clearing trees and brush growing under the east guy wires. If time and energy permits, the same for the north guy wires.
Extra chain saws and operators a big plus. Anyone with access to an industrial grade chipper would be a big plus as well.

HOW TO GET THERE?
Use your preferred mapping program and input: 3800 155th Ave, Morley, MI 49336

Directions from Grand Rapids via US-131 Expressway are simple. If your arriving from Lowell, the "from Lowell" directions use paved county roads and really is the shortest, quickest way. But I know some people will go 100 miles out of the way to use expressway. If your heading up, you decide for yourself.

FROM GRAND RAPIDS to Morley receive site.

Head north on US-131 expressway to Morley exit 125, Jefferson Rd.

Turn right / east for 1 1/2 miles to Northland Dr. in the center of Morley.
Just before passing thru Morley, give a shout on the radio to see if we need Ice or anything from a gas station / convenience store.

Jog left / north then right / east. Continue on Jefferson Rd for another 1 3/4 miles.

Turn left / north on 155th Ave for 2 1/2 miles.

Turn right in the drive and park. You will have spotted the tower well before you arrived.

FROM LOWELL to Morley receive site, start at the intersection of Main St. / Hwy M-21 and Hudson. There are Shell and BP fuel stations on opposite corners.

Head north on Hudson St, soon changes to Lincoln Lake Ave, for 20 miles, crossing Hwy M-44 and M-57 along the way.

Turn left / west on 18 Mile Rd., toward Cedar Springs, for 1 mile.

Turn right / north on Meddler Ave for 4 miles. Meddler ends at 22 Mile Rd.

Turn left / west on 22 Mile Rd for 1/2 mile. 22 Mile Rd borders Kent and Montcalm Counties.

Turn right / north on Amble Rd, entering Montcalm County, for 2 miles.

Turn left / west on Briggs Rd for 1 mile.

Turn right / north on Bailey Rd for 4 1/2 miles, passing through the village of Coral.
Just before passing thru Coral, give a shout on the radio to see if we need Ice or anything from the gas station / convenience store.

Turn right / east on Church Rd for 1 mile.

Turn left / north on Amble Rd for 7 1/2 miles. **If Amble Rd were a thru street, I would not have routed you thru Coral!** You will cross Hwy M-46 along the way. Past M-46, you will enter Mecosta County where Amble Rd becomes 150th Ave.

Turn left / west on Jefferson Rd for 1/2 mile.

Turn right / north on 155th Ave for 2 1/2 miles.

Turn right in the drive and park. You will have spotted the tower well before you arrived.

73 Jack NY8D

Home: (616)897-6885
Cell: (616)318-4551 (Nextel 130*719*68)
E-mail: mailto:jamelar@...

4319. NIMS Compliance

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-01 13:30:40 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4319 Message: 4319

Hello, reference NIMS compliance, for all county emergency management volunteers the goal is to have everyone take IS100, IS200, IS700, & IS800.

For EOC Staff, two additional courses are desired which are IS300 & IS400.

73's

Steve N8UJD
No virus found in this outgoing message.
Checked by AVG.
Version: 7.5.524 / Virus Database: 270.4.3 - Release Date: 6/28/2008 12:00 AM

4320. Upcoming Training - Ottawa County EMD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-01 14:06:43 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4320 Message: 4320

Thursday, September 18: Traffic Control @ Fillmore Complex @ 7:00pm

Thursday, October 16: Crime Scene Preservation @ Fillmore Complex @ 7:00pm
No virus found in this outgoing message.
Checked by AVG.
Version: 7.5.524 / Virus Database: 270.4.3 - Release Date: 6/28/2008 12:00
AM

4321. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NIMS Compliance

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-01 13:58:46 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4319 Message: 4321

Steve:

These are our guidelines here in Mecosta County too, and I know Osceola County also complies with them.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
From: "Steve Vander Hill" <svanderhill@...>
To: "WestMichiganHams" <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>; "OCEC/WMSAR" <ocecwmsar@yahoogroups.com>; "North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club W8CSO" <W8CSO@yahoogroups.com>; "Holland Club K8DAA" <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 01, 2008 9:30 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] NIMS Compliance

> Hello, reference NIMS compliance, for all county emergency management
> volunteers the goal is to have everyone take IS100, IS200, IS700, & IS800.
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> For EOC Staff, two additional courses are desired which are IS300 & IS400.
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> Steve N8UJD
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> AM
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4322. NIMS Compliance

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-01 14:36:07 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 4319 Message: 4322

In Muskegon County we also require IS-22.

Jim Duram, K8COP

4323. Re: [WestMichiganHams] NIMS Compliance

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-01 15:26:17 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4319 Message: 4323

We require IS22 in Mecosta County as well, but I didn't include that in
my earlier post because I thought Steve was just talking about NIMS courses.

Anyway, it's good to know that many of us are on the same page.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jim, K8COP" <jimk8cop@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 01, 2008 10:36 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] NIMS Compliance

In Muskegon County we also require IS-22.

Jim Duram, K8COP

4324. call for communications volunteers for upcoming Michigander Bicycle Tour

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-01 18:21:50 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4324 Message: 4324

Hello all.

This is Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO. I will be serving as net control for the Michigander Bicycle Tour, which will occur from July 12-18. My purpose in writing is to put out a call for any ham volunteers that can help with communications for either all or part of the week-long event. This is a large event that will cover a total of nine Lower Michigan counties. If you're available to help please sign up via the link below. This will make it easier for me to know who is available to help, and on what days.

Sign-up link:

http://kcraces.net/signup/michigander.php

Our basic daily schedule, and the counties involved are as follows:

Saturday: July 12:
Everyone starts the ride at Walker, and ends at Muskegon. (Kent, Ottawa, and Muskegon counties)

Sunday: July 13:
The week-enders start at Muskegon, and go back to Walker for their finish; the remaining riders continue onto Rockford. (Muskegon, Ottawa, and Kent counties)

Monday: July 14:
The riders move from Rockford to Edmore. (Kent and Montcalm counties)

Tuesday: July 15:
The riders move from Edmore to Big Rapids. (Montcalm and Mecosta counties)

Wednesday: July 16:
The riders move from Big Rapids to Cadillac (Mecosta, Osceola, and Wexford counties)

Thursday: July 17:
The riders move from Cadillac to Traverse City. (Wexford and Grand Traverse Counties)

Friday: July 18:
Tour wraps up in the TC area with a loop around the Traverse City/Suttons Bay/Mission Point areas. (Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties)

Our nets will run each day from about 7:30 or 8 a.m. until all riders are in camp for the day, which tends to be around 4 p.m., and maybe a bit later

on the longer days. Keep in mind, though, that the cyclists want to get most of their riding done during the earlier parts of the day when it's cooler.

Radio help will be needed at various SAGS, but in many other areas too. One such area is coordinating or providing transportation for broken down bikes, riders with minor injuries, or riders with more serious medical situations. We also will need help from those who can provide information on severe weather threats, and can answer questions about various local services or facilities that might be needed during the tour.

Anyone with a valid amateur radio license, and a willingness to help, will be welcomed.

Here is our repeater list for the tour. In all but one case, I have received official approvals from the respective repeater trustees regarding our repeater usage plans, and the one authorization still pending should be forthcoming later this week.:

Walker:
Primary? W8LRC 145.270?PL = 94.8
Secondary? W8DC 147.260?PL = 94.8
Tertiary W8HVG 147.16 IRA link?PL = 94.8

Muskegon:

Primary? K8WNJ 146.820?Pl = 94.8
Secondary? W8ZHO 146.940?PL = 94.8
Tertiary? W8HVG 145.33 IRA link repeater?PL = 94.8

Walker again (See above):

Rockford:

Primary? W8LRC 145.270?PL = 94.8
Secondary? W8DC 147.260?PL = 94.8
Tertiary? W8HVG 147.16 IRA link?PL = 94.8

Edmore:
Primary--WB8VWK 146.800?NO PL
Secondary? W8LRC 145.270?PL = 94.8

Big Rapids:

Primary? KB8QOI 146.740?no PL
Secondary? W8HVG 145.290 IRA link?PL = 94.8

Cadillac:

Primary?K8CAD 146.980?NO PL
Secondary? W8HVG 147.160 IRA link?PL = 103.5

Traverse City:

Primary-- W8SGR 146.86?NO PL
Secondary-- W8TVC 145.27 ?PL = 114.8
Tertiary?145.15 W8HVG IRA link?PL = 114.8

Sutton?s Bay/Mission Point:

Primary- W8TVT -146.660?Pl = 103.5
Secondary-- W8TCM 145.390?PL = 103.5

My suggestion would be that volunteers monitor the primary
repeater for each day, and we can coordinate specifics from there.

If you have any questions on any of the info presented here, or on what your
potential communications role could be, please contact me directly via
e-mail at:

tbehler@...

or via phone at:

(231) 592-9854

if you would like more information on the Michigander Bicycle Tour itself,
visit the tour web site at:

www.michigantrails.org

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ,
Mecosta County EC/RO and
Michigander Bike Tour NCS

4325. RadioShack Recalls Power Supplies Due to Electrocution and Fire Hazards

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-02 22:19:45 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4325 Message: 4325

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U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Office of Information and Public Affairs
Washington, DC 20207

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 2, 2008
Release #08-319

Firm's Recall Hotline: (800) 843-7422
CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772
CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

RadioShack Recalls Power Supplies Due to Electrocution and Fire Hazards

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: 13.8V DC Power Supplies

Units: About 160,000

Importer: RadioShack Corp., of Fort Worth, Texas

Hazard: The recalled power supplies are wired incorrectly, posing electrocution and fire hazards.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recall involves RadioShack 13.8V DC Power Supplies, catalog numbers 22-507 and 22-508 with date codes from 08A04 through 01A08.

Date code format is MMAYY where MM is the month and YY is the year. The catalog number and date code are located on the back of the power supply. Power Supplies with a green dot on the product and the product's packaging have already been repaired and are not included in the recall.

Sold at: RadioShack stores nationwide from October 2004 through January 2008 for between $50 and $85.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should unplug the recalled power supply immediately and take it to any RadioShack store for a free repair. Registered owners of the recalled power supplies

will be mailed a notice.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact RadioShack at 800-843-7422 anytime,
or visit the firm's website at:

http://www.radioshack.com/recall

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including pictures of the recalled products, please go to:

http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtm108/08319.html

4327. When Networks Fail

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-04 17:38:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4327 Message: 4327

Nice article, which I first saw in the Kent County ARPSC reflector.....

When Networks Fail, Hams to the Rescue
08:36AM Friday Jul 04 2008
Tipped by n2jtx

User n2jtx writes in: "With the periodic reports on BPL and the usual "it's time for the hams to find something else to do", it is refreshing to see this article that talks about amateur radio operations and their role in communication in times of crisis." Whether it's a natural or man made disaster, ham operators usually come through in a crunch when traditional networks fail. The report highlights how hams work in conjunction with other volunteer groups such as the Military Affiliated Radio Stations (MARS) and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), both of which coordinate with state and local officials during emergencies.

For full article, see
http://tinyurl.com/5wxj9y

4328. CoCoRaHS has come to Michigan!!!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-05 14:24:50 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 4328 Message: 4328

New NWS Volunteer Program:

http://www.crh.noaa.gov:80/news/display_cmsstory.php?wfo=grr&storyid=12192&source=0

Jim, K8COP
Muskegon County

4329. Fw: 2007 & 2008 Sporadic Es Comparison

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-05 22:26:31 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4329 Message: 4329

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1. 2007 & 2008 June Es Comparison
    Posted by: "Art Jackson" ka5dwi@sbcglobal.net ka5dwi
    Date: Sat Jul 5, 2008 9:31 am ((PDT))

Hi all,

I keep threatening to retire from PropNET, but Ev and Dave keep feeding me carrots (horse and buggy analogy) to keep me going.

Most of the hassle with doing propagation analysis is pulling the data together. Dave KF6XA, with the encouragement of Ev, has come up with an excellent routine to extract and calculate LiveX capture data.

Now I can analyze data much more correctly and quickly than I have in the past. I have updated in the "PropNET Studies Blog" a link to a June 2007 and 2008 Es Comparison. Although 10-Meter capture volumes are down, the simularity and consistency in the trends of year to year are not that different overall.

The blog link or use "Research" on the PropNET Homepage.
http://propnet-studies.blogspot.com/

The link to the report (for you Dave):
http://www.swotrc.net/PropNET/June07&08EsPropagation.pdf

Enjoy.. I really appreciate any comments.

If I can get back good feedback and consistent participation on 10 Meters I may do similar work for someone elses data.

73's
Art KA5DWI EM12ju

4330. DIVISION WEB SITE FULLY REVISED

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-04 22:45:51 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4330 Message: 4330

(Reply only to k8je@...)

The GLD web site is totally revised and updated! You are invited to go to http://www.greatlakes.arrl.org to get a look at what webmeister Gary Osborne, W8XS has done.

The web site and how we plan to use it will continue to evolve. If you have suggestions of features you would like to see on the site, please let me know. Keep in mind that this is a Division site. The three Section web sites will continue to provide most of the coverage of Section information.

Thanks to W8XS for the fine work; work he has only just begun.

73,

Jim

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> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
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> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

4331. help need sunday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-07 22:57:50 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4331 Message: 4331

Hello all this Sunday July 13 2008 we need help with a triathlon in grand Haven we will meet at 7:00 am at the grand haven public safety parking lot this event should last until 12:00 noon this event is shorter than last year with the removal of the half ironman event if you can help contact don kb8odb@... or John at kc8uny@... thanks 73

4332. help needed sunday

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-09 23:24:42 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4332 Message: 4332

Hello all this Sunday July 13 2008 we need help with a triathlon in grand
Haven we will meet at 7:00 am at the grand haven public safety parking lot
this event starts at 8:00 am and should last until 12:00 noon this event is shorter than
last
year with the removal of the half ironman event if you can help contact
don kb8odb@... or John at kc8uny@... thanks 73

4333. Tool Max item this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-10 14:24:30 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 4333 Message: 4333

New items this week
1 230WB with 230VPK Stacking Kit Boomer 2 meter beam 18.5 dBd Gain NEW never used (not in Store call to see)

1 IC-725 HF Radio $2750 New Price
1 MFJ 949B HF Tuners $30
1 Micronta 2.5 Amp Power Supply $5
1 2"x2" Speaker $3
1 Comet CP-5 3/8-24 Antenna mount for Van Groves $25

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other New items in Stock

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28 Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters out of stock now $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea
HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $20 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .50 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $3.25 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
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LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Other Used Equipment on Consignment
1 SMC 7004BR 4 port Computer Hub $5
1 Otto Head Set with Mic $5
1 IC 706 interface cable unit to use Power Amp $20
1 Box of Large Compactors 10-12 pc total $5
HP PDA Pocket PC Model Jornada 545 16MB Ram Color PDA $100
Paum Zire Black & White PDA $30
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
2-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each and less for smaller ones

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40 Make offer
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the Tool and Ham Radio retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 just north of the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant (Now tore down) in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios parts for sale. For more information call or e mail Tom KB8VEE at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.

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Website www.toolmaxonline.com
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231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...
Website www.toolmaxonline.com

4334. Re: Tool Max item this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-10 16:34:09 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 4333 Message: 4334

New price on the IC-725 HF Radio is $275.00 Radio sounds great. I have it powered up in the store. Tom

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M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
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Heathkit items in stock

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Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

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4335. Response for help a little slow .... Help need for events in the City of Grand Haven - Sunday and Wed.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-11 01:05:17 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 4335 Message: 4335

Hello Everyone ... I don't want to beat this event on to everyone but we have not had much response for help. This is a short event and what we have to help out with is all in the City. Public Safety Officers are at all the busy corners and we help out at some of the turns, hills,keeping track of the runners and some of the stop streets.

Please if you can help we need you ..... 73 Don Meyer-KB8ODB

Sunday July 13 2008 we need help with a triathlon in Grand
Haven we will meet at 7:00 am at the Grand Haven public safety parking lot
this event starts at 8:00 am and should last until 12:00 noon this event is shorter than last year with the removal of the half ironman event if you can help contact
Don Meyer kb8odb@sbcglobal. net 616-846-7307 or John Fisher at kc8uny@arrl. net thanks 73

We have also been asked to help out Wed July 16th in the evening with the Scott Flahive Memorial Cruise at 7pm. It starts at the Grand Haven Driftwood Inn on to US31 south and then back onto lakeshore and up sheldon street to downtown. We have been asked to help keep the cars in the cruise move through the 4 way stops and keep them moveing after the first car go's through .... We will be working with the GHPS and get to see the line up of classic cars .... Please let us know if you can help with this event...73 Don Meyer -KB8ODB

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

4337. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Response for help a little slow .... Help need for events in the City of Grand Haven - Sunday and Wed.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-11 18:18:27 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4335 Message: 4337

Golly Don... I would love to help, but I am working another radio event
that day... so many events come up on the same weekends in Summer
time it is hard to do them all.

Hopefully, next time! == GOOD LUCK - K8JHR ==

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4338. Warning - Warning - Warning

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-11 13:07:54 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4338 Message: 4338

All
Please pass on to all ARRL Members. 73 Tom KB8VEE

(Reply only to k8je@...)

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The fraudulent message:

"Attention E-Mail Account Holder,

"We are currently performing maintenance for our Digital mail Account owners due to the rate of internet passwords and other informations problems. And we discovered that our mail account owners have been receiving phishing mails form imposters asking for their personal information.So we intend upgrading our Digital mail Security Server for better online services.

"In order to ensure you do not experience service interruption, Please you must reply to this email immediately and enter your User Id here:(****) Email: (*****) and password(S) here: (****) (****), Contact Phone Number(****) for security reasons and Check out your new features and enhancements with your new and improved mail account. To enable us upgrade your Account for better online services please reply to this mail.

"NB: We request your username(s) and password(s) for Identification purpose only.

"Signed,
"Account Support Unit"

Thanks to members of the Division who called this bogus message to my attention.

GL, 73,

Jim Weaver, K8JE

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This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
being sent to you.
-- webmaster@...

4339. Fwd: Warning - Warning - Warning

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-12 13:20:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4339 Message: 4339

FYI

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Warning - Warning - Warning
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 08:26:19 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL GL Division <memberlist@...>

(Reply only to k8je@...)

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4340. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fwd: Warning - Warning - Warning

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-12 14:43:09 UTC
From: Robert Bailey
Topic: 4339 Message: 4340

I would give them a bogus call for a user name,the bogus call @ whatever site for an email addy,the bogus call with 321 added for a password, then the number for the Allegan County Sheriffs Dispatch for a contact number.Of course I do things like that.To me,it's fun to give bogus info to no-lives like that.73 all,and have a nice day.. n8xlx

--- On Sat, 7/12/08, Hank Greeb <n8xx@...> wrote:

From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Fwd: Warning - Warning - Warning
To: "West Michigan Hams" <westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Saturday, July 12, 2008, 9:20 AM

FYI

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Warning - Warning - Warning
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 08:26:19 -0400 (EDT)
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4341. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fwd: Warning - Warning - Warning

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-12 16:24:01 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4339 Message: 4341

Never reply to such messages. They can glean valuable information about your web address from your browser settings if you do, and they will also know they have valid email box. They they sell the list of known valids to other spammers. Do not even send bogus info as you suggest.

========== K8JHR ==========

Robert Bailey wrote:
> I would give them a bogus call for a user name,the bogus call @ whatever
> site for an email addy,the bogus call with 321 added for a

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4342. Emailing: gotr tnkyou

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-12 17:48:53 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4342 Message: 4342
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:
gotr tnkyou

Note: To protect against computer viruses, e-mail programs may prevent sending or receiving certain types of file attachments. Check your e-mail security settings to determine how attachments are handled.

4343. Emailing: gotr tnkyou

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-12 17:51:44 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4342 Message: 4343
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

To All that helped with the girls on the run in Grand Haven this spring Thank you from noarc and the girls on the run staff . 73 kc8uny John
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4346. Re: Tool Max item this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-13 12:37:57 UTC
From: KD8AZM
Topic: 4333 Message: 4346

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Tool Max Ind. Supply"
<toolmax@...> wrote:
>
> New items this week
> 1 230WB with 230VPK Stacking Kit Boomer 2 meter beam 18.5 dBd Gain NEW
never used (not in Store call to see)
>
> 1 IC-725 HF Radio $2750 New Price
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Tom,

It's reassuring to know we hams once again have the option, right here in West MI to visit, browse, and purchase Amateur Radio gear from a brick and motor store with stock on the shelves! I would hope that many locals hams will support your efforts, by buying, locally. It sounds smart to have diversified, by also having tool sales to help pay the rent.

My only suggestions would be to make sure you don't mimmic the reasons for the demise of that "other" local ham shop. Keeping RIDGID store hours of operation, consistent with WRITTEN hours of operation POSTED on the entry door is KEY to your success! With the gas prices what they are today, folks like me don't want to find themselves driving all the way from Kentwood to Muskegon, in the hopes of entering a friendly, knowledgable, positive buying environment, only to arrive finding a: "Be back in 15 minutes" sign on the door! Personally, I estimate I must have

driven to that other store and back, 10 times, before I finally found it to be open for business! And please, don't have your salespeople wear exposed sidearms on their person, like that other store! Just invest in security cameras, like everybody else. That's just wrong! There's something physchologically difficult about attempting to dicker on price, starring at an intimidating semi-automatic handgun on the store owners belt! It just makes you want to go home, read your free, thick-paged color catalog, call the toll-free phone number, order and confirm your item is currently in stock, read your card number to them, and receive the exact item you ordered , arrive in perfect condition, delivered to your front door by FedX.

I wish you success and good luck! Stay in the black, 73,

Gary Lauff KD8AZM

4347. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Tool Max item this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-13 15:03:05 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4333 Message: 4347

You want me to call you if I make plans to drive up there someday?

======== James - K8JHR -- Wyoming, MI ==========

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4348. Sat Stuff

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-13 20:20:23 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 4348 Message: 4348

It's garage cleaning time before the move. I have a pile of C-Band Sat parts, LNB's, horn covers, 6 foot dish, etc. If anyone is instrested, I need to know by Monday evening, or it goes into the trash. Contact me direct at k8cop@... .

Thanks,

Jim, K8COP

4349. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Sat Stuff

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-14 10:19:27 UTC
From: stapeljb79@aol.com
Topic: 4348 Message: 4349

Hello Jim, would any of those dishes or LNB's be capable of receiving the EMWIN data stream directly? Even if not I would be interested!!

Jeff Stapel
W8SWX

In a message dated 7/13/2008 4:19:03 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, jimk8cop@... writes:

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Thanks,

Jim, K8COP

**********Get the scoop on last night's hottest shows and the live music scene in your area - Check out TourTracker.com! (http://www.tourtracker.com?NCID=aolmus00050000000112)

4350. ARRL/TAPR DCC Announcement & Ad for Club Newsletters

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-16 22:00:31 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4350 Message: 4350
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

The ARRL/TAPR DCC (Digital Communication Conference) is occurring in Chicago on September 26 - 28.

The DCC is the premiere annual national conference covering digital voice & data technologies & modes.

More information about the DCC is available at: http://www.tapr.org/dcc.html

Attached is an advertisement for the DCC. Please distribute this advertisement to your local clubs so they can announce the DCC at their club meetings & nets and reprint the DCC advertisement in their club newsletters. If the ad isn't attached in the email you receive please contact me for a copy.

Thanks in advance for your support of the DCC.
 73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

4351. CQ WW VHF Contest This Weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-16 22:07:47 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4351 Message: 4351

CQ World Wide VHF Contest

http://www.cqww-vhf.com/

Begins: 1800 UTC Saturday, July 19, 2008

Ends: 2100 UTC Sunday, July 20, 2008

4352. Fwd: 2008 Flight of the Bumblebees, July 27

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-17 13:53:31 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4352 Message: 4352

Here's a "digital" contest, featuring the oldest (radio) digital mode. I emphasize that this is the oldest radio digital mode, because semaphores and other digital modes were used in more ancient times. For example, the French had a telegraph system based on semaphores in the 1700's which could transmit messages from the mediterranean to the Atlantic coast within 30 minutes, Native Americans used smoke signals, etc.

-------- Original Message --------

Subject: 2008 Flight of the Bumblebees - July 27
Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 13:38:44 -0000
From: scott mcmullen <scottamcmullen@netscape.net>
To:

The 2008 running of the Adventure Radio Society's 'Flight of the Bumblebees' is approaching on July 27. So far, 143 intrepid QRP operators have signed up to hike, bicycle, or paddle to an operating position and participate in the event as Bumblebee stations.

Participation from home stations is also welcome and encouraged.

Group operation is welcome in the Flight of the Bumblebees. You may operate under a single call and report a single score, or under multiple calls and report multiple scores. In any event, you are limited to operating a single transmitter at a time.

Maximum power is five watts. We operate CW on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters, on the standard QRP frequencies. Each contact will receive one point. The same station can be worked on different bands for additional QSO points and multipliers.

The rules in full, and details about soliciting a bee number, are available at:

http://arsqrp.pbwiki.com/Flight+of+the+Bumblebees

Hope to hear you on the air during the 2008 ARS QRP FoBB

73
Scott
W5ESE - bumblebee 052

4353. MAARC VENTURING CREW 9050 IS ACTIVATING SOUTH MANITOU ISLAND THIS WEEKEND

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-18 20:18:05 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4353 Message: 4353

Hello everyone!
The first two waves of Venturing Crew 9050 have departed for South Manitou Island. Bill and Linda left a couple of days ago in their boat. Dan and Michelle are due to leave anytime now. Chuck, Karen and the youth depart at 5:30am Saturday.

Once they arrive on the island they will hike in all the gear, setup tent city, and then setup the field station.

Special event callsign: W8M

Frequencies:
BAND PHONE CW
80 Meters 3.690 / 3.940 LSB 3.570 MHz
40 Meters 7.190 / 7.270 LSB** 7.030 MHz
20 Meters 14.290 USB*** 14.060 MHz
Dan is going to try to stay as close to these as possible. There are several contests, other special events, and various nets going on. I will post the exact frequency on DXscape and here and update it as needed.

Hours of operation: Saturday afternoon through Sunday night. Possible Monday morning as well.

While everyone is enroute, they will be on the W8HVG Link system. Dan and Michelle are hauling most the gear in their vehicle. Dan's call sign is N8PPQ.

Karen is driving our mini-van with all the others. They are:
Karen, KD8DHJ
Chuck, KC8MDL
Kayla, KD8IVJ
Kyle, KD8HEM
Kathy, no callsign yet

Bill, AB8SC, and Linda, AB8QH, are on their boat and already headed up there.

Please listen in for all of them on the Linked system in case they experiense any trouble during commute and then make contact with them while they are on the island.

Thank you
Rich "Doc" Strait, AC8AL
Venturing Crew 9050 CC/CR

P.S.
I am staying home to watch the dogs. Can not afford to kennel them.
I can be reached at home if needed and by the 82 repeater.

4354. Tool Max this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-18 20:26:04 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3847 Message: 4354

New items this week
20 Tower 1 piece tapered at both ends (not in Store call to see) $20
1 230WB with 230VPK Stacking Kit Boomer 2 meter beam 18.5 dBd Gain NEW never used (not in Store call to see) $300 new ONLY $175

1 IC-725 HF Radio $275.00 New Price
1 MFJ 949B HF Tuners $30
1 Micronta 2.5 Amp Power Supply $5
1 2"x2" Speaker $3
1 Comet CP-5 3/8-24 Antenna mount for Van Groves $25

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other New items in Stock

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28 Amp Power Supply $90 With Meters out of stock now $110
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea
HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $20 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
The Te-Ne-Ke code key by the North Ottawa Club $35.00
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .50 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $3.25 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea
2 Amp Power Supplies good to power Hand Held $8
Digital Volt Meters $5.00
Heavy duty 12 Volt Socket to Cigarette lighter plug

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

We are the only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.

Technician Class $18.95
General Class $20.95
Extra Class $21.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)

300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Bell Action Kit $9
Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Other Used Equipment on Consignment
1 SMC 7004BR 4 port Computer Hub $5
1 Otto Head Set with Mic $5
1 IC 706 interface cable unit to use Power Amp $20
1 Box of Large Compactors 10-12 pc total $5
HP PDA Pocket PC Model Jornada 545 16MB Ram Color PDA $100
Paum Zire Black & White PDA $30
1 Sencore SG-165 AM-FM Stereo Analyzer $30
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
Ringo Ranger 2 meter antenna $35
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
JT776SMA HT Antenna $19
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
2-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each and less for smaller ones

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
1 Model 10-17 Oscilloscope $40 Make offer
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

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From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@...
Website www.toolmaxonline.com

4355. Help needed for Coast Guard events in Grand Haven

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-19 02:14:41 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 4355 Message: 4355

Hello Everyone ... Again this year it is time for Coast Guard week in Grand Haven and we have been asked to help out with events on Saturday July 26th and Saturday August 2nd. Both of these days we need a lot of hams to come out and help.

July 26th events start at 8:00 am and should be over by 12:00 noon
First there is the YMCA 5k and 10k runs which are throughout Grand Haven City.
We help keep track of the race, watch for medical?s and at some intersections light traffic direction.
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I also need someone to come in by 9:00 am to watch the GHPS parking lot so only cars with pass?s get in and let in the hams helping that need to park there.

If you can help out with any or all of these events please send me a email at: kb8odb@...
or call me at 616-846-7307
or contact John Fisher KC8UNY
jtlr.fisher@...

Helpers with the parade can come and meet at the GHPS station after the parade for lunch.

If you are coming to watch the parade and would like to help we need to get you a vest and know were you are going to be .... everyone is welcome to bring there family to watch the parade.

Thanks for all your help 73 Don KB8ODB

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

4356. Dateline Monday Night--Tower Dogs

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-19 04:21:30 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 4356 Message: 4356

Check it out... Looks interesting.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/25736991/>

Laryn K8TVZ

4357. Fwd: Tower climbers to get their day in the sun

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-19 06:23:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4357 Message: 4357

Not eggzactly Ham radio, but many hams have towers, and climb them, so I thought this sounded interesting...

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Tower climbers to get their day in the sun
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 12:11:08 EDT
From: W0WOI@...
To: vhf@..., scarc@...,
vhfcontesting@...

Climbers to get their day in the sun
NBC's "Dateline" to explore the perilous world of tower dogs on July 21

July 16, 2008 - NBC's "Dateline Presents" says it will take "a never-before-seen journey into the hazardous world of the tower climbers who work on the frontlines of America's high-tech communications system." The program, "Tower Dogs," will air on Monday, July 21 at 10:00 PM/ET.

The hour-long broadcast is expected to give an up close and personal no-holds-barred look at tower dogs' lives - up in the air and on the ground. "We experience their on-the-job tension and watch them work hard, play hard, and mourn when they lose one of their own," NBC said in a press release. In a twist on all the dangerous-job programs that solely feature males, typically narrated with muscular prose, "Tower Dogs" follows an unusual tower crew boss: a woman named Nikki Collins, a single mom, former cheerleader, and the person keeping her tough-guy charges in one piece. Although there has been a noted increase in tower construction company owners and climbers that are women (http://www.wirelessestimator.com/t_content.cfm?pagename=Women Climbers) , they are in a small minority in a predominately male profession.

The "Dateline" team worked for four months documenting this group of tower climbers as they worked their way through 40 towns and cities in 24 states. During this time there were seven fatalities nationwide, including five deaths in a 12-day period in April. Please see:
National exposure long overdue, say many (http://www.wirelessestimator.com/t_content.cfm?pagename=Tower Dogs)

4359. MAARC VENTURING 9050 ON THE AIR FROM SOUTH MANITOU ISLAND

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-19 20:40:40 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4359 Message: 4359

The MAARC's Venturing Crew 9050 is on the air right now from South Manitou Island. Call sign is W8M and the frequency is 3900MHZ.
The Venturing Crew is camping there all weekend and doing this Island Activation. Please call them and help them have a memoriable first special event.

Thank you
Rich "Doc" Strait, AC8AL
Venturing Crew 9050 CC/CR

4360. Digital Voice (HF & VHF/UHF) Video Featured in QST - August 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-19 21:16:50 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4360 Message: 4360
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Digital Voice for Amateur Radio Video
by Gary, KN4AQ, Amateur Radio Video News
Featured in QST - August 2008, Page 64
http://www.arvideonews.com

ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference (DCC)
Chicago, September 26 - 28, 2008
http://www.tapr.org/dcc.html
Digital Ham Group
Dozens of Files & Links Covering All Digital Voice & Data Modes
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/

4361. HF Amp Wtb

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-19 22:50:13 UTC
From: n8mus
Topic: 4361 Message: 4361

Looking for inexpensive HF Amp. Heathkit SB200 or 220, Al-811a or similar. Something in the 500w range and up. Please email me direct n8mus@...

tnx

Jon

4362. Re: MAARC VENTURING 9050 ON THE AIR FROM SOUTH MANITOU ISLAND

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-20 02:51:45 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4359 Message: 4362

The crew is now on 14.247Mhz. Chuck Stark is on the mic.

Best Regards,
Rich "Doc" AC8AL

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4363. Wireless two way headsets

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-20 12:34:22 UTC
From: Dale Randall
Topic: 4363 Message: 4363

I have several Fleetwood two way headsets and would like to know if anyone has any info on these. They were made in Zeeland and all I can find is they were used in two way training sessions with a console. Seems these could be used for bikers communications or what ever.
Dale WB8DXS

4364. W8M UPDATE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-20 16:15:47 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4364 Message: 4364

Good day everyone. I spoke with the MAARC Venturing Crew 9050 this morning on 3.900Mhz.
Here are the freuqncies, +/- 10, that Dan and Chuck will do their best to stay near for those wishing to make contact.
3.900
7.250
14.240
18.160
If you do not hear them on one frequency, monitor one of the other ones.
They estimate they have made nearly 200 contacts. Chuck went to the ranger's station and asked for more paper as they had filled up what they brought.

They are running 50W to save on battery power now.

Best Regards,
Rich "Doc" AC8AL

4365. Re: W8M frequencies/times?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-20 18:48:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4365 Message: 4365

Anyone heard W8M on CW? I'm wondering if I should resurrect my antenna and work them? However, I'd have to find my microphone to work SSB, whereas my trusty key is always beside the rig.

The only CW frequency they list is 1404 MHz., which probably wouldn't work from SW Michigan. But, there's no 80/75 metre frequencies listed on the ARRL Special Events web site, so they probably have an expanded list. There's precious little on n8ppq's web site that I've been able to find, but I'm somewhat of a dunce when it comes to web surfing. I'd really appreciate a better list of frequencies and times.

Tnx es 73 de n8xx Hg

WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com wrote:
> 1. MAARC VENTURING CREW 9050 ON THE AIR RIGHT NOW FROM SOUTH MANITOU IS
> Posted by: "ravennaelectronics" ravennaelectronics@... ravennaelectronics
> Date: Sat Jul 19, 2008 1:20 pm ((PDT))
>
> The MAARC's Venturing Crew is on the air right now running on 3.990Mhz. Call sign is W8M.
>
> Give them a shout!
>
> Best Regards,
> Rich "Doc" AC8AL

4366. Re: W8M UPDATE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-20 18:57:34 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4364 Message: 4366

Thanx 4 the info. If you, or anyone else, works them, please ask if they're going to be on the Corn Whiskey segments on 80 or 40 metres. They advertised a 14.04 MHz CW frequency, but that seems to have gone by the wayside. Besides, with current ionospheric conditions 20 metres wouldn't work.

And, please remind them to take lots of pictures - the general pictures on N8PPQ makes me wonder if that island might be a good place for a QRP Field Day some year. :)

73 de n8xx Hg

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4367. W8M EVENING UPDATE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-21 02:59:51 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4367 Message: 4367

Good evening everyone.
The W8M station is off the air for the rest of the night. Storms are rolling over the island right now. Bill said they are going to charge the deep cycle marine battery and be back on the air in the early morning. They are going to try to check into the Bathrobe Net too.

They will not be on the air long tomorrow morning. They need to have everything down, packed up, and be at the ranger's station by 10am just in case the boat leaves early.

I have heard them the best on 75M (3900MHz). I know the spent a lot of time on 14.247Mhz today and made many contacts there. I barely heard W8M there yet I heard the station they were talking to very well. Many stations were giving them 57 to 59+ signal reports.

They have made many contacts and had a great time.

If you have youth, ages 14-20, that you feel would like to join the crew or hear more about it, let the Karen our Crew Advsior know. Her email address is kd8dhj at arrl.net

Best Regards,
Rich "Doc" AC8AL
Venturing Crew 9050
Charter Rep/Committee Chair

4368. Fwd: WinDRM, DRMDV, FDMDV mo longer available -- and may be illegal for hams to use

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-21 19:55:19 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 4368 Message: 4368

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Gary Pearce KN4AQ <kn4aq@...>
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2008 6:31:10 AM
Subject: Windows HF DV programs pulled from distribution

I think D-STAR fans will be interested to note that the
Windows/sound-card based Digital Voice programs - WinDRM, DRMDV, FDMDV -
have been pulled from distribution. They are no longer available for
download. These programs were written by Cesko HB9TLK, and distributed
primarily by Jason N1SU through his web site.

The problem is licensing, or lack of it, for the MELP codec that all the
programs shared. The codec was developed for the US military and NASA,
but was never licensed for free distribution. Several companies share
the "IPR" (Intellectual Property Rights) for various forms of MELP. Some
of those companies do not permit unlicensed use.

MELP was designed for high quality, low data-rate voice communication,
and is particularly well suited for HF radio applications. WinDRM
occupies about 2.5 kHz of spectrum and sounds like FM with few artifacts
when signals are good. Cesko's newest program, FDMDV, used only 1.1 kHz
of spectrum. It sounds a little rougher, but still remarkable for that
low bandwidth. It works closer to the noise level, and has almost no
latency. All the programs use OFDM (multiple carrier) modulation schemes.

Some hams have been aware that MELP's legal status was murky at best.
Most users probably had no idea. One web site I read said that hams
were using a "pirated" copy of the MELP dll. I can't offer a legal
opinion, but it appears that use, not just distribution, of the MELP
codec violates the IPR license.

The AOR digital voice modems use the AMBE 2020 vocoder, and are not
affected by the MELP situation.

I don't know if any specific legal action or threat precipitated the
removal of the Windows programs (not just the codec) from distribution,
or if the hams involved just changed their minds on participation.

73,
Gary KN4AQ

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4369. Byron Center Bank - 5k Benefit Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-21 20:20:12 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4369 Message: 4369

Hello, passing on a request from a friend of WMSAR, Rita Parnell.

Rita works for Byron Center Bank who is having a 5K benefit run this Saturday, she is looking for individuals that would be willing to work the event from 7:30am until 10:30am approximately. If you have a uniform please feel free to wear it to provide some great PR. Rita needs to know by Wednesday night if you would be willing to assist, so please drop me a email if interested.

The meeting place would be the Byron Center Bank at 2445 84th, Byron Center, at 7:30am, with t-shirts being given to those that come out to work. The work will be more of traffic control and security type versus communications.

Let me know, thanks.

Steve
N8UJD
Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG.
Version: 7.5.524 / Virus Database: 270.4.6 - Release Date: 7/7/2008 12:00 AM

4370. help need for coast guard run and festival second post

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-21 21:37:32 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4370 Message: 4370

July 26th events start at 8:00 am and should be over by 12:00 noon
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Thanks for all your help 73 Don KB8ODB

Donald Meyer - KB8ODB

Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio in Ottawa County

e-mail:kb8odb@...

4371. First Notice, Ohio QSO Party, August 23 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-22 03:32:28 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4371 Message: 4371

Please put the Ohio QSO Party, August 23nd, 1600 thru August 24st 0359Z on your calendar for some Great fun! There's a QRP category, usually with some competition. In State and out of state competition, plaques and certificates.

for rules and other info see http://www.oqp.us

I'll be operating as W8W, from Williams County, in NW Ohio for the first 6 hours..... K8NQC will take over operation after that.

This can either be a "fun" contest for the casual op, or a cut-throat operation for the die-hard contester. Typically there's 200 or more entries, and more than 700 unique calls recorded during the event.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

4373. Coast Guard Festival

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-25 14:10:08 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4373 Message: 4373

W. MI. HAM, the reason for the email is to ask you to strongly consider helping this year at one of the numerous events of the Coast Guard Festival being held in Grand Haven.

The Coast Guard Festival is a large festival and getting longer and larger each year. Such large annual highly attended events like the Tulip Time Festival are too large for just one Club or Organization to completely manage on their own. The Festival Club NOARC really needs your assistance in filling the spots in which amateur radio skills and equipment have been requested.

The festival events start today with tomorrow morning being the first event which calls for assistance from us HAMS. If you can help, even for a couple of hours, please contact Don Meyer at kb8odb@... or John Fischer at jtlr.fischer@... as soon as you can.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

73's
Steve N8UJD

4374. ARRL UHF Contest, August 2 - 3

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-26 19:16:49 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4374 Message: 4374

http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/uhf.html
2008 ARRL August UHF Contest Rules
General Rules
Rules – 2008 ARRL August UHF Contest
1. Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many 2 degrees by 1 degrees grid squares as possible using authorized amateur frequencies above 222 MHz and all authorized modes of emission.
2. Date and Contest Period: First full weekend of August. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 1800 UTC Sunday (August 2-3, 2008). Entrants may use as much of this time as they wish.
3. Entry Categories:
1. 3.1 Single Operator – Low Power
2. 3.2 Single Operator – High Power
3. 3.3. Rover: A rover is comprised of no more than two operators that moves among two or more grid squares during the course of a contest. An operator may perform any or all rover functions, but a driver's function shall be limited to driving the vehicle. Drivers may be switched out during the event. Any number of observers is also allowed, however observers may not perform any rover function at any time. Rover vehicles with only one occupant are allowed to perform all functions listed above.
1. 3.3.1.A rover vehicle may transport only one station using a single call sign. An exception is provided for in "General Rules for All ARRL Contests" number 3.5 (Family Rule).
2. 3.3.2. A rover may not operate with more than one call sign.
3. 3.3.3. Rover vehicles must transport all the equipment, power supplies, and antennas used at each operating site.
4. 3.3.4. Rovers MUST sign "rover" on Phone and /R on CW and digital modes after their call sign.
5. 3.3.5. All Rovers are encouraged to adopt operating practices that allow as many stations as possible to contact them.
6. 3.3.6. Rover operators may submit separate logs for single operator (fixed station) in addition to their rover entries. Rovers submitting a score for inclusion in a club competition must also include a secondary summary sheet indicating the portion of the score that counts for the club score if any of the QSOs submitted take place outside of their club's territory.
7. 3.3.7. Rovers are permitted to use APRS. Rovers using APRS transmit only their call sign and position. Any multi-op station may access rover APRS data directly or via the Internet.
8. 3.3.8. A rover may not make more than 100 QSOs with any other one rover.
4. 3.4. Limited Rover. Same as the “Rover” class above, but competes with no more than any four bands of their own choosing. Output power limits shall be the same as those defined for the Single Operator Low Power category (3.1.1)
5. 3.5. Unlimited Rover. Same as “Rover” class above, but Unlimited Rovers may use more than two operators and are exempt from rules 3.3.3 and 3.3.8.
6. 3.4. Multioperator.
4. Exchange: Grid-square locator (see April 1994 QST, page 86 or www.arrl.org/locate/gridinto.html).
1. 4.1 Exchange of signal report is optional.

5. Scoring:
1. 5.1 QSO points:
1. 5.1.1 Count three points for each complete 222- or 432-MHz QSO.
2. 5.1.2 Count six points for each complete 902- or 1296-MHz QSO.
3. 5.1.3 Count 12 points for each 2.3-GHz (or higher) QSO.
2. 5.2 Multiplier: The total number of different grid squares worked per band. Each 2 degree by 1 degree grid square counts as one multiplier on each band it is worked.
3. 5.3 Final score: Multiply the total number of QSO points from all bands operated by the total number of multipliers for final score. Example: W1AW works W3CCX in FN20 on 222, 432 and 1296 MHz. This gives W1AW 12 QSO points (3 + 3 + 6) and also three grid-square multipliers. Final score is 12 QSO points X 3 multipliers, or 36.
4. 5.4 Rovers only: The final score consists of the total number of QSO points from all bands times the sum of unique multipliers (grid squares) worked per band (regardless of which grid square they were made in) plus one additional multiplier for every grid square activated (made a contact from).
1. 5.4.1 Rovers are listed in the contest score listings under the Division from which the most QSOs were made.
6. Miscellaneous:
1. 6.1 Partial QSOs do not count. Both callsigns, full exchanges and acknowledgment must be sent and received.
2. 6.2 A transmitter, receiver or antenna used to contact one or more stations under one call sign may not be used subsequently during the contest period under any other call sign (with the exception of family stations). The intent of this rule is to accommodate family members who must share a rig, not to manufacture artificial contacts.
3. 6.3 All equipment and antennas used by entrants must be owned and operated by amateurs. Use of non-amateur owned gear is not prohibited, but use of such equipment places the entrant in a separate category, ineligible for awards.
4. 6.4 Contacts made by re-transmitting either or both stations, whether by satellite or terrestrial means, are prohibited. Frequencies regularly occupied by a repeater in a locality may not be used for contest work, even if the repeater is turned off.
7. Awards: Certificates will be awarded in the following categories:
1. 7.1 Top single-operator High and Low power score in each ARRL Division.
2. 7.2 Top single operator High and Low power score on each band (222, 432, 902, 1296 and 2304-and-up categories) in each ARRL Division where significant effort or competition is evidenced. (Note: Since the highest score per band will be the award winner for that band, an entrant may win a certificate with additional single-band achievement stickers.) For example, if W1AW has the highest single-operator multi-band score in the Atlantic Division and his 432-MHz score is higher than any other Atlantic Division single-operator’s, he will earn both a certificate for being the single-operator Division leader and an endorsement sticker for 432 MHz.
3. 7.3 Top multi-operator score in each ARRL Division where significant effort or competition is evidenced. (Multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.) Additional certificates may be awarded where significant effort or competition is evidenced.
8. Submission: Deadline for submission of entries for this contest is 1800z Tuesday, September 6, 2008.
1. 8.1 Paper logs and properly completed summary sheets should be mailed to: August UHF Contest, ARRL. 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111.
2. 8.2 Cabrillo formatter logs should be emailed to AugustUHF@arrl.org
3. 8.3 Participants may submit using the Web Applet at www.b4h.net/cabforms .

4. 8.4 Entries postmarked or email dated after the deadline may only be considered checklogs.
9. Other: See “General Rules for All ARRL Contests” and “General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands above 50 MHz (VHF)” November 2001 QST. These are also available at the Contest Branch Website at: http://www.arrl.org/contests .Questions regarding this contest should be emailed to contests@... . Only use the contest-name email for submission of entries. All contest forms and rules may be downloaded at: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/

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Page author: contests@...
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4375. Fw: Magic Band is open!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-29 02:42:07 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4375 Message: 4375

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: Craig <craig@...>
To: PeoriaARC@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2008 7:39:43 PM
Subject: [PeoriaARC] Magic Band is open!

There is a nice opening on 6M right now!

Check it out...

73, Craig K9CT

4376. MAARC August Meeting

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-29 22:34:53 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4376 Message: 4376

All:

For the upcoming MAARC's monthly meeting we will enjoy a program on antennas from our own Clarke, K8BP. Yes, the fabulously famous noted QST author will speak to our attending masses from his wealth of experience and knowledge. The last time he was the council's program we enjoyed a stimulating and enjoyable evening revolving around ham radio.

Related to the evening's program K8BP has donated an AEA IsoPole two-meter antenna. This lightly used and in new condition antenna will be auctioned to the highest bidder at the meeting.

Mark your calendar, set your alarm, and make a trip out to the Muskegon radio club's clubhouse at 2888 Scenic Drive between Muskegon and White Lakes. The program begins at 7:00 pm on August 7. There is plenty of parking and the air conditioner will be fired up and cooling down the assembled throng.

Will we see you there?

73

Bill, AB8SC

4377. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Tool Max item this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-30 13:29:50 UTC
From: Gary Lauff
Topic: 4333 Message: 4377

Jim,
Sorry for the delay in my response, I just discovered your comment. Yes, I would like to check out the store sometime, in the near future, so I could share the info with my club members, at the next GRARA meeting. My # is: (616)455-3758, please ID 1st, as we orally screen ALL calls (no caller ID).
Gary KG8L (formerly KD8AZM)

----- Original Message ----
From: Richards <jruing@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, July 13, 2008 11:03:05 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Tool Max item this week

You want me to call you if I make plans to drive up there someday?

======== James - K8JHR -- Wyoming, MI ===========

KD8AZM wrote:
>
> It's reassuring to know we hams once again have the option, right here
> in West MI to visit, browse, and purchase Amateur Radio gear from a
> brick and motor store

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4378. Help needed for this Saturdays Coast Guard Parade... Please come and help out ....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-31 00:42:40 UTC
From: Don Meyer
Topic: 4378 Message: 4378

It takes a lot of hams to make the Grand parade work ...

please come out if you can ...

Hello Everyone ... Again this year it is time for Coast Guard week in Grand Haven and we have been asked to help out with events on Saturday July 26th and Saturday August 2nd. Both of these days we need a lot of hams to come out and help.

July 26th events start at 8:00 am and should be over by 12:00 noon
This event is over ... we could of used a couple of more people but we did it...

August 2nd events start at 7:00 am and should be over by 4:00pm
First there breakfast provided by the Coast Guard committee at 7:00am (those that help out July 26th can come for breakfast also) at Russ?s in Grand Haven
Then we need a group of hams to help with parade line up starting at 8:00am in the area of the Grand Haven Middle school.
And the last item we helpout with is watching for medicals, lost children, and anyother things that may happen along the parade route. You are welcome to come and join us for breakfast or we will meet in the Grand Haven Public Service Parking lot at 10:30 for your assignment.

I also need someone to come in by 9:00 am to watch the GHPS parking lot so only cars with pass?s get in and let in the hams helping that need to park there.

If you can help out with any or all of these events please send me a email at:
kb8odb@sbcglobal. net or call me at 616-846-7307
or contact John Fisher KC8UNY
jtlr.fisher@ sbcglobal. net

Helpers with the parade can come and meet at the GHPS station after the parade for lunch.

If you are coming to watch the parade and would like to help we need to get you a vest and know were you are going to be .... everyone is welcome to bring there family to watch the parade.

Thanks for all your help 73 Don KB8ODB

4379. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Tool Max item this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-31 02:56:08 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4333 Message: 4379

Ok -- maybe in week or so, as I have some heavy projects on the
table now... I will call when I can.

======== James - K8JHR ==========

Gary Lauff wrote:
> Jim,
> Sorry for the delay in my response, I just discovered your comment. Yes,
> I would like to check out the store sometime, in the near future,

4380. Fwd:Mini Dx-pedition to Guinea 3X Land (QRP sort of)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-07-31 20:47:54 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4380 Message: 4380

FYI. Is 3XY? a rare country? Thought some folks might be interested in this info.

73 de n8xx Hg

---------- Forwarded Message ----------

Hello to all,

I will be operating in KanKan, Guinea (Africa) from August 3rd to August 9th. My Guinea issued call is 3XY0D (three x-ray yankee zero delta)

Operating most on the higher bands of 20 / 17 / 15 meters, with some tries of 40 meters, all depending on conditions.

Operating times will be around 10:00 GMT (6:00 EST AM) to 11:00 GMT (7:00 EST AM)
Evenings are 23:00 hours GMT (7:00 EST PM) until bands or operator becomes too tired.

A Special QSL card will be made, upon my return for all contacts.
Hopefully a web site with pictures will be posted once I return.

Station will consist of a Kenwood TS-50S, operating with batteries and Solar array. Power output will be around 10 to 20 watts.
Antenna will be a vertical and 88 ft dipole fed with ladder line.
I will only be able to do the logs via paper.

John Grow VE2EQL/3XY0D

4381. Thank You

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-03 14:31:29 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4381 Message: 4381

Thank You to all that volunteered for the Coast Guard Festival Parade with your help everything went very well . again Thank you . 73 KC8UNY John and the noarc club for your Help.

4382. Sunspot Minimum

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-03 17:32:55 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4382 Message: 4382

I found this on another reflector

Here is an interesting article from NASA on the solar minimum and lack of sunspots.

http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2008/11jul_solarcycleupdate.htm

4383. inexpensive tower wanted/ and or sections/ heights tower?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-05 02:42:17 UTC
From: n8mus
Topic: 4383 Message: 4383

looking for a tower and or sections of tower, what do you have?
Especially looking for Heights Tower sections.

contact me at n8mus@...

tnx

Jon

4384. Amateur Station at Smithsonian Going QRT after 32 Years

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-05 20:51:17 UTC
From: Ross
Topic: 4384 Message: 4384

After more than 30 years on the air from the nation's capital, the Amateur Radio station at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History, NN3SI, will become silent on Thursday, July 31. Originally located in the Nations of Nations exhibit, the station first went on-the-air in 1976 in celebration of the US Bicentennial. The FCC caught the patriotic spirit, giving the station a temporary call sign -- NN3SI -- standing for Nation of Nations, Smithsonian Institution. The Commission later made the call sign allocation permanent.

According to NN3SI volunteer Carl Lagoda, W3CL, a Special Event operation is planned for today and tomorrow, and certificates will be available to those who contact NN3SI. "We have only one station," Lagoda said, "but we may be found on one of the following frequencies, depending on conditions: 3.840 MHz, 7.240 MHz, 14.240 MHz, 21.340 MHz and 28.440 MHz, as well as 14.240+ PSK. We might do some CW operations on Thursday, probably on 20 meters. Due to circumstances, hours of operation will be uncertain, but we probably will start at about 1130 UTC on Wednesday and Thursday." QSL information can be found here.

NN3SI has been situated in several different exhibitions in the Museum; it was most recently housed in the former Information Age exhibit. This exhibit chronicled the birth and growth of the electronic information age -- from Samuel Morse's invention of a practical telegraph in the 1830s through the development of the telephone, radio, television and computer. The Museum has been closed since 2006 while undergoing a major renovation and is scheduled to reopen to the public this fall.

The station participated in many special events throughout its history. During the dedication of the World War II Memorial on the National Mall, station operators made many contacts and taught children visiting the Museum how to spell their names in Morse code. Over the years, operators at NN3SI -- who hailed from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia (and the occasional guest operators from various parts of the globe) -- have logged contacts with amateurs in all parts of the world and with astronauts and cosmonauts in orbit. By operating the station, NN3SI ops promoted Amateur Radio as a national resource for emergency communications, trained operators, technicians and engineers -- as well as an outstanding hobby -- to the more than 4 million people who visit the Museum each year.

Ross
N8GMY

4385. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Amateur Station at Smithsonian Going QRT after 32 Years

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-06 02:41:00 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4384 Message: 4385

Sheesh... Of course I do not know what they are thinking, but I bet it is probably being replaced with a stupid exhibit on cell phones... as if they are not like radios on repeaters... and as if the original ham repeater thing was no big deal... to bad this exhibit is closing.

========== Mourning... K8JHR ==========

Ross wrote:
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> Amateur Radio station at the Smithsonian Institution's National
> Museum of American History, NN3SI, will become silent on Thursday,

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4386. Re: Amateur Station at Smithsonian Going QRT after 32 Years

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-07 06:55:45 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4384 Message: 4386

I listened for them on the last days to try to make contact. Never
heard them. To bad.
73
Bill ab9qu
Michigan City

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Ross" <N8GMY@...> wrote:
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> year.
>
>
> Ross
> N8GMY
>

4388. MCECS Monthly Meeting Monday Aug 11 field station Demo

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-08 03:36:08 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4388 Message: 4388

On Monday bring your field station to set up and show. We will be having a short general meeting and than proceed to a nearby park. Everyone that would like may set up there field station(large or small) as a show and tell is welcome to do so. Everyone will get to look at what others have done and share ideas. Last year we also made a few HF contacts. The idea is to share and learn from each others trials and errors. If weather is working against use we will try to find a park with a pavilion.

Don't have a field station make sure you come along anyway. It was a lot of fun. See you there.

September Training will be on using GPS devices.

73s.

Jim
KC8PCJ
Training AEC
Muskegon County Emergency Communications Services

4389. It's Perseid Meteor Shower Time Again--Peaks August 12

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-08 14:26:20 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4389 Message: 4389

Anyone in Western Michigan interested in meteor scatter propagation?
This should be of interest.
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Excerpt from Amateur Radio clothesline T Report 1617 - August 8, 2008

HAM RADIO IN SPACE: THE PERSEID METEOR SHOWER ON AUGUST 12

Meteor scatter enthusiasts attention. The annual Perseid meteor shower peaks on Tuesday, August 12th. The best time to see them and make contact by bouncing signals off their ionized tails is during the dark hours before dawn on Tuesday morning when forecasters expect 50 to 100 meteors per hour.

The source of the Perseids is Comet Swift-Tuttle, which has littered the August portion of Earth's orbit with space dust. The dusty zone is broad and Earth is already in its outskirts. As a result, even before the peak on August 12th, you may see some "early Perseids" streaking across the night sky. (VHF Reflector)

4390. Fwd: New Owosso, MI D-STAR Repeater

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-10 03:51:36 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4390 Message: 4390

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [dstar_digital] New Repeater
Date: Sun, 10 Aug 2008 00:23:08 -0000
From: Tom <ki8as@charter. net>
Reply-To: dstar_digital@ yahoogroups. com
To: dstar_digital@ yahoogroups. com

Owosso Michigan has a new d-star repeater up and running. W8SHI in shiawassee county is up and running since Wednesday August 6th. The only repeater opperational at this time is the 2 meter on 145.240 -600. We do not have the 440 freq allocation yet nor do we have the gateway up yet just W8SHI C port is going. If your in the area feel free to say hi.

Tom
KI8AS

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73 de Glenn

4391. O.C.E.C. Meeting - Thursday, August 14

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-11 00:10:04 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4391 Message: 4391
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, reference below, based on the responses received, the O.C.E.C. meeting scheduled for this coming Thursday (14th) has been cancelled.

Have a great night off!

73s
N8UJD

-----Original Message-----
From: Steve Vander Hill
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2008 9:50 AM
To: ocec_leadership@
Subject: [OCEC Leadership] O.C.E.C. Meeting - Thursday, August 14

Leadership Team, reference next week?s scheduled monthly O.C.E.C. meeting on the 14th, I will be in Detroit all next week taking part in a OSHA certification course therefore I will not be able to attend/lead the meeting on Thursday night.

Question to you Leaders, do you still want to hold the meeting, if so, who is willing to lead it?

Please advise, thanks!

Steve Vander Hill

Safety Coordinator

Employment Traditions

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Caledonia, MI 49316

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svanderhill@...

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4392. Ten Commandments of Electronic Safety

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-12 20:38:31 UTC
From: Ross
Topic: 4392 Message: 4392

Ten Commandants of Electronic Safety

I. Beware to the lighting that lurks in an un-discharged capacitor lest it cause thee to be bounded upon thy backside in a most ungentlemanly manner.
II. Cause thou the switch that supplies large quantities of juice to be opened and thus tagged, so thy days may be long on earth.
III. Prove to thyself that all circuits that radiate and upon which thou workest are grounded lest they lift thee to a high frequency potential and cause thee to radiate also.
IV. Take care that thou use the proper method when thou takest the measure of high voltage that it not incinerate both thee and the meter, for verily, though thou hast no account number and canst be easily replaced, the meter doth have such and shall bring great woe upon the supply department.
V. Tarry not amongst those who engage in intentional shocks, for they are surely unbelievers and not long for this world.
VI. Take care thou tamper not with interlocks and safety devices, for this shall incur the wrath of thy seniors, and unleash the fury of the safety officer down upon thy head and shoulders.
VII. Work not with energized equipment, for if thou dost, thy buddies will surely be buying beers without thee, and thy space at the bar will be filled with another.
VIII. Verily, verily I say unto thee: never service high-voltage equipment alone, for electric cooking is a slothful process, and thou mightest sizzle in thy own fat for hours before thy maker seeth fit to end thy misery, and draw thee into his fold.
IX. Trifle not with radioactive tubes and substances, lest thou commence to glow in the darkness like unto a lightning bug.
X. Commit thou to memory the work of thy prophets, which are written in the instruction books: they give thee the straight dope and steer thee away from error.

4393. IEEE Symposium open to area hams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-14 17:42:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4393 Message: 4393

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: IEEE Symposium open to area hams
Date: Thu, 14 Aug 2008 10:56:03 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL MI Section <memberlist@...>
To:

August 14, 2008

ARRL Mi Section & Great Lakes Division:

We cordially invite all ARRL members in the Michigan Section and Great Lakes Division to take part in the 2008 IEEE International Symposium on Electromagnetic Compatibility as a guest at one, or more, of our Amateur Radio related events. The Symposium will be held August 18 22, 2008, in Detroit, Michigan, at Cobo Center. Simply "register" as an "Exhibits only" (FREE) participant, and explore all the exhibits and demonstrations the Symposium has to offer.

As part of our Symposium, we are hosting an Amateur Radio Station to be operated by members of the Motor City Radio Club (MCRC). This station will be prominently located in the exhibit hall and should generate much interest in Amateur Radio and in the equipment used by Hams in their hobby.

In addition to the station several other related Amateur Radio activities are planned for the Symposium. In total they are:
Operating Station SSB / FM / CW Amateur Radio Examination (Th. 9-12)
Amateur Radio Luncheon (Wed: BYO)
Amateur Radio Message Service
Repeater "talk in service"
Visiting operator opportunity.

Ed Hare (W1RFI) of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), primary editor for the ARRL publication "Radio Frequency Interference" will be with us as part of our Symposium, and to assist with the station. Ed has long been the liaison between the ARRL and the EMC Society and a strong supporter of RFI (EMC) concerns among the Amateur Radio community. We are very glad to have Ed's participation and support for this event. www.emc2008.org.

Kimball Williams NCE N8FNC
Chairman, 2008 IEEE EMC Symposium

4394. Fw: PSK from IEEE special event station in Detroit

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-16 04:12:58 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4394 Message: 4394

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: James French <w8iss@...>
To: PSK_VHF_UHF_HAMRADIO@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2008 10:32:00 PM
Subject: [PSK_VHF_UHF_HAMRADIO] PSK from IEEE special event station in Detroit

I will be trying PSK from the IEEE EMC convention at special event
station W8MRM on 144.200 and 144.260 and 432.100.

I will be monitoring these frequencies from 8am to 4:30pm Tuesday
and Wednesday.

The station is has only a vertical on the roof of Cobo Hall for
all the VHF/UHF activities. The antenna is up at roughly 85 feet
about ground level here, so I should be able to make a few contacts
if anyone is out there.

We will also be trying PSK on HF probably around lunchtime these two
days also.

James W8ISS

Are you in the shack? If so why not try some digital mode contacts to Hams around you (check he database)...also try some DX Meteor Scatter WSJT contacts if the band is open or not.....

http://www.pingjockey.net/cgi-bin/pingtalk

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PSK_VHF_UHF_HAMRADIO/database

Any ideas to better the group? Need information or help or do you have information for the group..please feel free to Post a "Message"

4395. GMARC Picnic - August 23

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-18 12:53:08 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4395 Message: 4395

This doesn't appear to be a hamfest, but for whatever reason, I received an announcement, so it appears that everyone is invited.

GMARC PICNIC
Stony Creek Metropark
Gladeview "B" Picnic Area
4300 Main Park Dr
Shelby Twp, MI 48316
(North of Detroit)

Saturday, August 23, 2008
10:00 am till they boot us out...

For more detailed info see http://www.gmarc.org/picnic.htm

Please join The GM Amateur Radio Club for our annual club picnic.

The club will be cookin' up burgers and dogs. If you wish some other form of meat, bring it along, I'm sure we can find room for it. Please bring your prize passing dish.

Grab a radio, antenna, wire, whatever. Just come out and have a great time. See ya there (rain or shine).....

4396. Digital Communication Conference, 9/26-28, Chicago - Register by 9/1 & Save

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-19 03:41:50 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4396 Message: 4396
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

The ARRL/TAPR DCC (Digital Communications Conference) is being held in Chicago on September 26 - 28, 2008.

The DCC will be at the Elk Grove Village Holiday Inn located in Chicago's northwest suburbs near O'Hare airport with a free airport to hotel shuttle and easily accessible from major interstate highways.

The DCC is the premiere, national, annual digital ham radio conference covering ALL the Digital Voice & Data technologies from HF to Microwaves.

There will be BOTH Technical & Introductory presentations covering all levels of experience with the digital modes and also an ARRL forum.

This year for the first time at the DCC there will be a D-STAR Friday Night event. We plan to have innovators, pioneers & leaders in D-STAR digital voice & data technology available to present and take your questions.

Icom will be at the DCC and TAPR plans to have it's 70cm & 23cm D-STAR digital voice & data repeaters operating at the DCC connected to the internet gateway.

You can get more information about the DCC at: http://www.tapr.org/dcc.html
A DCC advertisement is attached that can be published in your local club newsletters.

Reigster before September 1st & save $10 on your registration fee.

You can register at:
https://www.tapr.org/dccregistration.php
Look forward to seeing everyone at the DCC.
 73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

Join Digital Ham Group
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/
Covers All Digital Voice & Data Modes - Members from All Areas Welcome

4397. Fw: BRAARC Swap - Saturday, August 23, 2008 at 9AM

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-19 19:47:59 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4397 Message: 4397

Hi, all.

If you're looking for something to do this coming Saturday morning, head
north to the Big Rapids area and have some ham fun!

See below!

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

----- Original Message -----
From: <MichaelMcKay@...>
To: <tbehler@...>
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2008 3:00 PM
Subject: BRAARC Swap - Saturday, August 23, 2008 at 9AM

> Hello, Tom...
>
> I am not sure I will have more time than this to get you the information
> about the BRAARC Swap on August 23, 2008 at 9:00am to you. The swap is
> open to all and we are offering free tables. Set up starts at 8:00AM and
> the doors will open at 9:00AM and end at 12 Noon. We are planning a pot
> luck style picnic after cleanup and a fox hunt after the picnic. The
> event will be held at the Masonic Lodge. The Lodge is North of Big Rapids
> on Nineteen Mile Rd. off of Old 131. The Masonic Lodge is next to Select
> Cuts & Co (hair cutting)
>
> Here are two links to for people to look at...
> http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/calendar/calendars/calendarEvent.cfm?id=4680
> http://www.mapquest.com/mq/5-djxFpdEPIzQ8
>
> Please feel free to forward this on to your local hams list if you'd
> like...
>
> Happy Hamming!
> Mike, KD8DIB

4398. Ohio QSO Party, Saturday, August 23

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-21 21:14:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4398 Message: 4398

Please look for W8W, WILLiams county, where N8XX will be 2nd operator of K8NQC's station in Montpelier, Williams County, Ohio. We will be operating Multi Operator Single Rig, both phone and CW.

The Ohio QSO Party is held on the fourth Saturday of August, this year on August 23rd, from noon to midnight. Both CW and Phone (Usually SSB) are encouraged. Out of State stations try to work as many Ohio Counties as possible on 80 through 10 metres

Suggested frequencies are:

Band CW (MHz) Phone (MHz)
80 3.545 3.825
40 7.045 7.200
20 14.045 14.250
15 21.045 21.300
10 28.045 28.450

Note that multipliers are per mode, i.e., it is possible for an out of state station to garner 176 multipliers - 88 counties CW, 88 counties Phone.

For full rules and suggestions on maximizing scores, etc., see http://www.oqp.us

Hope to work y'all on Saturday.

73 de n8xx Hg

4399. still need a tower. Do you have one that you want removed?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-22 03:16:12 UTC
From: n8mus
Topic: 4399 Message: 4399

Hi

N8MUS Jon in Twin Lake. I am looking for a tower. Will remove, what do you have? Prefer whole set up rotor, antenna, tower. but really need just the tower so let me know. my email is n8mus@...

4400. Re: still need a tower. Do you have one that you want removed?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-22 12:19:36 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4399 Message: 4400

I suggest you contact Tom, W8AMZ. He is the Muskegon radio club's vice president and has been handling their equipment sales. He represents several hams who are selling gear. He also knows of a few towers in the area which are available. I'd email him at his call sign at yahoo.com.

Hope you find something!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "n8mus" <n8mus@...> wrote:
>
> Hi
>
> N8MUS Jon in Twin Lake. I am looking for a tower. Will remove, what do
> you have? Prefer whole set up rotor, antenna, tower. but really need
> just the tower so let me know. my email is n8mus@...
>

4401. Re: [WestMichiganHams] still need a tower. Do you have one that you want removed?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-22 12:53:25 UTC
From: Frode Maaseidvaag
Topic: 4399 Message: 4401

WC8A Leo Middendorf in Pentwater has a very nice tower, rotor and antenna for sale.The tower is on the ground ready for pickup.
The tower is a Aluma Tower model T-50H with a Emoto rotator 747 SRX. The antenna is a Cushcraft A-3SDX. Price to be negotiated.

If interested, call him at 231-869-4749. Or me at 231-869-5080 or email and I will find him for you.

73, Frode Maaseidvaag KE8CS

----- Original Message -----
From: n8mus
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2008 11:16 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] still need a tower. Do you have one that you want removed?

Hi

N8MUS Jon in Twin Lake. I am looking for a tower. Will remove, what do
you have? Prefer whole set up rotor, antenna, tower. but really need
just the tower so let me know. my email is n8mus@yahoo.com

4402. Labor Day Sprint - Monday, 1 Sep 08 7-11 p.m.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-22 13:49:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4402 Message: 4402

Note, please join the Michigan QRP Club on their Labor Day Sprint

Date: Monday September 1, 2008
Time: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Details: Annual Labor Day Sprint - See
http://www.miqrp.org/contest.html for details

All QRPers are welcome - Please join the fray!

4403. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: still need a tower. Do you have one that you want removed?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-22 14:14:07 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4399 Message: 4403

I have lunch with a older gentleman ham who would like to sell a
72 foot tower now standing in his yard. Shall I look him up for you?

========== K8JHR ==========

>>
>> N8MUS Jon in Twin Lake. I am looking for a tower. Will remove, what do
>> you have?

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4404. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: still need a tower. Do you have one that you want removed?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-22 15:22:33 UTC
From: jon greenwood
Topic: 4399 Message: 4404

Yes please. I would really like to get something up while the weather is still nice.

thanks for the reply..

Jon

N8MUS

--- On Fri, 8/22/08, Richards <jruing@...> wrote:

From: Richards <jruing@ameritech.net>
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: still need a tower. Do you have one that you want removed?
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Date: Friday, August 22, 2008, 10:14 AM

I have lunch with a older gentleman ham who would like to sell a
72 foot tower now standing in his yard. Shall I look him up for you?

============ === K8JHR ============ ========= ===

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>> N8MUS Jon in Twin Lake. I am looking for a tower. Will remove, what do
>> you have?

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4405. Re: [WestMichiganHams] still need a tower. Do you have one that you want removed?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-22 17:45:34 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 4399 Message: 4405

I was warned off Aluma: "about the same kind of tubing as lawn furniture" (or words to that effect).

73

Alan NV8A

On 08/22/08 08:53 am Frode Maaseidvaag wrote:

> WC8A Leo Middendorf in Pentwater has a very nice tower, rotor and antenna for sale.The tower is on the ground ready for pickup.
> The tower is a Aluma Tower model T-50H with a Emoto rotator 747 SRX. The antenna is a Cushcraft A-3SDX. Price to be negotiated.
>
> If interested, call him at 231-869-4749. Or me at 231-869-5080 or email and I will find him for you.

> N8MUS Jon in Twin Lake. I am looking for a tower. Will remove, what do
> you have? Prefer whole set up rotor, antenna, tower. but really need
> just the tower so let me know. my email is n8mus@...

4406. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: still need a tower. Do you have one that you want removed?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-22 23:21:10 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4399 Message: 4406

I will let you know when I can.

========== Richards - K8JHR ==========

jon greenwood wrote:
> Yes please. I would really like to get something up while the weather is
> still nice.
>
> thanks for the reply..

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4407. Re: still need a tower. Do you have one that you want removed?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-23 17:52:52 UTC
From: Mark Brooky
Topic: 4399 Message: 4407

I am also now in the market for a small tower. Would love a crank up (freestanding maybe) of 40-50 feet in very good to excellent condition. HF beam and rotor and all, too. And all within a short drive from Grand Haven.

Am I dreaming?

Mark, KE8FO

4408. Mobile Callsign lookup address.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-25 13:12:08 UTC
From: Jason B
Topic: 4408 Message: 4408

A few weeks ago I remember a message from one of the local reflectors that I subscribe to regarding a callsign lookup page that works with mobile phones, pda's etc. Well, my windows mobile pda crashed and I lost both the email and the bookmark to actual URL. I also can't remember which reflector that it came through. I did try crawling through the past messages on several of the groups, but can't seem to locate it. Any of you guys out there happen to know what I'm talking about, or still have the URL noted somewhere?

Any help is appreciated.

Also, interested in any windows mobile compatible ham software out there too. If you know of anything 'neat' I'd be interested in checking it out.

73,
--
Jason Blakley
KI4VUO

4409. OhQP W8W M/M HP

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-26 00:19:12 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4409 Message: 4409

Ohio QSO Party

Call: W8W
Operator(s): K8NQC, N8UOO, N8XX
Station: K8NQC/N8UOO
Class: M/S HP
QTH: WILLIAMS COUNTY OHIO
Operating Time (hrs): 10

Summary:
Band CW Qs Ph Qs

80: 41 119
40: 109 35
20: 52 5
15:
10:

Total: 302 159 CW Mults = 1 Ph Mults = 1 Total Score = 71,101

Club: QUEEN CITY EMERGENCY NET

Comments:

Didn't calculate the CW or Phone multipliers - just lazy. Total multipliers was 127. Nice station @ K8NQC/N8UOO. We checked 15 several times, nary a peep.

4410. Upcoming Training - Ottawa County

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-26 13:13:09 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4410 Message: 4410

Upcoming training at E.O.C. Fillmore:

* 9/18/2008: Traffic Direction Training at 7:00pm

* 10/16/2008: Crime Scene Preservation at 7:00pm

* 10/1-2/2008: IS 300 (see Smitty if interested)

* 10/22-23/2008: IS 400 (see Smitty if interested)

ALL INVITED TO ATTEND

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4411. Are You a New Ham? You're Invited!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-26 13:02:20 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4411 Message: 4411

Are you a new ham? Wondering what's up? Why?

We've got the answer. You need a little assistance, perhaps an Elmer, and a reason. The Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council wants to help you right the situation. We're hosting an event specifically tailored to you and our wonderful hobby. Yes!

Saturday, September 13 we are inviting you to a foxhunt and new ham orientation. The day starts at noon with some basic instruction, explanation of the basic rules, and hardware check. Then we will go out and chase the fox. Yep, a transceiver hunt for the hams in our community. It all begins and ends at the MAARC's clubhouse on Scenic Drive between Muskegon and White Lakes and over by Lake Michigan. Fun!

You need to bring along that spiffy new HT and any auxiliary antenna you might have available. Or just yourself. We'll have lots of information, tips, and suggestions. We will team up with other hams of varying experience. Did I mention this will be great fun?!

Following the random and reasoned wandering around northern Muskegon County we will return to the clubhouse for a wonderful time of story telling, reliving of heroics, and a Steak Dinner. Yep, a steak, baked potato, salad, and great friends. I bet you can't beat that offer on any other Saturday.

Bring a friend, ham or otherwise. Bring a sense of adventure. Bring your questions. Bring a few bucks for dinner.

Mark your calendar, set the alarm, and we'll have fun! Experienced amateur radio operators are also encouraged and invited. This will be fun for everyone.

See you there? We hope so!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

4412. Status - Ken Groom ZR5AAD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-26 15:51:47 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4412 Message: 4412

Regrettably I?ve been asked to share this somber news regarding our dear friend Ken Groom ZR5AAD.

Sunday night Ken experienced a major stroke. It was discovered yesterday that the cause of the stroke was a large malignant brain tumor. Ken?s condition is terminal, with the doctors describing Ken?s remaining time as ?short term?.

Chuck & Sherry Krueger, the family that Ken has been living with have and Ken?s medical care leaders have asked the following:

? Cards to be send to Ken Groom, c/o Holland Hospital, Room 506. Ken loves receiving cards.
? If you plan on visiting, PLEASE keep visits to a ?very minimum? due to visits tire out Ken very fast. If you plan on visiting, do not automatically go into his room, check in at the nurse?s station first to see if visitors are currently being allowed into Ken?s room.
? There is a possibility in the next day or so that a biopsy surgery will be performed on the brain tumor, if this occurs, no visitors will be allowed during recovery.
? Ken?s updates will come from Chuck & Sherry to Sindee Maxwell of the American Red Cross of Ottawa County, and to myself. The Kruger?s will provide us with what information or requests that they would like shared at that time.

Creating a bank account is currently being looked into to allow donations to be accepted. If this occurs the account information will be shared as soon as possible. Please feel free to share this email with anyone that might know Ken, thank you!

Please keep Ken in your prayers as he goes through this stage in his life, plus please also keep the Krueger?s in your prayers as they manage Ken?s affairs.

Best regards,

Steve
N8UJD
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4413. Labor Day Sprint - Monday 1 Sep 08 Local (US) time

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-26 19:59:40 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4413 Message: 4413

Please join the Michigan QRP Club on their Labor Day Sprint

Time: 23:00::00Z Monday September 1, 2008 until
02:59::59Z Tuesday, September 2, 2008
(That's 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. EDT. or
(6 p.m. to 10 p.m. CDT. or
(5 p.m. to 9 p.m. MDT. or
(4 p.m. to 9 p.m. PDT. for those who have difficulty
figuring out the times zones in these Colonies.)

Details: Annual Labor Day Sprint - See
http://www.miqrp.org/contest.html for details

For the extreme QRPers there are categories of power starting at 250 milliwatts or less, another 250 milliwatts to one watt, another for 1 to 5 watts, and another for anything over 5 watts. So, all operators are welcome, from a few milliwatts up to and including a full gallon. Please join the fray!

Note that logs should be sent to n8xx QTHR. I apologize for not getting the results posted for the past two contests. I'll try to get the results of this contest out within a couple weeks of the final submission date.

4414. Donations - Ken Groom ZR5AAD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-26 21:32:05 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4414 Message: 4414

To assist Ken Groom ZR5AAD with his expenses a donation account has been setup at Macatawa Bank.

The name of the account is: ?Ken Groom (ZR5AAD) Medical Donation Account?.

Donations can be made at any Macatawa Bank branch office simply by stating to a teller that you want to make a donation to the Ken Groom (ZR5AAD) Medical Donation Account. The tellers are aware of the account via the bank ?s intranet.

If one wants to wire in a donation, the name of the bank is Macatawa Bank, the routing number is 072413845, and the account number is 27018922.

Please continue to keep Ken in your prayers as he goes through these final stages in his life; also please keep the Krueger?s in your prayers as they continue to manage Ken?s affairs.

Cards can be send to attention of Ken Groom c/o Holland Hospital, Room 506.

If you plan on making a hospital visit, PLEASE keep the visits ?very short? due to the visits wear Ken down fast. You will see a notice on his room door that only two are allowed in his room at the same time, and for a very short time. Please respect these visitation requests.

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4415. 2009 Emergency Management & Homeland Security Training Center Courses

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-26 21:55:19 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4415 Message: 4415

The Michigan State Police - Emergency Management & Homeland Security Training Center (EMHSTC) is pleased to announce the FY 2009 Training Course Information is currently available online at www.michigan.gov/emhsd-training. Many new courses have been added to the schedule in addition to our core curriculum. Registrations are now being accepted for all of these training courses.

Additional information regarding the training courses can be found on our website. Please add our website to your list of Favorites for future reference.

If you have any questions please call 517-322-6515 or e-mail schneids@....

Thank you for your continued support of the MSP-EMHSTC and we look forward to meeting your training needs for FY 2009!
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4416. still need a tower.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-27 04:38:01 UTC
From: Mark Strait
Topic: 4399 Message: 4416

While taking a load of scrap metal to the scrap yard on Ottawa Street in Muskegon, We saw a truck pull in with what appeared to be 2 towers. We also saw several tri-pods and other towers inside the scrap yard.
Might be worth looking into.
KD8BIG

--- On Sat, 8/23/08, Mark Brooky <ke8fo@...> wrote:

From: Mark Brooky <ke8fo@...>
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: still need a tower. Do you have one that you want removed?
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2008, 1:52 PM

I am also now in the market for a small tower. Would love a crank up (freestanding maybe) of 40-50 feet in very good to excellent condition. HF beam and rotor and all, too. And all within a short drive from Grand Haven.

Am I dreaming?

Mark, KE8FO

4417. New HF Digital Protocol to Debut at DCC in Chicago, September 26 - 28, 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-27 14:22:49 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4417 Message: 4417
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/08/26/10284/?nc=1

New HF Digital Protocol to Debut at DCC
WINMOR, an HF digital protocol designed for use with the Winlink 2000 network, will be unveiled at the upcoming ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference in Chicago, September 26-28. http://www.tapr.org/dcc.html
According to developer Rick Muething, KN6KB, WINMOR will effectively eliminate the need for external PACTOR hardware. "This new protocol is implemented through a Windows application that uses a computer sound card for all the analog-to-digital conversion. It provides error-free ARQ transfers within 200, 500 or 2000 Hz bandwidths," Muething said.
In terms of throughput, Muething said that the 200-Hz WINMOR mode appears to equal the performance of PACTOR I. In WINMOR's 2000 Hz mode, its performance rivals PACTOR III.
"WINMOR is a work in progress," Muething said. "We won't be pulling the wraps off a finished application at the conference. We're close, though. I'd like to see on-air testing in 3 to 6 months."
Conference information and registration is available onlinehttp://www.tapr.org/dcc.html or by telephone at 972-671-8277. Rick Muething's presentation paper, WINMOR. . . A Sound Card ARQ Mode for Winlink HF Digital Messaging, is included in the conference proceedings. Proceedings will also be available for sale on the ARRL Web after the conference.

4418. Notice to all radio amateurs in IARU Region 2

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-27 15:45:00 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4418 Message: 4418

There will probably be an ARRL bulletin to this effect, or I might have even missed one, but, nevertheless, it's worth a reminder or two

Hurricane Gustav - Notice to all radio amateurs in IARU Region 2

Hurricane Gustav is currently making its way through the central part of the Caribbean basin and has passed through Dominican Republic and Haiti and will be affecting the island of Cuba in the next few hours.

It has been requested that IARU R2 member societies remind their members to be aware of emergency communications that may occur in that region, and to keep those frequencies clear for emergency traffic. This message does not indicate any particular frequencies that may be used for this purpose.

73,
Vernon - VE2MBS
RAC News Service
racnews@...

4419. UPDATE - Ken Groom ZR5AAD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-27 21:35:18 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4419 Message: 4419

Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 4:47 PM
Subject: UPDATE - Ken Groom ZR5AAD

Ken has mentally improved significantly today. For the first time, he comprehends what his medical condition is and has accepted it.

Ken decided to have the doctors perform the biopsy. He wants to be absolutely sure what the tumor is. The biopsy is scheduled for tomorrow, Aug 27, at 12PM.

Because of that, we respectfully request No Visitations tomorrow. I will email the results as soon as I can.

Ken has been accepted by Hospice of Holland will be staying at the Hospice House. He will be moved there as soon as he is discharged from the hospital. It is located at the corner of 104th st. and Mason (24th) St.

If someone could please post this message on the area reflectors for me that would be appreciated due to I'm working through my work email, thank you

4420. WEAVER'S WORDS -- School has started

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-28 11:41:12 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4420 Message: 4420

> Reply only to k8je@....
>
> - You Asked: Study of FCC Rules.
> - You Asked: IARU Region I 40M Bandplan.
> - Michigan ACC to present Webinar.
> - GLD Members in QST.
> - Dumbing down?
> - Happy Landings, George!
> - Fee for Vanity Calls Going Up.
> - WRC-11.
> - New Canadian Band Plan.
> - Replacement for Riley.
> - MiQP Results.
> - Tentative schedule.
>
> +++ You asked: study of FCC rules +++
>
> A few members asked the purpose of the study of FCC rules the ARRL
> Board authorized. It is to determine if ARRL should consider
> recommending a petition to change improve the rules regarding wideband
> transmissions. Any petition that would be considered would provide a
> win-win situation for everyone. The study will determine if changes in
> rules might possibly facilitate greater use of broadband digital
> operation while simultaneously reducing interference to other modes.
>
> A problem with operating on the ham bands is interference between two
> or more QSOs. It happens all the time. There may be no QRM as a QSO
> begins but often creeps in as propagation changes. It also happens as
> we try to squeeze "too many" signals into "too little" space. The
> situation is further complicated especially with digital operation
> because of the difficulty in simultaneously monitoring the frequency
> for other modes.
>
> QRM can result even though all stations involved operate legally.
> There is no FCC rule that prohibits all forms of interference -- just
> intentional interference.
>
> I'll make certain you have the opportunity to cuss, discuss and comment
> on any proposal.
>
> +++ You Asked: IARU Region I Bandplan +++
>
> I've been asked to explain what is going on with reported proposals
> made at the IARU Region I Conference to give the entire the new 100 kHz
> segment of 40 Meters to SSB. The frequency segment in question is the

> 7.1 to 7.2 MHz segment the International Telecommunications Union (ITU)
> allotted to Amateur Radio at it's World Radiocommunication Conference
> (WRC) in 2003 (WRC-2003).
>
> The IARU Region I conference in question has not yet been held;
> therefore, there are no official proposals to discuss. Rumor that the
> conference has already been held and the proposals have been made are
> incorrect.
>
> It is important to remember that IARU decisions, regardless of region,
> have no impact on FCC regulations. Another fact is that the US is in
> IARU Region II. Finally, it is important to remember that CW is
> permitted throughout the bands in Region I just as it is in Region II
> and in the US. Therefore, the potential question really is, "On which
> frequencies will Morse signals have protected status?" and not "Which
> frequencies will be available for Morse signals?"
>
> Precisely how IARU Region I national organizations will decide how
> their new 100 kHz segment will be used won't be known at least until
> the Region's conference in Croatia in November.
>
> Why the question at this time? Some hams in Europe are saying that
> three of the regions national Amateur Radio member organizations have
> proposed that the new 7100-7200 band expansion will not include special
> assignments for CW. Whether any of this talk translates into formal
> proposals at the coming conference remains to be seen.
>
> The current Region I IARU allocation can be seen at
> http://www.iaru-r1.org/05%2010%2009%20Region%201%20HF%20Bandplan%202006%20(Amended).pdf.
>
> +++ Michigan ACC to present Webinar +++
>
> Michigan Affiliated Club Coordinator Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, will present
> a Webinar titled Kit Building. This Webinar will be on Monday,
> September 22 at 8 PM. This online session will provide an excellent
> introduction to kit building even for hams who are convinced
> kit-building is beyond their ability.
>
> GLD members will receive an official invitation to the Webinar shortly.
> It will be hosted on Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar's (N3LLR)
> Webinar system that is graciously made available for Great Lakes
> Division use. Additional details of the Webinar content will also be
> distributed in coming days.
>
> +++ GLD Members in QST +++
>
> Congratulations to Glenn Brown, NN8G of Mount Victory, OH and Bob
> Booher, K8JPM of Hartville, OH for having feature articles published in
> the August issue of QST. Glenn described the history and recent
> updating of a homebrew, 12-tube receiver that was designed and built in

> 1955 . . . in Afghanistan. Interesting story, Glenn.
>
> Bob described a remote system he developed for lowering a mobile
> antenna. For those of us who have mobile antennas that reach higher
> than our garage doors are tall, thanks Bob.
>
> The August QST apparently was something of a Great Lakes Division
> issue. In addition to the articles, letters-to-the-editor from
> Michigan-turned-temporary Marshall Islands resident Neil Schwanitz,
> WD8CRT/V73NS and Ohio member Steve Bellner, W8TER of Toledo were also
> in the August issue.
>
> Speaking of publishing in QST, I just received the September issue.
> Jim Welt, KI8BV of Sandusky, OH has a fine article about a dipole
> antenna with a powered controller.
>
> Want still more GLD in print? Mike VanVoorhis, N8VIQ and children
> Lauren and Kaitlin are pictured in Up Front in QST. They are shown in
> the Edison Depot Museum in Port Huron.
>
> Please also note that one GLD native is always in QST. This is Editor
> Steve Ford, WB8IMY.
>
> +++ Happy landings, George +++
>
> As mentioned in "Weaver's Words" last fall, Past Director George Race,
> WB8BGY of Albion, MI was building his own airplane -- to fly -- with
> himself aboard. The construction has been completed and he made his
> maiden flight with the "experimental" craft on August 20 -- from his
> side yard. The plane is an STOL (short take-off and landing) designed
> in Europe.
>
> You can see photos of the first fight at
> http://www.mykitairplane.com/chat/. Photos of the plane as it
> progressed from kit-form to a real airplane are at
> http://www.mykitairplane.com/MyCH701.
>
> Of his first flight, George said, "Building and flying your own
> airplane is an experience of a lifetime, and a life long dream coming
> true for me." He also reported that "Barb, my wife, says I can't seem
> to get the smile off of my face!"
>
> The registration letter/number of the plane is N73EX. As you can
> guess, the N is for the US. From this point on, I had to ask George
> how he got the registration number.
>
> Registration numbers that are not in use are posted by the FAA (Federal
> Aviation Association). Registrants such as George may choose any of
> the unused letters. He chose 73 for its use by hams as well as its
> general meaning. X (for experimental), itself, was unavailable so he

> chose EX.
>
> Congratulations, George. Many happy landings and 73, indeed.
>
> +++ Dumbing down? +++
>
> I continue to hear amateurs say FCC licensing exams have become too
> easy. This increased easiness is blamed for a "dumbing down" of
> Amateur Radio.
>
> I don't believe the licensing exams are the cause of any current
> problems and I'll tell you why. First, though, let's look back about
> 50 years ago.
>
> Back when the Novice license was introduced, many older hams believed
> it would lead to the dumbing down of Amateur Radio. (Sound familiar?)
> In spite of their predictions, hamming continued to prosper for
> decades. Adding the Novice license simply made things different . . .
> not worse. It was a change. Many people resist change.
>
> People who currently bemoan the dumbing down of Amateur Radio are
> largely the same people who benefitted from the supposedly "dumbed
> down" Novice license. Obviously, the dumbing down waited until after
> they -- and I -- were licensed.
>
> Just how tough was this Novice (entry level) license so many say was
> harder than the current Technician exam? The Novice exam required four
> simple things. It required us to learn: how to use Ohm's law, how to
> calculate power, how to calculate the proper lengths of wire antennas,
> how to apply FCC rules pertaining to the Novice license, enough about
> electrical safety to avoid being electrocuted and just enough
> electronics theory to enable us to learn more if we wanted to learn
> more. This was far from being enough to earn an associate degree in
> electrical or electronics engineering.
>
> We also learned how to draw the schematic for a Colpitts and a couple
> of other extremely simple oscillators. How many of us can still draw
> one of these? Moreover, who cares?
>
> W didn't need to learn much to obtain an amateur license 50 years ago,
> did we?
>
> Back then, the training manuals for the Novice, Technician and General
> licenses, each, were less than 1/4" thick with pages about 5 1/2" by
> about 7 1/2". These study guides were far from being encyclopedic in
> content. They contained relatively few study questions.
>
> Compare the study guide of about 50 years ago with the study guides of
> today and a huge difference immediately jumps up and hits one in the
> face. Modern study guides are thicker than 1/2" with pages of about 8

> 1/2" x 11. This means even at first blush, that there is about four
> times as much material to study today than there was in "the good old
> days." A review of the contents of current and old study guides
> confirms this first-blush impression is accurate.
>
> For sake of discussion, let's assume Amateur Radio is dumbing down.
> Who is at fault? In my view, the main problem newbies face is a lack
> of knowledge of proper operating procedures, not a lack of technical
> knowledge (as compared with the requirements of 50 years ago). How did
> we OMs and OWs (Old Men and Old Women) learn proper operating? We
> learned them from experienced hams who took the time to guide us. We
> called these people "Elmers."
>
> Elmering of newbie or wanna-be amateurs is largely a lost practice.
> The most unfortunate thing is that the FCC in its infinite wisdom has
> done nothing to help the situation under its newer rules. Still worse,
> too many of us old times do no more than sit back and complain about
> newly-licensed amateurs instead of reaching out to help them.
>
> Rather than being a dumbing down of Amateur Radio, I suggest what we
> see today is a "letting down" -- a letting down of new people by us
> more experienced hams.
>
> Adhering to the license manual is fine. Having 1-day crash courses for
> licensing is fine. I believe that what we ought to do, though, is to
> take the extra step needed to develop these book-taught amateurs into
> rounded operators.
>
> If we do this, new inexperienced operators who have no concept of
> operating courtesy and ethics will become the type of new operators who
> had been coached by Elmers. The new people will still make mistakes,
> but so did we. We still do. The difference is that they as did we
> will understand they don't know everything and will be eager to
> continue to learn.
>
> This is my opinion. What is yours?
>
> +++ Fee for Vanity Calls going up +++
>
> The cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 60 cents,
> from $11.70 to $12.30. The fee will increase effective September 25.
> The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying
> for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign
> for a new 10 year term.
>
> +++ WRC-11 +++
>
> The next World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC) is set to be held
> the third quarter of 2011. This will be the first WRC since 2007. If
> you are unfamiliar with WRCs, they are conferences of representatives

> from the world governments that develop details of international
> treaties governing the use of radio frequencies.
>
> As usual, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) is planning
> ahead to develop proposals to submit to the Conference through their
> Federal delegations.
>
> +++ New Canadian band plan +++
>
> The Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) has adopted a new band plan for
> Canada. The new plan and rationale for adopting its provisions are at
> <http://www.rac.ca/service/bandplans/hfband_e.php>.
>
> +++ Replacement for Riley +++
>
> When Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, retired from the FCC, Amateur Radio
> and ARRL lost a good friend in a key position. It isn't that Riley did
> anything for us that he would not have done for anyone else, but that
> he was dedicated to doing it -- i.e., the right thing. He also had the
> support of his supervisors in the Commission to do his job. Riley
> nearly single-handedly oversaw cleaning house of the truly bad actors
> in Amateur Radio.
>
> FCC advertised for applicants for Riley's former position. Apparently,
> there was considerable interest in the position and several
> applications have been received. Evaluating the applicants is said to
> be in progress.
>
> Incidentally, Riley remains very interested in Amateur Radio. He was
> and is a true amateur operator.
>
> +++ MiQP Party results +++
>
> I jumped the gun a bit when I announced the results of the Michigan QSO
> Party had been posted on the Internet. They are there, now. Go to:
> http://www.miqp.org.
>
> The contest committee reported, ". . . 2008 was a record-setter for
> MiQP in many ways."
>
> +++ Michigan Section Convention +++
>
> Final arrangements for the Michigan State Convention are coming into
> shape quite nicely. The ARRL HQ representative will be one of ARRL's
> crucial staff leaders, Dan Henderson, N1ND our Regulatory Information
> Manager.
>
> The Convention and Hamfest will be October 12 at the Kalamazoo County
> Expo Center and Fairground. Forums, food, DXCC QSL checking, VE
> testing, door prizes and free parking. A Convention banquet featuring

> awards and a presentation by Mr. Henderson will be at 1 PM.
>
> Admission is $5.00. Camping as well as hotel housing is available.
> Information is available at www.KalamazooHamFest.com.
>
> +++ Great Lakes Division candidates certified +++
>
> The ARRL Elections & Ethics Committee has reviewed and certified
> nomination applications for four candidates. I was certified to run
> for Director. With no opposition, the Committee declared me elected
> per ARRL rules. I look forward to serving the members of this Division
> for another three years.
>
> Three candidates have been certified for the Vice Director position.
> In call sugn call sign order, these are John Meyers, NB4K, of Butler,
> KY; Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, of Ann Arbor, MI and Gary Johnston, KI4LA, of
> Edgewood, KY.
>
> Gary is the current Vice Director. John is former Kentucky Section
> Manager and is the current Division Legislative Action Chairman. Dan
> Romanchik is the current Michigan Affiliated Club Coordinator and is a
> member of the Board of Directors of the ARROW Communications
> Association of Ann Arbor.
>
> Ballots will be mailed about the end of September (see below).
>
> Tentative Schedule:
>
> 7 Sep: Findlay Hamfest, Findlay, OH
> 13 Sep: OH Section Conf, Columbus - Jim
> 17 Sep: Delaware ARA Meeting, Delaware, OH - Jim
> 21 Sep: Cincinnati Hamfest - Jim, Gary, John
> 23 Sep-1 Oct: Director/Vice Director ballots mailed
> 6 Oct: Carroll County ARC, Carrollton, OH - Jim
> 7 Oct: OH-KY-IN ARS (Cincinnati) ARRL Night - Jim, John
> 12 Oct: Michigan State Convention, Kalamazoo - Jim
> 28 Oct: Quarterly GLD Teleconference
> 21 Nov: (Noon) Deadline for return of ballots; ballots counted
> 22 Nov: (By end of day) Candidates notified of election results
>
> 2009
>
> 1 Jan: (Noon) Newly elected/re-elected Director and Vice Director
> replace the current office holders.
>
> 73,
>
> Jim
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director

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> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
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> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

4421. Ken Groom ZR5AAD Status - 8/28/2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-29 00:28:16 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4421 Message: 4421

From: Chuck Krueger
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2008 8:16 PM
To: Steve Vander Hill
Subject: Re: Ken's status?

Steve,

The initial results from the biopsy confirmed the original diagnosis. The full test results from the pathologist will take a day or two. he is currently under monitoring, as a precaution.

Sometime tomorrow, he should be moved to a new room and then he will be able to have visitors again. That will probably happen in the late Am or early PM.

Anyone coming to visit should check at the information desk for the current room number.

4422. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Ken Groom ZR5AAD Status - 8/28/2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-29 01:00:33 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4421 Message: 4422

Is there a specific address we can send cards to?

Thanks.

================ K8JHR ======================

Steve Vander Hill wrote:
> *Subject:* Re: Ken's status?

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4423. Automatic calling system

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-29 10:58:03 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4423 Message: 4423
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

[Attachment content not displayed]

4424. Ken Groom ZR5AAD - Blog Created

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-29 15:49:26 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4424 Message: 4424

From: Chuck Krueger
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 11:25 AM
To: John and Sue Siedleman; Peter Venlet; Steve Vander Hill
Subject: Ken Groom

I just created a blog for friends and acquaintances of Ken to post messages to Ken. The url is:

zr5aad.blogspot.com

Would you please let people know about it.

Thanks.

Chuck and Sherry

4425. Blog created for Ken Groom ZR5AAD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-29 15:52:24 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4425 Message: 4425

From: Chuck Krueger [mailto:cskrueger1@...]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 11:25 AM
To: John and Sue Siedleman; Peter Venlet; Steve Vander Hill
Subject: Ken Groom

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Chuck and Sherry

4426. How to communicate into/out of a Disaster Area

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-29 18:54:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4426 Message: 4426

People are already getting ready for Hurricane Gustav, expected to hit the continental Untied States sometime early next week.

Here's a "word to the wise" on getting H&W inquiries into a disaster area. My father was in Los Angeles in 1973 when an earthquake hit. I couldn't get through on the telephone, because all circuit were tied up. And, of course, he didn't think of calling to let us know his situation nor his whereabouts. Telephone lines were clogged into the area for days.

I took a hint from previous experiences in disasters, and called him at about 5 a.m. our time - 2 a.m. Pacific time. I woke him up, but he was glad to know that his progeny were worried about him, and we were relieved to know he was okay. He was one of the 99.9% of people in the disaster area who were not affected, except that he didn't have power for a day or two.

In case of a widespread disaster caused by a major hurricane, this may not work because people are likely to be evacuated, telephone lines may be down, etc. But it might be wise to talk with your loved ones in the areas which may be affected, and ask them to call out when they get a chance. And, advise them that you'll accept a call in the middle of the night, when cell phone and land lines are more likely to be open in the affected areas.

When folks as me to get in touch with someone in the disaster area, I often counsel them to call at a weird hour - and many time this works. If they insist, I get the phone number, and will make the call myself. It's rare that I get chastised for waking someone up at 4 a.m. or thereabouts after I explain the purpose of my call.

73 de n8xx Hg

4427. Tower regulations in Grand Haven Township

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-29 21:16:23 UTC
From: ke8fo
Topic: 4427 Message: 4427

Has anyone been involved in putting up a tower in Grand Haven Township?

I found the ordinance on the township's Web site, and it appears to have a 35-foot height limit. That's ridiculous. But there is a provision in the ordinance's "exceptions" that states height limits "shall not apply to ... wireless transmission or reception towers..."

I plan to call the Township Hall next week to clarify this and find out the permit process, as I plan on putting up a 40-50 foot high tower in the near future.

Thanks for your help!
KE8FO

4428. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Tower regulations in Grand Haven Township

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-29 21:39:39 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4427 Message: 4428

Mark it is easier to ask for forgiveness than ask for permission put up the 40 to 50 foot tower hihi kc8uny john
----- Original Message -----
From: ke8fo
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 5:16 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Tower regulations in Grand Haven Township

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Thanks for your help!
KE8FO

4429. Update on Ken Groom ZR5AAD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-29 22:37:53 UTC
From: Alan NV8A
Topic: 4429 Message: 4429

Ken has been transferred from Holland Hospital to Hospice House already, but Hospice House staff were still getting him settled when I tried to visit just after 6pm, and they would not let me see him. Chuck and Sherry were there with him, the staff member informed me over the intercom.

Tomorrow (Saturday) should be OK for visits.

73

Alan NV8A

4431. Re: Tower regulations in Grand Haven Township

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-30 13:48:27 UTC
From: Mark Brooky
Topic: 4427 Message: 4431

Wow. You guys are advocating that I break the law? Hi hi.

I'd just cry if I put up 50 feet and the building inspector comes along (I've got a real pr##k of a neighbor --- and it's not like a tower is hidden) and tells me to take it down.

KE8FO

4432. Re: Tower Regulations in Grand Haven Township

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-30 14:54:48 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4432 Message: 4432

KE8FO de n8xx

The Grand Haven Township Commissioners certainly have not been apprised of the provisions of the Federal PRB-1 which supersedes local zoning ordinances. Many (most?) of the governing bodies of townships, cities, and counties have regulations which exempt amateur radio towers up to 70 or 100 feet. See Courtland Township (Kent County) for example.

If you run into a buzz saw of bureaucracy, I'll be happy to help with educating the township. We succeeded in getting the regulations changed in the township in Ohio where I lived until November 2005 - they had a similar regulation, and we convinced them that they didn't want a challenge in court, because of the preponderance of court cases favoring antennas up to 100 feet. Note that I'm not proposing a lawsuit, gentle, respectful persuasion usually works. From previous work in this area I have a fairly extensive bibliography of court cases.

A word of caution, someone mentioned that it is better to beg forgiveness than to seek permission. This can be costly, and lead to a poor image of amateur radio in a locality. There was a fellow in Northwest Ohio who put up several towers without building permits, greatly exceeding height restrictions in his township. After almost a year of wrangling with the township officials, he had to take his towers down. I moved to Michigan and lost track of whether he ever obtained permission.

I suggest you go to the township zoning administrator with a copy of PRB-1 in hand, explain the situation in a calm, rational manner, and see what he says. If he doesn't agree, and he may not think he has the authority to waive the zoning regs, I'd NOT go to the zoning board of appeals (ZBA), but instead go to the Township Supervisor and the Board of Trustees, and ask that PRB-1 be reviewed by the town legal counsel. If you go to the ZBA you'll probably pay $200 or more for a hearing, which should not be necessary.

Good luck in your endeavor.

73 de n8xx Hg

"ke8fo" ke8fo@... ke8fo wrote:

>4a. Tower regulations in Grand Haven Township
> Posted by: "ke8fo" ke8fo@... ke8fo
> Date: Fri Aug 29, 2008 2:16 pm ((PDT))
>
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>
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>
>Thanks for your help!
>KE8FO
>

4433. Re: Tower regulations in Grand Haven Township

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-30 21:52:13 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 4427 Message: 4433

IMO you should familiarize yourself with the ordinance so you know the answers before you ask the zoning officer. As to the advice "forgiveness is easier than permission", it only take one neighbor down the street or official on the township board to create problems. If the ordinance allows towers, pay for the permit, jump the hoop, then no worries.

It would be nice if someone here could give Mark a legal and realistic answer as far as Grand Haven is concerned

73 Jack NY8D

Re: Tower regulations in Grand Haven Township (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/message/4428;_ylc=X3oDMTJydmU1cmRuBF9TAzk3MzU5NzE1BGdycElkAzE2OTc3MzYxBGdycHNwSWQDMTcwNTA2MzEwOARtc2dJZAM0NDI4BHNlYwNkbXNnBHNsawN2bXNnBHN0aW1lAzEyMjAwOTg5NTA-)

Posted by: "jtlr.fischer@..." jtlr.fischer@... kc8uny (http://profiles.yahoo.com/kc8uny)

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Thanks for your help!
KE8FO

4435. GRAHamfest 2ØØ8 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) Saturday, September 6

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-08-30 23:55:24 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 4435 Message: 4435

Let's not forget GRAHamfest 2??8 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) This Saturday, September 6, at the Kent County Fairgrounds in Lowell.
The usual with hamfests in the area, 6AM vendor setup, 8AM opens. Friday evening setup as well, potluck at 7PM. Overnight camping. LOTS MORE INFORMATION.
I could go on, but most your questions can be answered at
http://www.grahamfest.org/
or contact me at (616)897-6885, Cell (616)318-4551, e-mail grahamfest08@...?subject=Hamfest
See you Saturday.

73 Jack NY8D

4436. Re: Tower Regulations in Grand Haven Township

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-01 21:44:07 UTC
From: Mark Brooky
Topic: 4432 Message: 4436

Thanks Hank. I will be doing exactly that this week. I know the township manager, outgoing supervisor and incoming supervisor personally --- so I think I can work this out if there is a roadblock. I'll keep you informed.

Mark,
KE8FO

4437. Ken Groom ZR5AAD - Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-02 16:42:44 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4437 Message: 4437

From: Chuck Krueger
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 12:33 PM
To: Steve Vander Hill
Subject: Re: Wireless Access

UPdate:

Ken is very alert today. He was his handheld with him and Sherry thought that he may listen in to Open Mike night tonight. It remains to be seen if he gets too tired.

Chuck

4438. MCECS Training for Monday Sept 8

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-02 22:25:54 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4438 Message: 4438

Training topic will be on types and use of gps devices.

Instructor will be Greg Hoffman N8RXB from the Mariner Center.

We will be meeting at the Muskegon County EOC on Oak st. in Muskegon across from Mercy/General health partners 7:00PM Monday Sept 8.
Talk in on the 146.820 repeater.

Jim
KC8PCJ
AEC M.C.E.C.S.

4439. Ken Groom ZR5AAD Update - 09/02/08

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-03 12:31:19 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4439 Message: 4439

From: Chuck Krueger
Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 8:48 PM
To: bernddf2yh@...; Caleb Zimmerman; Candice Lotriet; Cornelius Washington; Donnie; Eddie Ward; Father Dreher; Gary Miedema; gbmiedema@...; John and Sue Siedleman; Les Cullen; Lola Jackson; Penny Clark; Peter Venlet; Podge Ponter; Steve Vander Hill; Sue Blackburn; The Ponters; Tombie Pappas; Woody Smith
Subject: Ken update

September 2, 2008
Update on Ken from Sherry.

Although prognosis has not change, I got to say it's been the first time since last Saturday that I have felt joy in my heart. I'm going to be pretty blunt here. I pray to God that if he takes Ken home it's with peace and love but I am open to miracles too. Got to flexible whenever possible.

But, on to today.....Ken was up and eating a good breakfast at Hospice of Holland (food IS terrific as I had had it myself). I spent some time reading some of the blogs letters to him. Slowly...especially the ham call letters of people because they do not trip easily off my tongue. He thoroughly enjoyed the thoughts and prayers of everyone and, I think I can say, it's beginning to sink in how MANY people are thinking of him. He's in awe and so am I. The man has walked around the world in many ways and touched lot of lives. Keep the blog & prayers coming. After a morning nap & few visitors he suggest we get outside and I wheeled him around the outside gardens. We had more company in the afternoon, another nap (me too then) and later dinner (yeah...and more visitors.....) I shares some stories with his friends of Ken's stories he's told me too. This even after dinner a few ham friends came and put him on the air for a few minutes so he could hear others and maybe say a few words. (I had also brought his ham radio in to have close to him.) I got to say, when I left he was very tired, but his face was glowing. --- Our sincere thanks for everyone's help. - Hugs & Hugs
Sherry

4440. GRAHamfest 2ØØ8 this Saturday Sept 6

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-04 15:37:46 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 4440 Message: 4440

Reminder GRAHamfest 2ØØ8 (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest) is this Saturday, September 6, Kent County Fairgrounds, Lowell, 15 miles east of Grand Rapids.

http://www.grahamfest.org

We are no longer accepting table reservations, but if you want to sell inside, bring your own tables. Or set up outside trunk sales. There is no charge for your own tables or trunk sales, although ticket purchase is required unless your a K-12 student.
The weather prediction for Saturday from the Weather Channel http://www.weather .com "A few clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.". Not that the threat of rain would have stopped any of us, right? RIGHT?

Cost of gas got you down? Try car pooling!

73 Jack NY8D
Chairman: GRAHamfest 2ØØ8

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4441. American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-04 19:20:52 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4441 Message: 4441

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/09/04/10314/?nc=1
American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy
On September 3, the American Red Cross released a statement to clarify their policy as it concerns Amateur Radio operators. The letter below from American Red Cross Disaster Service Technology Manager Keith Robertory, KG4UIR, is presented in its entirety:

There has recently been some posting on amateur radio discussion groups on the Internet that is carrying false or misleading information. The Red Cross does not have a policy against amateur radio participating in passing health and welfare messages. In fact, we recognize the importance of amateur radio in being a vital method for people to get registered.

The American Red Cross welcomes the support of Amateur Radio Operators in connecting friends and family members together through our health and welfare programs. The grassroots, independent nature of Amateur Radio Operators in communities around the country make them well suited for this task.

General welfare messages are processed through the Red Cross Safe and Well web site. This site allows people to register their status which can be checked by friends and family who search by your name, address or phone number. A quick look at the website disastersafe.redcross.org will show how both the registration process and search are done.

As few as two hams can setup an effective registration process. A ham located in the disaster zone can use any mode to transmit the basic Safe and Well registration information to another ham located outside the disaster who would enter the information on the web site. This quick ad-hoc setup doesn't rely on any affiliations and can be established by a call out to another ham who can help.

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Thank you,
Keith Robertory
Disaster Service Technology Manager, American Red Cross
KG4UIR

4442. September VHF QSO Party, September 13 - 14

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-05 02:47:24 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4442 Message: 4442
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/sepvhf.html

2008 September VHF QSO Party Rules
General Rules
1. Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees X 1 degree grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. Foreign stations work W/VE amateurs only.
2. Date and Contest Period: The second full weekend of September. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday and ends 0300 UTC Monday (September 13 - 15, 2008).
3. Entry Categories:
1. 3.1. Single Operator.
1. 3.1.1. Low Power
2. 3.1.2. High Power
2. 3.2. Single Operator Portable.
3. 3.3. Rover. A rover is comprised of no more than two operators that moves among two or more grid squares during the course of a contest. An operator may perform any or all rover functions, but a driver's function shall be limited to driving the vehicle. Drivers may be switched out during the event. Any number of observers is also allowed, however observers may not perform any rover function at any time. Rover vehicles with only one occupant are allowed to perform all functions listed above.
1. 3.3.1. A rover vehicle may transport only one station using a single call sign. An exception is provided for in "General Rules for All ARRL Contests" number 3.5 (Family Rule).
2. 3.3.2. A rover may not operate with more than one call sign.
3. 3.3.3. Rover vehicles must transport all the equipment, power supplies, and antennas used at each operating site.
4. 3.3.4. Rovers MUST sign "rover" on Phone and /R on CW and digital modes after their call sign.
5. 3.3.5. All Rovers are encouraged to adopt operating practices that allow as many stations as possible to contact them.
6. 3.3.6. Rover operators may submit separate logs for single operator (fixed station) in addition to their rover entries. Rovers submitting a score for inclusion in a club competition must also include a secondary summary sheet indicating the portion of the score that counts for the club score if any of the QSOs submitted take place outside of their club's territory.
7. 3.3.7. Rovers are permitted to use APRS. Rovers using APRS transmit only their call sign and position. Any multi-op station may access rover APRS data directly or via the Internet.
8. 3.3.8. A rover may not make more than 100 QSOs with any other one rover.
4. 3.4. Limited Rover. Same as the “Rover” class above, but competes with no more than any four bands of their own choosing. Output power limits shall be the same as those defined for the Single Operator Low Power category.
5. 3.5 Unlimited Rover. Same as “Rover” class above, but Unlimited Rovers may use more than two operators and are exempt from rules 3.3.3 and 3.3.8.
1. 3.5.1. Unlimited Rover scores may NOT be applied to a club score for Club Competition.

Please see “General Rules For All ARRL Contests Above 30 MHz” for more information on the Rover categories.
6. 3.6. Multioperator:
1. 3.6.1. Multioperator (Unlimited): Stations submit logs with more than four bands used.
2. 3.6.2. Limited Multioperator: Stations submit logs with a maximum of four bands used. (Logs from additional bands used, if any, should be included as checklogs.)
4. Exchange: Grid-square locator (see April 1994 QST, p 86).
1. 4.1. Exchange of grid square is required. Exchange of signal report is optional.
5. Scoring:
1. 5.1. QSO points:
1. 5.1.1. Count one point for each complete 50- or 144-MHz QSO.
2. 5.1.2. Count two points for each 222- or 432-MHz QSO.
3. 5.1.3. Count three points for each 902- or 1296-MHz QSO.
4. 5.1.4. Count four points for each 2.3-GHz (or higher) QSO.
2. 5.2. Multiplier: The total number of different grid squares worked per band. Each 2 degrees X 1 degree grid square counts as one multiplier on each band it is worked.
3. 5.3. Final score: Multiply the total number of QSO points from all bands operated by the total number of multipliers for final score.
4. 5.4. Rovers only: The final score consists of the total number of QSO points from all bands times the sum of unique multipliers (grid squares) worked per band (regardless of which grid square they were made in) plus one additional multiplier for every grid square activated (made a contact from).
1. 5.4.1. Rovers are listed in the contest score listings under the Division from which the most QSOs were made.
2. 5.4.2. Rovers who submit scores for the club competition must submit a separate summary sheet and log indicating QSOs and scoreif they make any contacts from outside of the club territory. The summary sheet should be clearly marked “for club competition only” and must be emailed separately to contests@...
6. Miscellaneous:
1. 6.1. Stations may be worked for credit only once per band from any given grid square, regardless of mode. This does not prohibit working a station from more than one grid square with the same call sign (such as a Rover).
2. 6.2. Only one signal per band (6, 2, 1 1/4, etc) at any given time is permitted, regardless of mode.
3. 6.3. Multioperator stations may not include QSOs with their own operators except on frequencies higher than 2.3 GHz. Even then, a complete, different station (transmitter, receiver and antenna) must exist for each QSO made under these conditions.
7. Awards:
1. 7.1. Certificates will be awarded in the following categories.
1. 7.1.1. Top Single Operator High and Single Operator Low power in each ARRL/RAC Section.
2. 7.1.2. Top Single Operator High and Single Operator Low power on each band (50, 144, 222, 432, 902, 1296 and 2304-and-up categories) in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Note: Since the highest score per band will be the award winner for that band, an entrant may win a certificate with additional single-band endorsements.) For example, if KA1RWY has the highest single-operator low-power all-band score in the CT Section and her 50- and 222-MHz scores are higher than any other CT single operator’s, she will earn a certificate for being the single-operator Section leader and endorsements for 50 and 222 MHz.
3. 7.1.3. Top Single Operator Portable in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Single Operator Portable entries are not eligible for single-band

awards.)
4. 7.1.4. Top rover in each ARRL Division and Canada where significant effort or competition is evident. (Rover entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
5. 7.1.5. Top multi-operator score in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Multioperator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.) Top limited multi-operator in each ARRL/RAC Section where significant effort or competition is evident. (Limited multi-operator entries are not eligible for single-band awards.)
6. 7.1.6. Top scoring club in each club competition category will be awarded a gavel. See “General Rules for all ARRL Contests” for club competition information.
8. Submission:
1. 8.1. All submissions must be emailed to SeptemberVHF@... or postmarked no later than 0300z Tuesday, October 14, 2008. Paper logs should be mailed to Sept VHF QSO Party, ARRL Contest Branch, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Logs mailed or emailed after the submission deadline may be designated as check logs.
2. 8.2. Stations that use computers to log must send the electronic log in the Cabrillo file format for entry into the results. Submitted electronic files must be in ASCII / text readable format. A paper printout of an electronically created log is not an acceptable substitute for the required log file.
3. 8.3. Electronically submitted entries are considered signed.
4. 8.4. Logs may be submitted via the special web applet at www.b4h.net/cabforms
5. 8.5. All paper entries must include a fully completed summary sheet and a complete log of the contacts made.
9. Other:
1. 9.1. See “General Rules for All ARRL Contests” and “General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands above 50 MHz (VHF)” November 2001 QST or at the Contest Branch Website at: http://www.arrl.org/contests
1. 9.1.1 For queries contact contests@... or (860) 594-0295.
2. 9.2. Forms may be obtained by:
1. 9.2.1. Downloading from the Internet at the Contest Branch Website: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms.
2. 9.2.2. Sending an SASE to September VHF Form Request, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

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4443. Ken Groom ZR5AAD Update - 9/4/2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-05 12:40:30 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4443 Message: 4443

From: Chuck Krueger [mailto:cskrueger1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 8:04 PM
To: Gary Miedema; John and Sue Siedleman; Steve Vander Hill
Subject: Ken Update

At the request of the Hospice nursing staff, visiting hours will be limited to the following schedule:

8:30 - 10:00 AM

3:00 - 5:30 PM

7:00 - 8:00 PM

All visits will be limited to a maximum of 10 min.

The nursing staff felt that his fatigue was due to too many visitors and not enough rest. So we will try this schedule and see if it helps. Sherry is still sharing emails, blogs and cards with him.

Thanks for your assistance and support.
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Chuck and Sherry

4444. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Automatic calling system

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-05 13:27:03 UTC
From: KD8CBJ@aol.com
Topic: 4423 Message: 4444

Yes I want in I will bring info by your office.

73 KD8CBJ

**********It's only a deal if it's where you want to go. Find your travel deal here.
(http://information.travel.aol.com/deals?ncid=aoltrv00050000000047)

4445. Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-05 13:53:42 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4441 Message: 4445

The one thing which is always stressed in a disaster situation is that a volunteer should register with a serving agency, rather than "self actuation" or trying to get inside a disaster area as an individual.

It is always wise to get registered prior to a disaster, though in preparation for possible mayhem from Hurricane Gustav the Red Cross was offering "crash courses" toward becoming a qualified volunteer. It is unclear how many of those volunteers were actually needed for this event. However, the next one could be "the big one" so volunteering won't be fruitless.

73 ed n8xx Hg

"Mark Thompson" wb9qzb@... wrote:
> 2. American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy
> Posted by: "Mark Thompson" wb9qzb@... wb9qzb
> Date: Thu Sep 4, 2008 12:20 pm ((PDT))
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> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/09/04/10314/?nc=1
> American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy
> On September 3, the American Red Cross released a statement to clarify their policy as it concerns Amateur Radio operators. The letter below from American Red Cross Disaster Service Technology Manager Keith Robertory, KG4UIR, is presented in its entirety:
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> Thank you,
> Keith Robertory
> Disaster Service Technology Manager, American Red Cross
> KG4UIR
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4446. IARU Region 1 SSB Fieldday Sep 6 1300Z to Sep 7 1300Z

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-05 14:23:36 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4446 Message: 4446

Thought this might have passed under the radar of some operators who
might be interested in "another contest"

73 de n8xx Hg
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-------- Original Message --------
Subject: IARU Region 1 SSB Fieldday this weekend
Date: Fri, 05 Sep 2008 13:03:47 +0200
From: Toby Deinhardt <dj7mgq@...>
Reply-To: dj7mgq@...
Organization: DJ7MGQ
To:

Hi,

this weekend is our SSB Fieldday: Saturday 13UTC to 13UTC Sunday.

Please listen for /p stations from region 1 this weekend.

The DL rules (in English):

<http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/xedcfr.htm>

vy 73 de toby

4447. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-05 18:34:20 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4441 Message: 4447

Am I the only one who thinks this is a subtle, but decidedly negative, comment on Ham radio? My first impression was that the Red Cross does not see a big need for ham radio operators in a disaster situation, and that other means of information exchange, ?la the Internet, are more desirable, maybe preferred because of "privacy" concerns.

That last paragraph about the HIPPA and privacy is ludicrous. Picture this = Some guy's house is blown to smithereens, his town wiped off the map, he has been evacuated to another state, and he has a medical problem that needs attention right now. So, ...like he's going to sue everybody for passing his medical information over a ham radio frequency in order to get the medication he needs? If that happens, I'm moving to another country. Maybe some small tropical Pacific Island.

Personally, I don't see how HIPPA standards apply to individuals who are not medical care providers, who ARE subject to that statute. The Red Cross sounds like they don't want us, or don't need many of us if they do.

That's just My take... Anybody else get that take?

Happy trails and 73. ---- Richards - K8JHR ----
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4448. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-05 20:57:05 UTC
From: Zach Lassiter
Topic: 4441 Message: 4448
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

The Red Cross is an organization that needs to project a positive image as well, and lets face it there are many ham radio operators who really don't give a hoot about how professional they look - showing up in shorts, with their beer belly hanging out from under a stained hooters t-shirt.

There are also the hams that are huge liabilities because of previous severe criminal histories that should have no business near a disaster area, or handling H&W or disaster traffic in my opinion.

Then there are the ones that refuse to do the training that an organization requires of its volunteers for whatever reason - and then want to be part of disaster communications.

I think its important to remember that an FCC license does not give us the right to help out any organization, the organization gives that opportunity when you meet there qualifications.

4449. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-06 01:27:21 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4441 Message: 4449

Then they should organize a troop like ARES and train them
and make them part of the organization. THEN they can dismiss
anyone they deem undesirable. They can then control them as
they are part of the larger organization. Those who do not play
by the rules can be dismissed and ignored.

Just MY take. But this PR blip sounds like they would rather only
two guys show up and besides they will be using other means.

Thanks for your input. What you say makes sense.

========== Richards - K8JHR ==========

Zach Lassiter wrote:
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4450. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-06 11:52:53 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4441 Message: 4450

Well said- DE WD8USA?? ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: Zach Lassiter <zach@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Fri, 5 Sep 2008 4:57 pm
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

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4451. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-07 03:42:55 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4441 Message: 4451

Like it or not client privacy is to be respected and protected as confidential. You would expect your privacy to be treated the same. FM voice circuts are easy to intercept- Imagine some one hearing through unofficial (or official) channels a loved one was severly hurt or killed and it turnes out to be a false report - Or a former husband hearing his former wife and child are at a shelter site and he wants to settle accounts? Who would be liable? The operator or Red Cross? There are sound reasons why client confidentiality cannot be comprimised in this atmosphere of liability trial lawyers that are flourishing right now- I think too many eggs are in the internet basket however- As usual a combination of methods need to be used to send information. Modes that are more complicated to intercept such as SSB,HF digital, CW and packet need to be utilized more than they are but that requires more operator skill.
 In a life or death situation any mode can and will be used to save a life but for any thing else care and common sense need to be taken with client information.Like it or not this is the world as it is, not how we want it to be or like it to be.
  The Red Cross does want hams now and in the future but like every thing else there are ground rules that must be followed.
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From: Richards <jruing@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Fri, 5 Sep 2008 2:34 pm
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cr
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4452. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-07 04:07:25 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4441 Message: 4452

Sarcastic button ON (yet, with due respect to you...)

WELL... Let's see ... You make it sound like it just may be
too dangerous to even attempt to help at all. Maybe we
should just stand by and quit helping because we MIGHT pass
a mistaken message or somebody might hear me make a call
about someone's medical condition. Yeah... you are right. It is
just too touchy for us and we should not get "involved." Let's
just stay home and let someone else handle it. Hmmm....

Sarcastic button OFF:
Serious button ON :

While there may be sound reasons, but I do not discern one
in your post. I believe that under emergency situations, most
reasonable people would have us suspend some privacy
protections, and help out. Certainly we should use the least
onerous and invasive methods available, in due respect for that
privacy, which IS important, as you state.

I spent 25 years as a trial attorney, and I don't accept the liability
argument. Although (seriously) heaven forbid you are right
about this, because that would be just too much to bear - really,
seriously, imagine we step forward to pass traffic to help someone
in distress, and get sued for doing so for some really obscure reason
as you describe! Sheesh... I hope it has not come to THAT !

You do make a very interesting point about using different modes,
although they may be subject to interception as you suggest.
I just thought the Red Cross was saying IT would be placing
great reliance on the internet and similar channels of
communication in times of trouble -- which seem, to me, like
the very sort of media that will be unavailable and "down" during
a big emergency - which is where we come in handy, filling
in where other methods are "down."

Thank you for reply. It gives us food for thought. Man,... I hope
we have not become as litigious as you suggest. But, who
knows... the news is full of such silly stories, eh?

Happy trails and 73. ---- K8JHR ------

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> Looking for spoilers and reviews on the new TV season? Get AOL's
> ultimate guide to fall TV
> <http://television.aol.com/feature/fall_tv?ncid=aoletv00050000000037>.
>

4453. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-07 14:57:22 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 4441 Message: 4453

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--- On Sun, 9/7/08, Richards <jruing@...> wrote:

From: Richards <jruing@...>
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy
To: WestMichiganHams@...m
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2008, 12:07 AM

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Date: 2008-09-07 18:28:57 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4441 Message: 4454

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4455. Muskegon Chapter, QCWA

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 02:08:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4455 Message: 4455

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4456. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon Chapter, QCWA

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 02:14:10 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 4455 Message: 4456

Yes they are. Their next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 13. Unfortunately I don't know where they are meeting as I understand where they had been going closed.

You might try sending an email to Jon Plyler AB8RD is should know or can get you in touch with who would know.
Jon's address is ab8rd@arrl.net

Denny N8CTT

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 02:14:49 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4441 Message: 4457

Well, there are nut cases out there unfortunately and all it takes is one of them to do great damage! Good post Hank- DE WD8USA ...-.-

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 02:44:16 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4441 Message: 4458

Great posts on this subject!
 The RC will always need hams to assist in a big disaster where all else fails. They realize this. My RC Disaster Chair has stated this to me and so has National. I do know Red Cross staff that see us perform and want to get a ham ticket because they like what they see, not to "evade using us" etc. I admit the National staff do put too much faith in the Internet- They do try to get this link up fast! That is because they rely too much on it! They all use and know computers! Infrastructure is rapidly becoming readily repairable and in all but the worst situations and can be brought up very fast. Therefore it is less of a case against ham radio as for the rapidity in which Internet linking can be set up again. It comes down to being ready for a very rapid deployment at the onset of a big disaster before these comercial circuts are restored- Unfortunately this window is closing rapidly as techonology inproves leaving us hams to make sure we can deploy in a minimum of time. DE WD8USA   ...-.-

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 03:02:39 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4441 Message: 4459

Good thoughts Hank- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Fri, 5 Sep 2008 9:53 am
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

The one thing which is always stressed in a disaster situation is that a volunteer should register with a serving agency, rather than "self actuation" or trying to get inside a disaster area as an individual.

It is always wise to get registered prior to a disaster, though in preparation for possible mayhem from Hurricane Gustav the Red Cross was offering "crash courses" toward becoming a qualified volunteer. It is unclear how many of those volunteers were actually needed for this event. However, the next one could be "the big one" so volunteering won't be fruitless.

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"Mark Thompson" wb9qzb@... wrote:
> 2. American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy
> Posted by: "Mark Thompson" wb9qzb@... wb9qzb
> Date: Thu Sep 4, 2008 12:20 pm ((PDT))
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> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/09/04/10314/?nc=1
> American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy
> On September 3, the American Red Cross released a statement to clarify their policy as it concerns Amateur Radio operators. The letter below from American Red Cross Disaster Service Technology Manager Keith Robertory, KG4UIR, is presented in its entirety:
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> There has recently been some posting on amateur radio discussion groups on the Internet that is carrying false or misleading information. The Red Cross does not have a policy against amateur radio participating in passing health and welfare messages. In fact, we recognize the importance of amateur radio in being a vital method for people to get registered.
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>
> General welfare messages are processed through the Red Cross Safe and Well web site. This site allows people to register their status which can be checked by friends and family who

search by your name, address or phone number. A quick look at the website disastersafe.redcross.org will show how both the registration process and search are done.
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4460. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 03:40:09 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 4441 Message: 4460

Paul and All:

I don☐t believe they are honestly trying to limit the use of Amateur radio volunteers. Instead, they are trying to use the Red Cross volunteers that may already be on site or readily available- and plan make use of amateur radio communications when available and/or needed. In all honesty, as most of us know, it is very difficult to find amateur radio operators who are interested in disaster communications to begin with. Finding those willing to jump through all the hoops- and take the training that is required- to work for the served agencies these days is extremely difficult.

On the Red Cross side of things, being involved in many aspects of response around our chapter means I can tell you that having all volunteers cross-trained to do multiple jobs makes life easier for all involved. If an ERV goes out some place the seating is very limited. One cannot expect to have a spot taken up by one of us to just talk on the radio, or expect one of us to go out every time that the ERV responds to an incident.

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As for the H&W traffic: I agree with all of you on the various comments both good and bad. In one of my original trainings years ago I was simply taught that there are many methods to communicate. Each method of communication has its advantages and disadvantages. These features should be exploited as much as possible to pass traffic in the most efficient manner possible, while limiting the amount of exposure and errors.

To discuss potential errors via radio in general we could start an entire mail list dedicated to goofs, blunders and whoops☐ that inevitably occur over the radio. It would embarrass us, as well as make us laugh- and I☐m not talking about just amateur radio. I☐m referencing radio in general. To end my email, I hope to remind everyone as to what we as potential emergency communicators do. We should consider ourselves ☐volunteer professional disaster / emergency communications people.☐ We should employ whatever method is available, whenever possible, to get the message through with the least amount of error- and be as efficient as we possibly can.

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4461. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 04:24:15 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4441 Message: 4461

Good answer - it puts the RC comments into a different perspective.

Thanks. ========== Richards - K8JHR ==========

wd8usa@... wrote:
Infrastructure is rapidly becoming readily repairable and in
> all but the worst situations and can be brought up very fast. Therefore
> it is less of a case against ham radio as for the rapidity in which
> Internet linking can be set up again. It comes down to being ready for a
> very rapid deployment at the onset of a big disaster before these
> comercial circuts are restored-

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4462. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 04:26:32 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4441 Message: 4462

Man -- I really appreciate all the replies to my question and comment about the RC message.... I am getting a much different perspective than I had originally.

========== Richards - K8JHR ==========

Jeff's Lists wrote:
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4463. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 08:22:21 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 4441 Message: 4463

nicely put jeff

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From: Jeff's Lists <lists@...>
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Date: Sunday, September 7, 2008, 11:40 PM

Paul and All:

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On the Red Cross side of things, being involved in many aspects of response around our chapter means I can tell you that having all volunteers cross-trained to do multiple jobs makes life easier for all involved. If an ERV goes out some place the seating is very limited. One cannot expect to have a spot taken up by one of us to just talk on the radio, or expect one of us to go out every time that the ERV responds to an incident.

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As for the H&W traffic: I agree with all of you on the various comments both good and bad. In one of my original trainings years ago I was simply taught that there are many methods to communicate. Each method of communication has its advantages and disadvantages. These features should be exploited as much as possible to pass traffic in the most efficient manner possible, while limiting the amount of exposure and errors.

To discuss potential errors via radio in general we could start an entire mail list dedicated to goofs, blunders and whoops’ that inevitably occur over the radio. It would embarrass us, as well as make us laugh- and I’m not talking about just amateur radio. I’m referencing radio in general. To end my email, I hope to remind everyone as to what we as potential emergency communicators do. We should consider ourselves “volunteer professional disaster / emergency communications people.” We should employ whatever method is available, whenever possible, to get the message through with the least amount of error- and be as efficient as we possibly can.

Just my two cents, take it for what it is worth. It’s my opinion and only my opinion.

Jeff – N8JSN

From: WestMichiganHams@ yahoogroups. com [mailto:WestMichiga nHams@yahoogroup s.com] On Behalf Of paul odem
Sent: Sunday, September 07, 2008 10:57 AM
To: WestMichiganHams@ yahoogroups. com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

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4464. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon Chapter, QCWA

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 11:21:54 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 4455 Message: 4464

They are meeting at Cherokee restaurant 5:30.

--- On Sun, 9/7/08, Dennis Harris <n8ctt@...> wrote:

From: Dennis Harriss <n8ctt@...>
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon Chapter, QCWA
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2008, 10:14 PM

Yes they are. Their next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 13. Unfortunately I don't know where they are meeting as I understand where they had been going closed.

You might try sending an email to Jon Plyler AB8RD is should know or can get you in touch with who would know.
Jon's address is ab8rd@arrl.net

Denny N8CTT

----- Original Message -----
From: Hank Greeb
To: West Michigan Hams
Sent: Sunday, September 07, 2008 22:08
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Muskegon Chapter, QCWA

Does anyone on this reflector know if the Muskegon chapter of QCWA is
active? I sent a message to the listed e-mail address of the chair, and
it was returned.

Thanx in advance

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4465. Re: Muskegon Chapter, QCWA

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 12:22:50 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4455 Message: 4465

Denny:

I thought I remember that the QCWA meets on the second Thursday. Their meeting would be Sept. 11 and not on Saturday. Saturday the radio club is having a Steak Dinner at five o'clock. The QCWA is active and has a number of members.

I like your idea of asking Jon, AB8RD.

This could all be verified on the Teenage Net or Bathrobe Net. Those guys would know for sure. And I did hear the Cherokee Restaurant mentioned in this context. At the time I did not really take note.

Bill, AB8SC

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4466. The California QSO Party October 4-5, 2008 --- Be There

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 14:00:33 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4466 Message: 4466

FYI:

Should we claim that Michigan is the "Greatest" in several respects?

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: The California QSO Party October 4-5, 2008 --- Be There
Date: Mon, 08 Sep 2008 00:35:42 -0700
From: Rick Eversole <rick@...>
To: undisclosed-recipients: ;

Hello from N6RNO "The Rhino" your new chairman for the greatest State
QSO party the California QSO Party.

When: 1600 UTC October 4, 2008 to 2159 UTC October 5, 2008
Where: 160m, 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m, 6m, 2m
Modes: CW, SSB
Logs Due: November 15, 2008

The only real change this year is that we will not have county line
operations. This means that there is only one county given on a QSO.
We feel this makes it easier for everyone.

Key Information:
Website: http://www.cqp.org
Rules: http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html
County Registration http://www.cqp.org/Counties-Plan-2008.html
Operating Strategy: http://www.cqp.org/pdf/cqp_strategy_k6rb.pdf
Information: mailto:info@...

CQP Flyer: http://www.cqp.org/2008/CQP2008_Flyer.pdf
One page key information, date, times, frequencies and rally times.
Also, maps showing likely rare counties and state/provinces.

CQP Package: http://www.cqp.org/2008/EviteCQP2008.pdf
General invite, Rules, County/State Abbreviations

Last year if you were in Montana and sent in a log you would have won
the state.

Get the certificates, plaques and wine that you deserve. Send in your logs.

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Charging Forward
Rick "The Rhino" N6RNO

@ Tehama for California QSO Party, October 4-5 2008.
Where will you be?

http://www.cqp.org

4467. New Sunspot Record!!!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 19:30:30 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4467 Message: 4467

This is worth a reading by anyone on the HF bands.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: New Sunspot Record!!!
Date: Mon, 8 Sep 2008 15:13:49 -0400
From: hank k8dd <k8dd@...>

I believe it listening on the bands........

NO SUNSPOTS FOR AUGUST (First Time in 100 Years). The sun has reached a
milestone not seen for nearly 100 years: an entire month has passed
without a single visible sunspot being noted. Read the entire article at:

http://www.dailytech.com/Sun+Makes+History+First+Spotless+Month+in+a+Century/article12823.htm

4468. Beating and Robbery in San Francisco

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 20:48:10 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 4468 Message: 4468

--- On Mon, 9/8/08, Patrick Mullen <patrick_mullen@...> wrote:

From: Patrick Mullen <patrick_mullen@...>
Subject: [YAESUVX5] Beating and Robbery in San Francisco
To: YAESUVX5@yahoogroups.com
Date: Monday, September 8, 2008, 2:30 PM

A "HAM" radio operator was recently viciously beaten and robbed in San Francisco, California.

On September Tuesday, 2, 2008, at approximately 5:45AM, John, WB6WQF, was walking to work on California Street between Stockton and Grant (next to the Ritz Carlton hotel). A description of the attack, the equipment stolen, and an Email from John follows:

"Someone came up from behind me and whacked me over the head with a large table leg, knocking me to the ground and leaving me bloody. The radios were in my briefcase, which was stolen, along with my laptop computer. The assailants robbed me and then drove off in a light colored compact sedan.

The MTX9250 was programmed with just about all of the Northern California open 900MHz repeaters, in about 10 zones. I also had some Connecticutt [sic] repeaters programmed in one zone. The repeater locations show up on the display (e.g., Black Mtn., Vacaville, Willits, Concord, etc.). It's not easy to program these radios and it's pretty easy to identify my programming.

The FT-60R was programmed with about 900 repeaters. Bank 1 has all of the 99 or so AAR railroad frequencies. Bank 2 has a number of local Norcal repeaters, mostly SFARC, Marin ARC, Diablo, and Winsystem. Bank 3 has all of the Winsystem repeaters. Other banks have various Norcal repeaters, one bank has Connecticut VHF repeaters, and another bank has Connecticut UHF repeaters. Also should be easy to spot.

I am recovering from my injuries, and I'm lucky to be alive. I would really like to get these guys, and perhaps we can do it if the stolen radios show up."

Nomenclature of stolen radios (both are Handy-Talkies) - nomenclature and description of laptop computer:

* Motorola MTX9250, serial number 921TDJ1024 (Easy to spot, not a common radio)
* Yaesu FT-60R, serial number 6L441005.
* The laptop is a Thinkpad X60s, model 1704-4JU, serial number LVA3837. It's a 12.1" lightweight portable, with a 60GB hard drive,

and 1.5GB of RAM, no optical drive. There is a power-on password and a hard drive password, so it boots with a black screen and a padlock symbol prompt in the upper left corner.

It has been suggested that the "Ebay" website be monitored in case these items show up for auction

If you have any information regarding the perpetrators or the equipment, please email John:

"jpoesq at sbcglobal dot net"

4469. help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 21:08:07 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1081 Message: 4469

Hello All Sat Sept 20 2008 we need help for a 5K race in Spring Lake the race will be on the bike path we will be at the intersections to stop traffic to allow the runners to cross the race startes at 10:00 and should be over by 12:00 there is also a half marathon that will be on the same return course . if You can help we will be meeting at the Spring Lake EOC at 9:00 am or contact kc8uny@... 73 and thanks

4470. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-08 21:14:23 UTC
From: Zach Lassiter
Topic: 4441 Message: 4470

I'm not a big fan of Ham in a day. All you for is memorize answers.
You really don't learn anything but what answer to sellect

Thanks,
Zachary Lassiter
Sent from my iPhone

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> > Sent: Fri, 5 Sep 2008 2:34 pm
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4471. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-09 01:02:34 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4441 Message: 4471

Great Post Jeff- Thanks- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Zach Lassiter <zach@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, 8 Sep 2008 5:14 pm
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

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Thanks,

Zachary Lassiter
Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 7, 2008, at 11:42 PM, "Jeff's Lists" <lists@...> wrote:

Paul and All:

I don’t believe they are honestly trying to limit the use of Amateur radio volunteers. Instead, they are trying to use the Red Cross volunteers that may already be on site or readily available- and plan make use of amateur radio communications when available and/or needed. In all honesty, as most of us know, it is very difficult to find amateur radio operators who are interested in disaster communications to begin with. Finding those willing to jump through all the hoops- and take the training that is required- to work for the served agencies these days is extremely difficult.

On the Red Cross side of things, being involved in many aspects of response around our chapter means I can tell you that having all volunteers cross-trained to do multiple jobs makes life easier for all involved. If an ERV goes out some place the seating is very limited. One cannot expect to have a
spot taken up by one of us to just talk on the radio, or expect one of us to go out every time that the ERV responds to an incident.

On the ARES / RACES side of things: I’ve put several people from EMS, Fire, Red Cross, SAR and Law Enforcement through the "Ham in a Day" program. These people are not trying to replace us, but instead are trying to work with us or to be able to communicate using amateur radio when the “merde frappe le ventilateur”.

As for the H&W traffic: I agree with all of you on the various comments both good and bad. In one of my original trainings years ago I was simply taught that there are many methods to communicate. Each method of communication has its advantages and disadvantages. These features should be exploited as much as possible to pass traffic in the most efficient manner possible, while limiting the amount of exposure and errors.

To discuss potential errors via radio in general we could start an entire mail list dedicated to goofs, blunders and whoops' that inevitably occur over the radio. It would embarrass us, as well as make us laugh- and I'm not talking about just amateur radio. I'm referencing radio in general. To end my email, I hope to remind everyone as to what we as potential emergency communicators do. We should consider ourselves "volunteer professional disaster / emergency communications people." We should employ whatever method is available, whenever possible, to get the message through with the least amount of error- and be as efficient as we possibly can.

Just my two cents, take it for what it is worth. It's my opinion and only my opinion.

Jeff – N8JSN

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of paul odem
Sent: Sunday, September 07, 2008 10:57 AM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

now you know why red cross is requiring there internal staff to get liceanse. to limit the use of ham radio volunteers in a emergency and use more of their own staff to past h @ w messages out from the scene.

--- On Sun, 9/7/08, Richards <jruing@...> wrote:

From: Richards <jruing@...>
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2008, 12:07 AM

Sarcastic button ON (yet, with due respect to you...)

WELL... Let's see ... You make it sound like it just may be
too dangerous to even attempt to help at all. Maybe we
should just stand by and quit helping because we MIGHT pass
a mistaken message
or somebody might hear me make a call
about someone's medical condition. Yeah... you are right. It is
just too touchy for us and we should not get "involved." Let's
just stay home and let someone else handle it. Hmmm....

Sarcastic button OFF:
Serious button ON :

While there may be sound reasons, but I do not discern one
in your post. I believe that under emergency situations, most
reasonable people would have us suspend some privacy
protections, and help out. Certainly we should use the least
onerous and invasive methods available, in due respect for that
privacy, which IS important, as you state.

I spent 25 years as a trial attorney, and I don't accept the liability
argument. Although (seriously) heaven forbid you are right
about this, because that would be just too much to bear - really,
seriously, imagine we step forward to pass traffic to help someone
in distress, and get sued for doing so for some really obscure reason
as you describe! Sheesh... I hope it has not come to THAT !

You do make a very interesting point about using different modes,
although they may be subject to interception as you suggest.
I just thought the Red Cross was saying IT would be placing
great reliance on the internet and similar channels of
communication in times of trouble -- which seem, to me, like
the very sort of media that will be unavailable and "down" during
a big emergency - which is where we come in handy, filling
in where other methods are "down."

Thank you for reply. It gives us foo
d for thought. Man,... I hope
we have not become as litigious as you suggest. But, who
knows... the news is full of such silly stories, eh?

Happy trails and 73. ---- K8JHR ------

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wd8usa@... wrote:
> Like it or not client privacy is to be respected and protected as
> confidential. You would expect your privacy to be treated the same. FM
> voice circuts are easy to intercept- Imagine some one hearing through
> unofficial (or official) channels a loved one was severly hurt or killed
> and it turnes out to be a false report - Or a former husband hearing his
> former wife and child are at a shelter site and he wants to
> settle accounts? Who would be liable? The operator or Red Cross? There
> are sound reasons why client confidentiality cannot be comprimised in
> this atmosphere of liability trial lawyers that are flourishing right
> now- I think too many eggs are in the internet basket however- As usual
> a combination of methods need to be used to send information. Modes that
> are more complicated to intercept such as SSB,HF digital, CW and packet
> need to be utilized more than they are but that requires more operator
> skill.
> In a life or death situation any mode can and will be used to save a
> life but for any thing else care and common sense need to be taken with
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4473. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-09 04:24:13 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4441 Message: 4473

Do they teach the questions on the test version they use?
I cannot imagine learning all the questions in a single day.
I CAN imagine learning the questions for that particular version
of the exam in one day. But I don't think that would be a fair
way to proceed if that is what they are doing. Don't know, but
really wonder.

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4474. Re: American Red Cross Clarifies Amateur Radio Policy

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-09 13:39:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4441 Message: 4474

There have been "Licenses in a Day" classes since shortly after the code requirement for technician licenses was adopted a bunch of years ago. People figured out that they could teach enough of the answers so that most people could pass the test.

But, only a few groups follow through with "elmering", "open radio rooms." etc. so many of the people who get licensed don't actually get on the air. "Passing a test" and "gaining enough knowledge and generating enough enthusiasm to want to operate" are two different things.

73 de n8xx Hg

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4475. Meetings and events coming soon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-09 13:58:34 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 4475 Message: 4475

LARC members, family, friends, guests, anyone interested.
RE: Annual meeting and Morley gathering (Separate events)

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club's "Annual" meeting / gathering is this Saturday, September 13. This meeting, including election of officers for Oct 1-Sept 30 is usually abbreviated, followed by a picnic gathering that all are invited to.
The meeting begins at 12 noon, followed by picnic. The picnic will be outdoors if the weather permits, indoors conference room if not. Bring your own food and drink. "The Shack" at the Flat River Outreach Ministries building, 11535 E Fulton Ave - HWY M-21, Lowell. West end of Lowell, about 1 mile west of the Lowell Meijer. Talk-in 145.27-(ctcss94.8Hz).

An event this club have not done in a long time is a weekend campfire gathering. We also should do one more site cleanup at the Morley receive site.
Sooo, Saturday, September 20, campfire-cookout at the Morley receive site. Input "3800 155th Ave, Morley, Mi 49336" in your favorite maping software or website. Figure about 6PM, I'll provide burgers and dogs, bring something to pass. You might want to bring a chair as well.
Now for more details. I'll arrive with my motorhome Friday afternoon, and since I'm taking vacation the following week, leave when I'm good and ready to. Anyone else feel like a camping trip out in a rural area with mix of trees and open areas is also welcome to bring your gear. Electricity is available, bring extension cord, you'll need to bring water, etc. Saturday will be site cleanup, figure about 10AM start. Cookout / campfire at 6PM. If you have to choose, do the evening campfire. Not a lot has to be done during the day, we'll manage just fine. Anyone who was around when we first raised our antennas on the Morley tower remember the good time and comeradaty we had the night before and during the antenna work should look forward to the weekend. Of course, all are welcome including family, friends, guests. Talk-in 145.27-(ctcss94.8Hz), you will have no problem accessing the repeater as you approach the Morley tower. I will also have my cell phone.

73 Jack NY8D

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4476. HIAD thoughts.. from the guy who does it..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-09 19:35:24 UTC
From: Jeff's Lists
Topic: 4441 Message: 4476

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This is sure to spark some high emotions, and I'm sure many hams will have comments about programs that simplify the training down to a "mere" 5 hours.

I'm not here to argue with anyone about it. Trust me; I have mixed emotions in regards to teaching HIAD. I've heard all the arguments both for and against it. The ratio of people who have come to take HIAD vs. the amount of people who are taking traditional classes simply proves the value of the course.

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4477. RE: [WestMichiganHams] HIAD thoughts.. from the guy who does it..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-09 20:07:18 UTC
From: Zach Lassiter
Topic: 4441 Message: 4477
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Ok - let me get this straight.

You take a group of people that already whine because they don't want to jump through the proper hoops to volunteer through an organization in an emergency (ARPSC) and remove all the hoops to try and recruit more people to that organization? - Doesn't make much sense to me! What good is retention if you have a bunch of people who aren't willing to go through the hoops?

So you have mixed feelings about it yourself but go ahead and teach it? I wont even go there are its going to be a bit insulting.

-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Jeff's Lists
Sent: Tue 9/9/2008 3:35 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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4478. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HIAD thoughts.. from the guy who does it..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-09 21:37:44 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4441 Message: 4478

Jeff great post we in grand haven have also done the ham in a day classes and then invited our new hams to our club meetings .I agree that their are some clubs that will turn up their noses at ham in a day techs it is also the same people that do the same to no code extras the best thing we as clubs is to welcome all hams no matter how they were licensed . Some of the people that take the ham in a day classes are CERT members ,Law enforcement, firefighters , and john q public the main reason is they don't have the time for 8 week classes 73 John kc8uny----- Original Message ----
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To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2008 3:35 PM
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4479. Ken Groom ZR5AAD Update - 9/9/09

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-10 12:38:27 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4479 Message: 4479

From: Chuck Krueger
Sent: Tuesday, September 09, 2008 6:59 PM
To: Steve Vander Hill
Subject: Any new news?

Ken is doing well, so far, this week. We have more people helping sit with Ken so Sherry can take a break and go back to work, part time. Visiting Hours are the same. That's about all.

Chuck

4480. ARRL Presents New Membership Benefit

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-10 15:31:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4480 Message: 4480

ARRL Presents New Membership Benefit

With just a mouse click or two, ARRL members can now access the online QST magazine archive. This new benefit -- a service of the ARRL Technical Information Service (TIS) -- provides PDF copies of all QST articles from December 1915 through December 2004, enabling members to view and print their favorite article, project and more. For many years, the TIS has provided members with assistance researching ARRL periodicals and publications, as well as providing members and non-members with article reprints for a small fee. Access to the new online digital QST archive is free for ARRL members

"Having access to every issue of QST through 2004 is absolutely incredible!" said ARRL Lab Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI. "The best of the best of QST from every era is now at the fingertips of every ARRL member with a keyboard and an Internet connection. Members can research articles on any subject that interests them, or just browse the past issues. This will be a popular membership benefit that will be of special value to new and long-time hams alike. This valuable content will help radio amateurs who use QST as a technical resource -- for projects, equipment 'hints and kinks' -- and for other research contributing to the advancement of the radio art. We know many hams will simply enjoy perusing these pages of history, too."

The ARRL Periodicals Archive and Search lists every article for QST from 1915 to the present, QEX from 1981 to the present, Ham Radio from 1968 to 1990 and NCJ from 1973 to the present (please note that beginning in 1998, each issue of QEX covers two months). Only ARRL members will be able to download and print copies of the QST articles.

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4481. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HIAD thoughts.. from the guy who does it..

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-10 18:25:30 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4441 Message: 4481

Just because you CAN do something... does NOT mean
you SHOULD do it.

If an idea is a bad idea, you don't make it a better idea by
trying to make a "fix" for it. Why do other hams have to make
exceptions and do more work to train them later, when they could
have learned it better in the first place? Why make experienced
hams play tutor to folks who can learn on their own. I don't mind
helping others with the hard stuff, but not on stuff that they can
jolly well learn on their own -if they are willing and interested enough
and motivated to do it.

HAID is a bad idea. It is not a good way to develop good hams,
and you cannot possibly teach the entire course in a day.

FACT = one can read more than 10 times faster than one can
listen to a lecture on the same material.

FACT = reading is (most often... yes there are exceptions) a better
way to learn and retain information than listening to a lecture.

Just because you can get students past the test this way, does not
mean you should - it is not a good idea.

Just MY take. ========= Richards -K8JHR ==========

4482. HIAD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-10 19:02:07 UTC
From: jimk8cop@afo.net
Topic: 4482 Message: 4482

As for this topic, I think we can all agree to dis-agree and leave it at that. Let's look for a new topic.

Jim, K8COP
Whitehall, MI.

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4483. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HIAD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-10 20:16:13 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4482 Message: 4483

I'll Agree with that this is starting to look and sound like a e-ham thread .kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: jimk8cop@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 3:02 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] HIAD

As for this topic, I think we can all agree to dis-agree and leave it at
that. Let's look for a new topic.

Jim, K8COP
Whitehall, MI.

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4484. Just wondered if you have and how ...?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-11 00:37:49 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 4484 Message: 4484

I was just wondering how many of you here on WMH have brought a new ham into ham radio in the last 12 months ... helped them get there ticket ... gone to a club meeting with them ... if more then one tell us how many ... How you did it ... did you get them signed up here at WMH ... if you would like too tell us somethings about them ...

I myself have to say that I have failed at this and I know someone that is interested and would make a good have .. so I will work on it ...

73 to all and please keep up the good comments but try not to get hung up on one subject ... Don Meyer - KB8ODB

4485. New poll for WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-11 02:24:56 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 9 Message: 4485

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
WestMichiganHams group:

This poll will not display voter identity
I am taking a poll on West Michigan Hams about hams on the
reflector
Please take the time to pick your choices and you can pick
more then one choice
How did you get started in this hobby....73 Don - KB8ODB

o I have a Technician Class License
o I have a General Class License
o I have a Amateur Extra Class License
o I have had my license for less then 10 years
o I have had my license for more then 10 years
o I studied out of books and went to a test site on my own
o I studied with help from another ham and tested
o I attend a class of more then 16 hours and tested
o I attended a ham in a day class and tested
o I passed my test the first time
o I passed my test on the 2nd or more times
o I plan on advanceing on my own
o I am looking for a class to take to advance
o I use VHF
o I use HF
o I use CW
o I use Phone
o I use Digital
o I have battery backup at my home station
o I am mostly on the repeaters
o I am a membe of at least one club
o I am a member of an Emergancy service group
o I like to help out with ham related events
o I read this poll but am not taking part in it

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestMichiganHams/surveys?id=2094144

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

4486. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Just wondered if you have and how ...?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-11 03:33:44 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4484 Message: 4486

I brought myself in after waiting 40 years!

I really think the key is the prospect must be self-motivated
join and wants to learn. You can show your enthusiasm, and
share joy for the hobby, and maybe invite him into the shack to
listen and maybe try a QSO - like on one of your favorite net
contacts where you know they will be friendly and helpful and
welcome him into the fold... and then lead him to what he needs
to study for the exam.

If he wants it, he will take it up. Otherwise, not. You can offer
to help, but he has to move on it. Show him where to order
the exam materials and offer to discuss anything he needs.

A soft sell is best, of course, but you know that - I can tell just by
the way you are asking the question.

Put him in a position to move ahead-- and let him make the move.
I really don't think you can do any more than that. It is kinda
like bringing a new member into a service club, like AMBUCS,
ROTARY, KIWANAS, and the like. You invite him to a meeting,
introduce him around, and tell him about the mission, but in the
end, he has to want it for himself or it won't take.

Just MY take . . . ///////// K8JHR ////////////

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4487. New EMI course - FEMA Deployment Basics

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-11 12:36:34 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4487 Message: 4487

From: SAR-MI@yahoogroups.com [mailto:SAR-MI@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Jeffrey Nawrot
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 7:36 PM
To: sar-mi@yahoogroups.com; 6diseclist@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [SAR-MI] FW: New EMI course - FEMA Deployment Basics

New EMI course - FEMA Deployment Basics

http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS102.asp
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS102.asp>

4488. Fox (Transmitter) Hunt & Steak Fry

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-11 12:50:43 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4488 Message: 4488

All:

You, yes YOU, are invited to a fun Saturday (yes, THIS one) packed with events. The day starts with a fox hunt at one o'clock. There will be fox hunting hardware available if you find yourself short an antenna or such. There will also be instruction and encouragement. Clarke, K8BP is heading up the fox hunt.

Actually you could start even earlier with breakfast at Whitlow's Restaurant. That's even more fun.

Later in the afternoon we're enjoying a Steak Dinner. New York Strips highlight the menu. Dinner starts at five o'clock. You don't have to be a fox hunter to enjoy the beef.

It all happens at the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council's clubhouse at 2888 Scenic (yep, ask your favorite mapping program for directions) over near Lake Michigan.

Come early, stay later, only show in the middle? It will all be great fun. And it doesn't matter if you are a ham or that you're just curious. Drop in and enjoy.

We hope to see you there.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

4489. ARRL Presents New Membership Benefit

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-11 15:46:43 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4480 Message: 4489

ARRL Presents New Membership Benefit

With just a mouse click or two, ARRL members can now access the online QST magazine archive. This new benefit -- a service of the ARRL Technical Information Service (TIS) -- provides PDF copies of all QST articles from December 1915 through December 2004, enabling members to view and print their favorite article, project and more. For many years, the TIS has provided members with assistance researching ARRL periodicals and publications, as well as providing members and non-members with article reprints for a small fee. Access to the new online digital QST archive is free for ARRL members

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4490. Ken Groom ZR5AAD - Quick Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-11 20:56:15 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4490 Message: 4490
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, just a quick update on Ken Groom ZR5AAD, Ken is no longer at the Hospice House, he checked out about 1:30pm this afternoon. Ken has been feeling good enough to spend some time at home versus staying in a room at the Hospice House.

As more information becomes available, it will be shared.

Best regards,

Steve Vander Hill

Safety Coordinator

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4491. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Fox (Transmitter) Hunt & Steak Fry

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-12 00:56:23 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 4488 Message: 4491

So, when "you" say "You", does that include a husband and wife team from Hudsonville? We've hunted in Ottawa and Kent County this year, and we are curious to see if the RF plays by the same rules in Muskegon County :)

K8AJ and K8TB, Sheila and Tom

Bill wrote:
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> All:
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4492. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HIAD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-12 02:34:22 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4482 Message: 4492

10-4 Good Buddy! DE WD8USA ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: jtlr.fischer@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, 10 Sep 2008 4:16 pm
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] HIAD

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Jim, K8COP
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4493. Re: Fox (Transmitter) Hunt & Steak Fry

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-12 10:53:38 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4488 Message: 4493

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, K8TB <k8tb@...> wrote:
>
> So, when "you" say "You", does that include a husband and wife
> team from Hudsonville?

You bet!

A purpose of this activity is to give new hams an excuse to get active in ham radio. The assistance of the grizzled Elmer can help and encourage these folks. I'm not suggesting the XYL is grizzled. I would suggest that experienced fox hunters will enjoy the day in Muskegon County.

Come on over! What IS that phrase the Chamber of Commerce is using? "Catch the wave" or something . . . ?

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

4494. Ken Groom ZR5AAD Update - 9/11/2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-12 12:11:38 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4494 Message: 4494

From: Chuck Krueger
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2008 6:54 PM
To: Annett Miller; bernddf2yh@...; Brad DeVall; Caleb Zimmerman; Candice Lotriet; Cornelius Washington; Donnie; Eddie Ward; Father Dreher; Gary Miedema; gbmiedema@...; John and Sue Siedleman; Les Cullen; Lola Jackson; Mike Koetje; Penny Clark; Peter Venlet; Podge Ponter; Steve Vander Hill; Sue Blackburn; The Ponters; Tombie Pappas; Woody Smith
Subject: Ken update

Ken Groom Update:

Sherry here....my tummy is full of Mario's pizza, so I'm good to go now!

First let me say, Ken is OK and doing well. We have moved him from Hospice House back home. This is temporary....it might be only one or two weeks.

His prognosis has not changed but he is a bit better in general. Part of the reason for this is the rest he has had at the Hospice House after the trauma of the stroke, biopsy operation, and hospital stay. For we know, all things aside, a hospital stay can be fatiguing.

So, as he's up and about a bit and aware, it has been decided to bring him home for a short time. For as long as he's cognizant and comfortable, we'll keep him with us in familiar surroundings. This is also a strategy recommended by Hospice to help utilize their gift of their Aid plan wisely as it had specific rules and time limits. We ALL want to ensure that Ken has the best care to the end of his life on this Earth. Nobody does it better than Hospice of Holland.

How this will work.....(or how I hope -grin)

We all are still under Hospice and they will send nurses, care people, volunteers and things that we need. They will come to the house to meet our needs. When it comes time for Ken to return to the Hospice House of Holland, they will facilitate the move in their beautifully, graceful way.

Help for Ken, Sherry and Chuck :

Sherry has return to work but just part time and from 8 to 12 (or 9 to 1)...depending on when the morning help arrives. At the moment, friends of Ken are offering to help cover this time so that Sherry can return to work for a while. Guelda & Larry Saylor (ham friends of Ken's) have been handling the schedule for helping Sherry. Basically, having a person in the house will help us ensure that Ken is in a safe

situation at all times.

We are taking everything a day at a time here. As things change, we'll keep updating everyone.

Visitors are welcome here too. We haven't talked about visiting hours for our home yet, so it's ok to call first and see what is happening around here and how Ken is at that time.

We do ask that there are no calls after 9:30 as we're all getting to bed early these days.

Now, on a lighter note...Although it was a little stressful and fatiguing for Ken to make the transition home today, he agreed with me that a swing through McDonald's for a chocolate shake would be a pretty good thing to do!! - grin As we were close by Phil's Military Shop off Butternut Drive, we swung by and rolled down the window so Ken could say hi!

Please feel free to email us if you have questions we haven't answered.

Hugs,

Sherry

4495. Tool Max this week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-12 14:21:27 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 3847 Message: 4495

New this week at the Store

1 Icom SM-8 Desk Microphone like new $60.00
Wagan Power Zone Portable AC Power with 150 watts power inverter. Use for a UPS, Jump start box or a battery for a radio. $25.00
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RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .50 per Foot
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1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40 or best offer
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
M1000 Regency 10 Ch Scanner Works great $25
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
2-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each and less for smaller ones

Heathkit items in stock

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4496. Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-12 17:55:40 UTC
From: ke8fo
Topic: 4496 Message: 4496

I've found out from the township zoning administrator what my restrictions are for putting up a tower. I don't think they are "reasonable accommodation"!!!

Hams are exempt, but only allowed up to 35 feet from the ground (including antenna). A special land use only applies to commercial land. I would need to seek a variance, which could be difficult. Could put one on the roof, no matter the height of the roof.

Is that "reasonable accommodation"? I don't think so.

How much do I want to fight it? I have to think about that.

I can't believe this restriction hasn't been challenged in Grand Haven Township. There has to be dozens of us here (population is around 15,000).

Now what?

Mark, KE8FO

4497. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-12 22:03:47 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4496 Message: 4497

I live in Wyoming, MI, and we have unbridled allowance up
to 55 feet from grade.

Maybe we can pool our resources and research the matter
jointly as to 1) what we are really entitled to, and 2) how to
approach it.

Except for the actual height limit, seems we are similarly
situated. I have significant experience in legal matters
in a former life...

========== JH Richards - K8JHR ============

ke8fo wrote:
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4498. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-13 17:37:08 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 4496 Message: 4498

I had a conversation last year with a ham in your township and he said he ignored the restriction and just put a 48ft tower. He also said he would deal with it when they decided to complain about it. He said it has been up two years no and not a word so far. He went on to say federal law PR1 trumps local township laws. Now I'm not saying you/others should just go out and just defy local government. But until someone does it they will not make any changes and things will just stay the way they are. And NO a 35ft. tower and antenna is NOT reasonable.

--- On Fri, 9/12/08, ke8fo <ke8fo@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: ke8fo <ke8fo@...>
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Grand Haven Township tower rules stink
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Date: Friday, September 12, 2008, 1:55 PM

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4499. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-13 18:52:32 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4496 Message: 4499

Then.... what are you saying? What do you think he should do?

/// K8JHR ///

Tom Nickisch wrote:

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defy local government.

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4501. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-14 09:45:04 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4496 Message: 4501

Interesting position, and I am inclined to agree (I use low dipoles.)

Yet, the big contesters, with the big scores and big DX card
collections would certainly argue otherwise. There is a reason
they have those 100 foot towers, with stacks of big beams.
If a low bazooka was the ticket, they would all be using them.

How do I reconcile all that with your statement.

No... this is not a flame or mere petty argument... I just got
the latest edition of QST and the big contest stations have the
big towers - and those guys are killing me in the pileups. Why
would they do it if it was not working for them. Why would they
keep building bigger towers with bigger beams if it did not matter
enough to induce them to go the extra trouble and expense?

Again, I am asking what I think is a serious question and not
just arguing. I am personally making my own decisions about
whether or not I want a tower, and if so, why, how big, and what
to put on it. Or do I want a big vertical in my smallish back yard.
Also, there are really no good (OK, maybe one only) good trees
to hang wire from. How do I get enough wire up high enough to
not want a tower? (My back yard is only 100 feet wide N-S, and
55 feet deep E-W) and I do not find it a persuasive argument to
tell me to move.

What other than a tower should I consider? This is a burning
question in my house this week. My XYL will probably lose her
mind if I don't find an answer real soon ! For her sake, what do
you guys think?

Considering:

* HyGain HiTower 53 foot vertical tower/antenna
* Hustler 6BTV trap vertical
* DX-Engineering 43 foot pole (needs big A*& tuner)
* Hy-Gain AV-640 or Cushcraft R-8 (no radial vertical)

or

45 foot tower with beam and some wire dipoles or such for
lower bands. I can go up 55 feet without any restrictions in my
bailiwick. But I want to avoid a tower if I can find a reasonably
good alternative. Wanna work all states and occasional foreign DX.

Any suggestions on what I can short of a tower if possible?

========== Richards - K8JHR ==========

k8mhz@... wrote:

> I consider it overkill and have the cards to prove it.
> IOW, 'we don't need no stinking towers'.
>
> Some of you guys might, but down here by the creek the trees do well
> until the wind blows hard.

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4502. Re: Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-14 12:42:27 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4496 Message: 4502

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I've kicked this around, too. My solution? I'm stacking steel and building a huge aluminum antenna. That's my solution. YMMV

The thought of using other folk's shacks may be an alternative. There are shacks on the internet. And when there is an especially juicy DX out there I'm over at the radio club's station. I chase DX and the more confirmed the happier I'm going to be. Again, YMMV

If I were chasing WAS then I'd use wire in trees. It has worked for me. And you might even "graduate" to counties, although I personally think life's too short. For that Sunday morning seventy-five meter net I use a Carolina windom and get OK reports from the folks in the net. This means my wire is making it around the Great Lakes basin.

Maybe it's just to justify the tower but I'm feeling that I wrung all the DX out of the wire. And my township allows me to stack steel and aluminum to my heart's content. Nice, eh?

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

4503. Re: Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-14 12:49:05 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4496 Message: 4503

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Tom Nickisch <w8amz@...> wrote:
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> I had a conversation last year with a ham in your township and he said he ignored the restriction and just put a 48ft tower. He also said he would deal with it when they decided to complain about it.

I'm a surveyor and years ago a township came to me and asked, "how high is that landfill?" They had an agreement with the landfill and wondered if the guy was living up to his end of the bargain.

Another time I was in a meeting of zoning administrators and a Circuit Court Judge. The folks attending asked the judge what to do when a citizen violated the township's set-backs. The judge suggested that the township could have the house moved at the expense of the homeowner.

I have not been asked by a township how high a tower was stacked. I did help an AM station answer that question for the FCC on some application. It rarely happens.

I might find an alternative. Townships and cities are finicky. Surveyors are expensive. Forgiveness is dear.

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

4505. Re: Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-14 18:10:46 UTC
From: ke8fo
Topic: 4496 Message: 4505

K8JHR:

Of course I would go with the tower. From what I know, and from past experience, even a low tower and a triband will trump just about ANYTHING! Sure, you can get on the air with a potato as an antenna....but a modest tower of 40 feet or more and a modest beam will put signals in your receive and your signal in many receivers that you wouldn't hear/QSL with before. If you have acres of land and can put up a lot of wire, more power to you. A city or suburban lot requires either a tower/beam or a vertical or some compromise.

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4506. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-14 19:50:54 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4496 Message: 4506

Mark here is a good antenna that works well at 40ft is a tennadyne 8element lpda it has a 18 ft boom and is 39 ft at the longest element . I'am real happy with the preformance of mine you can see it 5blocks south of the trib office 73 John kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: ke8fo
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2008 2:10 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

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4507. Re: Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-14 19:51:02 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4496 Message: 4507

Mark:

If you go in with knowledge, a positive attitude, copies of PRB-1 and results of several of the many lawsuits in which the hams were successful, you might find that the township will change their regulations.

I'm sending a copy of this to Jim Weaver, K8JE, our Great Lakes Division Direction. Jim successfully got permission to install a tower from Mason, Ohio, with this technique, a few years ago. I don't know all the details, but there was an ordinance similar to what appears in Grand Haven Township. and by the power of positive persuasion Jim now has a legal 70" tower, as a result of change in zoning regs. With the slow pace of bureaucracy in Michigan, even at the local level, it may take some time for things to change, but things can be changed when reasonable people sit down to discuss things of mutual interest.

I'd caution that you could antagonize people and "raise their hackles" and cause lots of grief for yourself and the township if you're not diplomatic in your conversations with them.

BTW, you can get a list of all hams within the ZIP code(s) within Grand Haven Township from qrz.com with their "name search" option. Just put in the zip code(s) involved, and you'll get a list of all the hams in that zip code. It's somewhat harder to get e-mail addresses, but it can be done, manually. And, if it's like some townships, you also may get hams outside the township but within a Zip code, which generally doesn't hurt. Using this technique we were able to get a sizable number of hams to help with another case in SW Ohio where a township zoning ordinance was quite restrictive.

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"ke8fo" ke8fo@... ke8fo wrote:
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> Posted by: "ke8fo" ke8fo@... ke8fo
> Date: Fri Sep 12, 2008 10:55 am ((PDT))
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> Hams are exempt, but only allowed up to 35 feet from the ground (including antenna). A special land use only applies to commercial land. I would need to seek a variance, which could be difficult. Could put one on the roof, no matter the height of the roof.
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> Is that "reasonable accommodation"? I don't think so.
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> How much do I want to fight it? I have to think about that.
>
> I can't believe this restriction hasn't been challenged in Grand Haven Township. There has to be dozens of us here (population is around 15,000).
>
> Now what?
>
> Mark, KE8FO

4508. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-14 21:21:27 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4496 Message: 4508

This is absolutely great advice. I practiced law for 25 years and
believe this to be true. (This is not legal advice, but just my common
sense take based on personal empirical observation in W Mich courts)

========== Anon - K8JHR ==========

Hank Greeb wrote:

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4509. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-14 21:22:06 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 4496 Message: 4509

I can’t really say what he should do, considering I don’t know his resources such as time or money to deal with it if it were to become a problem. I can though answer for myself it were me. I would put the darn thing up and fight it, because until some one does it the ordinance isn’t going to get fixed. He could also put up a nice crank up tower with a nice stack of antennas that sits at about 15’-20’ when it’s down. Then when you when you want to operate you flip the switch to raise it to where you want it and put it down when your done.

A friend of mine lives in California in a subdivision with a crap load of covenants. His XYL talked him into moving into. Now and she regrets it because of the grief they gave her on the flowers she planted. He was telling me one day one of the Yard Nazis was snooping around and saw a wire running along the rain gutter and sent him a citation for having an outside antenna. He fought it and lost, of course this was before the PRB-1. Being a lawyer he did some research and got even. He went out to an auction where they sell used utility trucks and bought a ladder truck that came from a sign company. He placed insurance and plates on it and installed his antennas on the top of the ladder. So when he gets home from work he backs it out of the carport and raises the ladder/antennas up to fifty feet and operates. They took him to court and he fought it and won. The judge not only sided with him but awarded him with quite a bit money of in legal fees he then
proceeded to tell them if they had just left him alone about the little wire on the rain gutter this could have been completely avoided.

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From: Richards <jruing@...>
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Grand Haven Township tower rules stink
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Date: Saturday, September 13, 2008, 2:52 PM

Then.... what are you saying? What do you think he should do?

/// K8JHR ///

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Tom Nickisch wrote:

Now I'm not saying you/others should just go out and just
defy local government.

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4510. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-14 21:50:29 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4496 Message: 4510

Of course, this will still constitute a violation when it is fully extended,
and I would hate to be only able to operate at night, assuming my
neighbors are so stupid that they would not get the picture about it
going up and down, and complaining about it in any case.
Much better to get permission than to seek forgiveness, no matter
what the other guys tell you.

I think I offered to help him research it...

Fun story about the guy in California. Of course, the PRB-1 only
applies to municipal ordinances and zoning regulations, and not
to contract will covenants in subdivisions that are deemed personal
contracts, you "agreed" to when you purchase the property, as
opposed to public regulations. Still, the California story is a
good one.

Happy trails and 73. ---- Richards - K8JHR ----
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4511. Ken Groom ZR5AAD Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-14 22:47:53 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4511 Message: 4511

From: Chuck Krueger
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 5:04 PM
To: Allen Macalleh; Brad DeVall; Gary Miedema; John and Sue Siedleman; Mike Koetje; Peter Venlet; Steve Vander Hill
Subject: Ken Update

Greetings!

Ken is settling in a home and getting lots of rest (and ice cream).

Chuck and Sherry would like to have visiting hours for Ken as follows:

10am to Noon

3pm to 5pm

6:30pm to 7:30pm

Address same as for cards - below

As with Hospice, we ask that the visits be 15 minutes to not fatigue Ken.

Times may change if Ken is not up to visiting or may be asleep.

It is ok to call Chuck and Sherry to see if Ken's up for a visit.

Phone is 616-399-9309

Cards can be sent to: Ken Groom

3149 Joshua Court

Holland, MI 49424

By the way, I have taped all the cards to his walls and it's looking pretty good. He truly delights in receiving cards & letters. We do read each to him along with the blog notes.

Chuck and Sherry ask that you leave your shoes in the entry please.

(old Japanese habit we've gotten into)

4512. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-14 23:13:29 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 4496 Message: 4512

There are two items being discussed here:

A. The tower restrictions in GH Township. I would not recommend that you ignore the rules. You have a 6 month project in front of you. Take your time, contact the ARRL, take a look at the city of Grand Rapids ordinance, and Georgetown Townships'. Both are on line. Talk to Abe, W8HVG, he did most of the work to change the city GR to what it is today. Take two to three months to prepare your case to the township. Get a letter from Bill Smith from Ottawa EMS. Then take three of you, dressed nicely. Leave the baseball caps and T-shirts home. Polo shirts or nice shirts with ties (I'm really serious about this part), and have a very nice and very polite talk. Ask for the township to modify the zoning, and tell them that you would like this done within the next three months. Which is usually what is needed for a government agency to legally change items (The new verbiage and proposed change needs to be announced, with a comment and waiting time). It will take 6 months, but it has been done before. Be prepared and be nice.
It will take time. But you have a 95% chance of doing it properly.
Oh, take the time to talk to each board member if you can. You may have to watch the rules for open meeting rules. Again, the ARRL has help in this area. The GR ordinance shows a great practical height limit. No need to demand for a 150 foot tower.

B. Tower verses wire antennas. Wire antennas work. I have a balanced fed dipole up 30 feet that worked a bunch of Europeans this morning. But a beam on a tower works better. I will be putting up a 35 footer next spring to hold a Steppir that is still in the box in the box. I need to put this up to keep K8AJ happy. Got to keep her happy!

tom K8TB

4513. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-14 23:47:46 UTC
From: Nathan Deppe
Topic: 4496 Message: 4513

Here is a link to the municiple code as it pertains to the City of Grand Rapids;

http://www.municode.com/Resources/gateway.asp?pid=12116&sid=22

use the search box in the upper left, using the term amateur radio" and you'll be linked directly to it.

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Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2008 7:13 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

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4514. RE: Grand Haven Township tower rules stink

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-15 12:52:19 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 4496 Message: 4514

I ran into the same thing about 15 years ago, and I live in the sticks on 10 acres. I had to get a variance, support from other township resident hams, letters of support from public service agencies, etc. In the end, we made enough of an impression the planing board invited us to work with them to amend the ordinance. Hams can now go up to 200 feet in the rural-agriculture areas and 60 feet in the residential areas.

Here AND in Grand Haven. WHERE ARE US HAMS WHEN THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE FIRST PLACE? We need to do a better job of watching the public notices and being active before and during the public meetings! Even if you will never be erecting a tower, for your property, this needs to be YOUR decision.

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Mark, KE8FO"

Jack Amelar
Lowell, MI
E-mail: mailto:jamelar@...

4515. Central Dispatch O.C.E.C. Trainee

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-15 14:06:14 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4515 Message: 4515
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, with the eventual move of Ottawa County Central Dispatch moving to the Fillmore Campus we are looking for someone who would be interested in entering into a training program to become an assistant to Don Meyer KB8ODB (Assistant EC), and eventually take over the O.C.E.C. Central Dispatch leadership from Don.

Please contact Don or myself if you are interested or have any questions, thanks!

Best regards,

Steve Vander Hill

Safety & Security Coordinator

Employment Traditions

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4516. antenna tuner

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-15 21:48:17 UTC
From: paul odem
Topic: 4516 Message: 4516

my tuner took on a life of its own, started smoking around the inductor switch, so i am looking to buy a hf tuner. if anyone has a extra one that they can sell let me know. i would prefer to buy one like what i had. mfj-949e. but any will do for now. thanks paul. ps why dont i get a brand new one, will... i would have to get premission first. you know what i mean. it would sound better getting a used one than explaining why i need a new one. my number is 989-620-4605 or you can email me at rockyroster@... thanks paul kc8zmo.

4517. help needed in spring lake

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-15 22:23:11 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4517 Message: 4517

Hello all this sat sept 20 there is a 5k race and a half marathon we have been asked for assistance by the Spring Lake police chief and village manager most of both events are on the bike path we will be posted at intersections to stop traffic for the runners we need at least 10 people for the 5k if we have more we will possabley station some around the half marathon course just to let everyone know where the leaders are at both events start at 10:00 and should be done by noon we will meet at the Spring Lake Village Hall EOC at 9:00 Thanks kc8uny John contact me at kc8uny@... or re:this post

4518. Digital Communication Conference Forum Schedule, Chicago, September 26 - 28

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-15 23:13:53 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4518 Message: 4518
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

DCC Forum Schedule Announced and Available at:

http://www.tapr.org/pdf/DCC_2008_Schedule_Preliminary.pdf (and may be attached)

DCC Presentations Include:

Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, APRS

Phil Harman, VK6APH, Software Defined Radio

Rick Muething, KN6KB, New Soundcard Mode for Winlink

Paul Rinaldo (ARRL), W4RI, SDR

Larry Wolfgang (ARRL) , WR1B, QEX Editor

D-STAR Technical & Introductory Presentations AND D-STAR Friday Night Get Together including
- Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC, DV Dongle, dplus, D-STAR Reflectors & more
- Pete Loveall, AE5PL, D-PRS
- Dan Smith, KK7DS, D-RATS & D-STAR Digital Messaging
- Ray Novak, N9JA, Icom

Banquet Keynote Speaker, Tom Clark, K3IO, AMSAT

and many more...

Register for the DCC at: www.tapr.org/dcc

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/09/11/10327/?nc=1

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4519. New file uploaded to WestMichiganHams

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-16 00:42:29 UTC
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 488 Message: 4519

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the WestMichiganHams
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File : /DCC_2008_Schedule_Preliminary.pdf
Uploaded by : wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>
Description : ARRL/TAPR DCC(Digital Communications Conference) Forum Schedule, Chicago,
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Regards,

wb9qzb <wb9qzb@...>

4521. Morley receive site grounds maintenance and campfire/cookout.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-16 13:12:25 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 4521 Message: 4521

LARC members, other club members, family, friends, guests, anyone interested.
RE: Morley receive site grounds maintenance and campfire/cookout.

An event we haven't done in a long time is a weekend campfire
gathering. We also should do one more site cleanup at the Morley receive site.
Sooo, Saturday, September 20, CAMPFIRE-COOKOUT at the Morley receive
site. Input "3800 155th Ave, Morley, Mi 49336" in your favorite
maping software or website. Figure about 6PM, I'll provide burgers and dogs,
bring something to pass. You might want to bring a chair as well.

Now for more details. I'll arrive with my motorhome Friday afternoon,
and since I'm taking vacation the following week, leave when I'm good
and ready to. Anyone else feel like a camping trip out in a rural
area with mix of trees and open areas near a buffulo and elk ranch is
also welcome to bring your gear. Electricity is available, bring
extension cord, you'll need to bring water, etc. Saturday will be site
cleanup, figure about 10AM start. Cookout / campfire at 6PM. IF YOU
HAVE TO CHOOSE, do the evening campfire. Not a lot has to be done
during the day, we'll manage just fine. Anyone who was around when we
first raised our antennas on the Morley tower remember the good time
and comeradaty we had the night before and during the antenna work
should look forward to the
weekend. Of course, ALL ARE WELCOME including family, friends, guests. Talk-in
145.27-(ctcss94.8Hz), you will have no problem accessing the repeater
as you approach the Morley tower. I will also have my cell phone.

73 Jack NY8D

Jack Amelar
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4523. DCC (Digital Communication Conference) Online Registration Still Available

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-17 00:51:23 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4523 Message: 4523
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Although Online DCC(Digital Communication Conference) Registration is Closing on Wednesday Septermber 17th

DCC Walk-In Registration Will Be Available & Is Welcome!

See you at the DCC in Chicago on September 26 - 28!!

73, Mark, WB9QZB

-----Original Message-----
From: Steven Bible <srbible@...>
Sent: Tue, 16 Sep 2008 10:05 am
Subject: [tapr-announce] DCC - Advanced Online Registration Closes Wed Sep 17th

ARRL and TAPR Digital Communications Conference
September 26-28, 2008
Chicago, IL

http://www.tapr.org/dcc

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Be sure to make your food reservations now to ensure that a meal is available for you. A food count has to be given to the hotel in advanced and only a limited number of extra meals will be order for sale at the door.

See you at the DCC!

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4524. WEAVER'S WORDS --GLD member Dan Romanchik, KB6NU offers Webinar

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-17 03:03:30 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4524 Message: 4524

> (Reply only to k8je@...)
>
> FREE AMATEUR RADIO KIT BUILDING WEBINAR
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> Join us for a Webinar on September 22
>
> You don't have to be an electronics specialist to build your own gear.
> Heathkit may no longer be in business, but there still are many good
> ham radio kits on the market. In this Webinar, Dan Romanchik, KB6NU,
> will show us where to get them and how to build them.
>
> Dan is also the Michigan Affiliated Club Coordinator.
>
> Webinar Title: Amateur Radio Kit Building Webinar
>
> Date: Monday, September 22, 2008
>
> Time: 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM EDT
>
> System Requirements
> PC-based attendees
> Required: Windows? 2000, XP Home, XP Pro, 2003 Server, Vista
>
> Macintosh?-based attendees
> Required: Mac OS? X 10.4 (Tiger?) or newer
>
> Space is limited.
> Reserve your Webinar seat now at:
> https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/487131608
>
> Audio will be via telephone and the web. There is no charge to
> participate.
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> The Great Lakes Division's own Dan Romanchik, KB6NU will provide the
> online seminar that shows how simple it is to build many pieces of
> equipment that useful to radio amateurs. Dan lives in Lansing, MI and
> is the ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator for the Michigan Section. He
> has considerable experience in building kits.
>
> In his Webinar, even the most uninitiated participant will learn how
> simple it is to assemble many useful and relatively inexpensive kits
> being sold today as well as many pieces of equipment that are described
> in QST and other electronics journals.
>

> In addition to being able to build useful equipment, kit builders have
> the great satisfaction of saying "look at this piece of gear I built"
> to family and friends.
>
> We regret that some members may not have operating systems required to
> participate in the Webinar. Fortunately, most do. The requirements
> are established by the owner of the Webinar service and not by any of
> us who are involved in providing this series of Webinars.
>
> Thanks to Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR of the ARRL Atlantic District for
> providing access to the Webinar system to us in the Great Lakes
> Division.
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> 73,
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> Jim
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE
> Director, Great Lakes Division ARRL; http://www.arrl.org/
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4527. Can I Borrow Your Pork Chop?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-17 12:58:02 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4527 Message: 4527

All:

I'm building a tower and I'll eventually get to the point of putting tension on the guy wires. Can I borrow your Chicago grip (affectionately called a pork chop) for 3/16" EHS and a Loos tension gauge?

Thanks!

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

4528. Ken Groom ZR5AAD Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-18 14:20:44 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4511 Message: 4528

From: Guelda A Saylor
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2008 10:26 PM
To: VanderHill, Steve; Spencer, Lou; Seidelman, John & Sue; Robinson, Drew; Rich, Chuck; Mokma, Ron; Heyboer, Ed; Gregory, Charlie; Dandrea, Chris
Subject: update on Ken Groom's condition

Update on Ken Groom's condition:

This afternoon we visited Ken, (and Sherry too).

More effects of the brain tumor are taking place, specifically more degeneration of Ken's speach, mobility, stability, memory, and as he tires more easily now the effects are becoming much more evident. If I understood Sherry correctly, tomorrow Ken will be provided a hospital bed, along with other items to assist with his care at home.

Many of you probably know that Ken loves to ride in his friend's helicopter. Tomorrow they are going to try to get him out of the house so he may have one last ride in the helicopter, which will probably be the last time Ken will be able to get out of their home...until he is re-admitted to the Hospice House. Please pray that Ken will be more rested and a little stronger tomorrow so that he will be able to get out to enjoy that helicopter ride!

Please continue to remember Ken in your prayers, along with Sherry and Chuck as well.

Blessings,

Guelda

4529. 23rd Annual SW Ohio Digital Symposium, January 10 2009

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-18 15:01:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4529 Message: 4529

Call for Papers, 23rd Southwest Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium

We are currently soliciting authors and papers for the 23rd Annual Southwest Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium, to be held on 10 January 2009. This event will cover subjects concerning any digital mode of communications, plus "leading edge" discussions of new technologies in the analog modes.

If you're experimenting in any of these areas, we'd like to hear from you! Please send your ideas to Jay Slough, K4ZLE, 2554 Hamilton Road, Lebanon, OH 45036-8849, Phone: 513-934-0235,
Email: k4zle <at> embarqmail <dot> com

The symposium will run from 8:00 a.m to about 4:00 p.m. EST, in Thesken Hall, Middletown Campus, Miami University, Middletown, Ohio.
For details on past events, and up to date plans for 2009 see http://www.swohdigi.org

4530. Ken Groom ZR5AAD Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-18 20:13:03 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4511 Message: 4530

From: Guelda A Saylor
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2008 4:07 PM
To: VanderHill, Steve; Spencer, Lou; Seidelman, John & Sue; Robinson, Drew; Rich, Chuck; Mokma, Ron; Krueger, Chuck & Sherry; Heyboer, Ed; Gregory, Charlie; Dandrea, Chris; Koetje, Mike
Subject: Important Update re Ken Groom

Dear Volunteers,

Ken has been moved back to the Hospice House (on 104th between 16th St & 24th St).

His condition has worsened...quite rapidly between last night and by noon today.

Please contact me as to when you will be available to sit with Ken at the Hospice House.

I have attached the sitting comfort schedule for us to use for the next couple weeks, so

please check the open time slots as to which will work for you. Please call me if you have

any questions. H 399-5670 C 616-502-2225

Thank you all for your help!

XOXO

Guelda

4531. D-STAR at the DCC (Digital Communication Conference)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-18 20:24:05 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4531 Message: 4531
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This year D-STAR will have a significant presence at the DCC.

Icom has donated to TAPR a 1.2 GHz D-STAR digital voice repeater and data access point and TX RX has donated a 1.2 GHz triplexer. They will be combined with TAPR's 70cm D-STAR digital voice repeater using the TAPR callsign, KT7APR and connected to the D-STAR internet gateway. The repeaters will be operating & on display at the DCC and will allow D-STAR access within the hotel.

Ray Novak, N9JA of Icom will be at the DCC and have a display in the demonstration room.

On Friday night we're having the first ever D-STAR Friday Night Get Together at 7 pm. The agenda is below. Even if you can't attend the DCC daytime sessions we encourage you to attend the D-STAR Friday Night event.

On Friday there is a D-STAR technical session and on Saturday there are three D-STAR Introductory sessions.

The list of the speakers & topics at the D-STAR Friday Night event and the D-STAR Technical & Introductory sessions are below.

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73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

D-STAR Friday Night Get Together, 9/26 @ 7 pm
- Mark Thompson, WB9QZB, Introductions
- Ray Novak, N9JA, Icom
- Dan Smith, KK7DS, D-RATS Demo
- Pete Loveall, AE5PL, D-PRS Update
- Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC, DV Dongle, dplus, D-STAR Reflectors & more Update
- Kermit Carlson, W9XA, DCC & Chicago D-STAR Repeaters
- Q&A

D-STAR Technical & Introductory Presentations
- Friday, 9/26, 2:30 pm - D-STAR Uncovered, Pete Loveall, AE5PL
- Saturday, 9/27, 10:00 am - Intro to D-STAR Digital Voice & Data, Mark Thompson, WB9QZB
- Saturday, 9/27, 11:00 am - Intro to D-PRS, Pete Loveall, AE5PL - Saturday, 9/27, 1:00 pm
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Date: 2008-09-19 12:14:21 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4511 Message: 4532

From: Chuck Krueger
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2008 5:37 PM
To: Allen Macalleh; Annett Miller; bernddf2yh@gmx.de; Brad DeVall; Caleb Zimmerman; Candice Lotriet; Cornelius Washington; dewind@...; Donnie; Eddie Ward; frjdreher@...; Gary Miedema; Joan Saints; John and Sue Siedleman; Les Cullen; Lola Jackson; Mike Koetje; Penny Clark; Peter Crossley; Peter Venlet; Podge Ponter; Steve Vander Hill; Sue Blackburn; The Ponters; Tombie Pappas; Woody Smith
Subject: Ken Groom update

Ken is back at Hospice House and is resting comfortably. We ask that you refrain form phone calls at this time. Visiting hours will be posted tomorrow evening and we request that all visit be limited to 5 minutes. Visits are really tiring and Ken needs to conserve all his energy.

We will still read emails and the blog posts to him so you can send messages that way instead of phone calls.

For those with access, there will be more detailed information on the website. The website is limited to very close friends and family who do not live close by.

Chuck and Sherry

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Date: 2008-09-19 17:43:33 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4511 Message: 4533

From: Guelda A Saylor
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2008 1:35 PM
To: Koetje, Mike; Dandrea, Chris; Gregory, Charlie; Heyboer, Ed; Mokma, Ron; Rich, Chuck; Robinson, Drew; Seidelman, John & Sue; Spencer, Lou; VanderHill, Steve
Subject: update re visitation for Ken Groom

Just called Hospice and they have posted a sign in the entry/reception area that

no visitors are being allowed for Ken.

Please continue to pray for Ken, plus for Sherry, Chuck and family.

Will try to keep you all informed of any changes that we become aware of.

Steve, could you please post this on the club reflector?

Thank you all,

Guelda XOXO

4534. Ken Groom ZR5AAD Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-19 20:39:12 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4511 Message: 4534

From: Chuck Krueger
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2008 3:44 PM
To: Steve Vander Hill
Subject: Ken

Steve,

After consultation with Hospice, it has been decided that Ken would have
No Visitations until further notice.

Thanks,

Chuck

4535. last call for help

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-19 22:20:17 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4535 Message: 4535

Hello all tomarrow sat sept 20 2008 there is a 5k and half marathon we can use all the help we can get just for the 5 k i can use 8 to 10 people and at least another 6 to 9 on the the Half marathon if you can help we will be meeting at the spring Lake village hall eoc at 9:00 am the races start at 10:00 am the half marathon runs around spring lake on the bike path through fruitport and back to spring the 5 k runs in the village on the bike path Thanks contact John kc8uny at kc8uny @ arrl.net if you can help

4536. N7HPR Discusses the DCC (Digital Communications Conference) in Chicago, 9/26 - 9/28

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-20 04:02:55 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4536 Message: 4536
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RAIN Report Interview
Steve Bible, N7HPR of TAPR Discusses the ARRL/TAPR DCC (Digital Communications Conference) in Chicago, September 26 - 28
http://www.therainreport.com/rainreport_archive/rainreport-9-19-2008.mp3

DCC Forum Schedule (may also be attached)
http://www.tapr.org/pdf/DCC_2008_Schedule_Preliminary.pdf

DCC Information
http://www.tapr.org/dcc

Walk-In Registrations Welcome!!

4537. thanks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-20 18:46:02 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 950 Message: 4537

Thank you to all that came out to help with the octoberfest 5k and half marathon everything went great . the lunch at old boys brew house was good also thanks again for your help John Fischer kc8uny

4538. Ken Groom ZR5AAD Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-21 00:45:44 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4511 Message: 4538

From: Guelda A Saylor
Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2008 11:38 AM
To: Koetje, Mike; Dandrea, Chris; Gregory, Charlie; Heyboer, Ed; Mokma, Ron; Rich, Chuck; Robinson, Drew; Seidelman, John & Sue; Spencer, Lou; VanderHill, Steve
Subject: condition update

Hello everyone,

Just spoke with Debbie, Sherry's sister. Debbie said Ken's condition has deteriorated more.

Ken is very very weak. Ken is not able to push or scoot himself up in the hospital bed if he has

slidden down. It sounded like he is unable to sit up on the side of the bed now without someone

holding him. Ken is requiring more nursing and caregiving assistance.

Debbie said there are many finanical needs/concerns occurring with Ken's care, etc., and to

remind everyone about the donation account information and ask everyone to pass along

the information to other's that know Ken as you are talking personally and/or around the world!

Thank you all for helping Ken,

Guelda XOXO

4539. Fwd: WEAVER'S WORDS -- Still time to register for Webinar

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-21 03:50:52 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4539 Message: 4539

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- Still time to register for Webinar
Date: Sat, 20 Sep 2008 22:14:21 -0400 (EDT)
From: ARRL GL Division <memberlist@...>
To:

(Reply only to k8je@...)

FREE AMATEUR RADIO KIT BUILDING WEBINAR -- Last moment registration

This is a last-moment reminder of the Webinar described below. It is
proving to be rather popular -- we are approaching 200 registrants.

Join us for a Webinar on September 22

Webinar Title: Amateur Radio Kit Building Webinar

Date: Monday, September 22, 2008

Time: 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM EDT

System Requirements

PC-based attendees
Required: Windows? 2000, XP Home, XP Pro, 2003 Server, Vista

Macintosh?-based attendees
Required: Mac OS? X 10.4 (Tiger?) or newer

Space is limited.
Reserve your Webinar seat now at:
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/487131608

Audio is via telephone and the web. There is no charge to participate.

The Great Lakes Division's own Dan Romanchik, KB6NU will provide the
online seminar that shows how simple it is to build many pieces of
equipment that are useful to radio amateurs. Dan lives in Lansing, MI
and is the ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator for the Michigan Section. He
has considerable experience in building kits.

In his Webinar, even the most uninitiated participant will learn how
simple it is to assemble many useful and relatively inexpensive kits
being sold today as well as many pieces of equipment that are described
in QST and other electronics journals.

In addition to being able to build useful equipment, kit builders have
the great satisfaction of saying "look at this piece of gear I built" to
family and friends.

NOTE: A few members have had difficulty in registering for these Webinars. In all cases of which I am aware, the problem has been with their web browser. Changing web browsers has solved the problem.

We regret that some members may not have operating systems required to participate in the Webinar. Fortunately, most do. The requirements are established by the owner of the Webinar service and not by any of us who are involved in providing this series of Webinars.

Thanks to Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR of the ARRL Atlantic District for providing access to the Webinar system to us in the Great Lakes Division.

73,

Jim

Jim Weaver, K8JE
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Chairman, ARRL ad hoc Legislative Action Committee
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4540. 5k race

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-21 16:02:43 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4540 Message: 4540

hello all this sat sept 27 2008 we have been asked by the grand haven dept of public safety for help with a 5k race and parade the race starts at 9:00 am the parade starts at 11:00the parade is aprox 2blocks long this run is on the east side of the city there is a pancake breakfast inbetween the race and parade if you can help please contact Don kb8odb at kb8odb@sbcglobal.net or John at kc8uny@... 73 thanks

4541. Ken Groom ZR5AAD Update

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-21 23:21:19 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4511 Message: 4541

From: Guelda A Saylor
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2008 6:09 PM
To: Koetje, Mike; Dandrea, Chris; Gregory, Charlie; Heyboer, Ed; Mokma, Ron; Rich, Chuck; Robinson, Drew; Seidelman, John & Sue; Spencer, Lou; VanderHill, Steve
Subject: Ken Groom update

Dear Volunteers,

Just Retrieved a message from Sherry and they would like volunteer sitters, especially in the

mornings while Sherry is working. I am starting a new job tomorrow and will only be available to in the later evenings to maintain the scheduling and contacting, so if you are able to take a time please let me know today so I may e-mail Sherry & Chuck the schedule tonight. Sherry needs to give the nurses a copy tomorrow morning.

Yesterday I spoke with Debbie, Sherry's sister, she said that it is best to keep things calm around Ken, minimal talking, and hold his hand for comforting him. Also just got off the phone with Chuck and he said Ken is basically not eating anything now, opens his eyes sometimes but they are not sure if he even knows it, nor how much he is comprehending. Chuck said they think if will not be too much longer before Ken passes. Also, Chuck said if you or anyone you know still wants to make a donation at Macatawa Bank it needs to be done right away as they will need to close the

account soon. The name of the account is: "Ken Groom (ZR5AAD) Medical Donation Account".

Thank you all for your prayers and support to Ken, Sherry and Chuck.

Blessings,

Guelda

4542. Ken Groom ARC Merit/Honor & HARC Award/Renaming

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-21 23:25:39 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4542 Message: 4542

From: Chuck Krueger
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2008 5:39 AM
To: Steve Vander Hill
Subject: Re: Minutes for the Holland Amateur Radio Club business meeting for September 9th 08

Hi Steve,

I want you to tell the everyone that Ken received (on the same day) the award from the Ham Radio Club and an award of merit /honor from the American Red Cross.

He's sleeping a lot, but when I was wake, I read to him slowly everything on the awards and specifically that the Ham Radio Tech Center was now HIS house and named after him.

His blues eyes widened and he kept saying..."That's Amaazzing...that's amazing...."
I bought the ham club award closer to him and he wanted to hold it and just look at it. So, my dear friends, Ken is very honored and aware of your final gift to him.

On behalf of Ken and ourselves, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Hugs to all,

Sherry Krueger

4543. Ken Groom ZR5AAD Update - 9/22/08

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-22 18:14:28 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4543 Message: 4543

From: Chuck Krueger
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2008 2:08 PM
To: Allen Macalleh; Annett Miller; Bea Greenfingers; bernddf2yh@...; Brad DeVall; Caleb Zimmerman; Candice Lotriet; Cornelius Washington; dewind@...; Donnie; Gary Miedema; Guelda Saylor; Joan Saints; John and Sue Siedleman; Les Cullen; Lola Jackson; Mike Koetje; Penny Clark; Peter Crossley; Peter Venlet; Podge Ponter; Ron & Cindy; Steve Vander Hill; Sue Blackburn; The Ponters; Tombie Pappas; Woody Smith
Subject: Ken Update

I am sorry to say this but Ken is slipping fast. He is spending most of his day sleeping and is not eating. This morning, he was unresponsive to the nurse. When the inevitable happens, and it appears it will be soon, I will sent out notifications via email. There are too many people to call, and scattered over too many time zones, so email seems to be the best method of notification. I will also post information on the web site and the blog.

Sherry is taking the rest of hte week off work to be with Ken. We will still have the volunteer caregivers so those who are scheduled we would appreciate it if you would continue. There will be many things for Sherry and I to do and having others there to sit with Ken provides us the time to do them.

Chuck and Sherry

4544. Michigan Section Youth Newsletter

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-22 18:32:57 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4544 Message: 4544

From: ARRL MI Section
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2008 8:51 AM
To: svanderhill@...
Subject: Youth Newsletter

With pride, we are announcing the first edition of the Michigan Section's Youth Newsletter.

Please check this URL to download your copy.

http://arpsc.mi-nts.org/downloads/YRM01.pdf

Please feel free to distribute to your friends.

4545. SI Homecomming parade

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-22 22:04:50 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4545 Message: 4545

Hello all Friday Oct 3 2008 at 6:00 pm is the Spring Lake Homecomming Parade we will be meeting at the spring lake village hall at 5:00 pm this event is over by 7:00 at the latest If you can help contact don kb8odb at kb8odb@sbcglobal.net or John at kc8uny@... thanks

4546. Fw: new ham class

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-23 01:01:02 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4546 Message: 4546
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi, everyone.

Here's an opportunity that might be valuable for newly-licensed hams, or even hams who still have questions after being on the air for a while.

Either way, come join the Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club New Ham Orientation Class if you're interested.

See attachment.

To add to the info in the attachment, the Big Rapids Department Of Public Safety Building is located at 435 N. Michigan in Big Rapids.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

4547. DCC D-STAR Friday Night Forum & D-STAR Technical / Introduction Presentation Schedules

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-23 03:01:21 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4547 Message: 4547
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D-STAR Enthusiasts -

This year for the first time at the DCC we will have a D-STAR Friday night forum.

Some of the major innovators in the D-STAR community will be presenting at the event.

Friday Night D-STAR Forum

7 pm Introductions, Mark, WB9QZB

7:15 pm DCC & Chicago D-STAR Repeater Update, Kermit, W9XA

7:30 pm Icom & D-STAR USA Update, Ray, N9JA

7:45 pm D-RATS Demo, Dan, KK7DS

8 pm D-PRS Update, Pete, A5PL

8:15 pm DV Dongle / dplus / Reflector / New Projects Update, Robin, AA4RC

9 pm Q & A / Socializing

If you have an interest in D-STAR the Friday night forum should be very interesting and you should try to attend it even if you hadn't planned on the attending the DCC on Friday or Saturday.

In addition to the Friday night forum there are several other D-STAR related presentations at the DCC on Friday & Saturday.

Friday DCC
 2:30 pm D-STAR Uncovered, Pete, AE5PL

Saturday DCC
10 am Intro to D-STAR, Mark, WB9QZB
11 am Intro to D-PRS, Pete, AE5PL
1 pm Intro to D-RATS & D-STAR Messaging, Dan, KK7DS
1 pm It's the Network, Erik Westgard, NY9D

Erik, NY9D's presentation includes a description of D-STAR high-speed data usage in the Minneapolis area.

TAPR's 70cm & 23cm D-STAR digital voice repeaters using the TAPR callsign, KT7APR will be operating at the hotel & connected to the D-STAR internet gateway providing D-STAR access within the hotel.

The DCC was last in Chicago in 1998 and won't be back again for a few years so you won't want to miss it.

More information available at:

DCC Information
http://www.tapr.org/dcc

DCC Forum Schedule
http://www.tapr.org/pdf/DCC_2008_Schedule_Preliminary.pdf

Look forward to seeing everyone at the DCC.
 73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

4548. New or needed items this week at Tool Max

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-23 20:03:48 UTC
From: Tool Max Ind. Supply
Topic: 4548 Message: 4548

New or needed items this week at the Store

I have 2-3 request for HF antenna tuners VHF HT's or VHF mobile radios. If you have one bring it in for a sure sale

Wagan Power Zone Portable AC Power with 150 watts power inverter. Use for a UPS, Jump start box or a battery for a radio. $25.00
1 GPS III Garmin GPS unit with power/data cable wired for APRS $75 or best offer
1 GPS external antenna for above $50 or best offer
1 Radio Shack PRO 2018 200 channel Scanner $50 or best offer
1 Cushcraft 230 WB Boomer 2 meter Beam with 230VPK Stacking Kit New never used $175.00

We have Antennas, connectors, and mounts from Tower Electronics. We are a Dealer for Tower and have put them in Stock.

Other New items in Stock

14 Amp Jetstream Power Supply $55
28 Amp Power Supply $90
45Amp Power Supply $170
Lighting Arresters $21.50 ea
HF Antenna 20 Meter, 40 Meter, 75 Meter Fiberglass Hamsticks in Stock $20 each
New SWR Watt/Power & Field Strength Meter for 1.7-150 MHz in Stock $30
J Pole Antennas in Stock $15
RG-58 Cable .25 per foot
RG-8 .$1.00 per Foot
RG-8X Coax Cable .50 per Foot
75 ohm Cable 9040 International Wire and Cable .35per foot
PL-259 Connectors $3.25 ea adadapters for RG-58 or RG-8X $1.10 ea
BNC - SO-239 Connectors $2.50 ea
Double Female Connectors $2 ea

We also have Diagonal Pliers, Digital Multi Testers, Electrical Tape,Precision Screwdrivers Sets, Soldering guns, Irons and Industrial Batteries for your HT's

We are the only stocking Dealer in Michigan for W5YI Gordon West Study Manuals.

Technician Class $18.95
General Class $20.95
Extra Class $24.95
FCC Part 97 rule book only $3.95
ARRL Level 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level 1 books $16 each

Ramsey Kits for Kids (or Adults)

300 in 1 Electronic Lab $70
Bell Action Kit $9

Motor Action Kit $8
LED Binky Kit $8
Police Siren Kit $8
Electronic Dripping Faucet $10
LED Strobe Light with Case $45
AM Broadcast Transmitter Kit with Case $35
Tri-Field Meter $64

Other Used Equipment on Consignment

1 SMC 7004BR 4 port Computer Hub $5
1 GW GDM 8135 Digital Multimeter $30
MFJ-202B Noise Bridge $40 or best offer
PC-1A Kenwood Phone Patch $40
#425 B+W Low Pass Filter $15
MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter $20
11 Element 2 meter Beam $45
IC-255A 2 meter Radio with no tone board Like New from 1982 Good Packet Radio $45
Tubes A great Assortment of tested used Tubes $1-$4 each
B&K Model 4011 Precision function Generator $60
B & W Antenna Tuner VS-300A $40
RCA Volt Ohm Meter $25
Barket & Williamson Low Pass Filter $5
Speakers $2
Barket and Williamson Rotary Inductor and Counter for Antenna Tuner $50
Center Insulator for HF antenna $5
LED Emergency Light $10
Motorola consolette Base Station for packet set up on 145.090 $45
MFJ-722 Notch Filter $30.00
Low Pass filter $5
EICO Solid State FET/TVM Model 240 VOM in good condition $40
2-9 inch clamps to mount antenna on large poles or vent pipes $5.56 each and less for smaller ones

Heathkit items in stock

Model HD-19 Hybrid Phone Patch for $5
2 HD-15 Phone Patch for $5 each
Heathkit Drive Belts for SB-100, 101,102, HW 100,HW101 $3

Tool Max Industrial Supply is the Tool and Ham Radio retail store on Schamber Dr just off Pontaluna Rd and US-31 just north of the old Hob Knob or Michael's Restaurant (Now tore down) in Muskegon . We have tools, industrial suppliers and Ham radios parts for sale. For more information call or e mail Tom KB8VEE at 231 798-7898 I am in the Store from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday. Stop by and see me for all your Ham needs.
From Tool Max Industrial Supply
231 798-7898
E Mail toolmax@verizon.net
Website www.toolmaxonline.com

4549. WB4APR Presenting APRS at DCC (Digital Communcaitons Conference)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-23 23:18:34 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4549 Message: 4549
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The DCC (Digital Communications Conference) is in Chicago on September 26 - 28.

On Friday, 9/26 at 1:45 pm Bob Bruninga, WB4APR is presenting Frequency and Other New Initiatives in APRS since 2004

On Saturday, 9/27 at 11 am Pete Loveall, AE5PL is presenting Intro to D-PRS

DCC Forum Schedule Available at:
http://www.tapr.org/pdf/DCC_2008_Schedule_Preliminary.pdf (and may be attached)

DCC Presentations Include:

Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, APRS

Phil Harman, VK6APH, Software Defined Radio

Rick Muething, KN6KB, New Soundcard Mode for Winlink

Paul Rinaldo (ARRL), W4RI, SDR

Larry Wolfgang (ARRL) , WR1B, QEX Editor

D-STAR Technical & Introductory Presentations AND D-STAR Friday Night Get Together

Banquet Keynote Speaker, Tom Clark, K3IO, AMSAT

and many more...

Register for the DCC at: www.tapr.org/dcc

Walk-In Registration Welcome!!

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/09/11/10327/?nc=1

ARRL, TAPR Prepare for Digital Communications Conference in Chicago, September 26 - 28

Aficionados of digital communications are gearing up for the 27th annual ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference (DCC) September 26-28 in Chicago, Illinois. The ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference is an international forum for radio amateurs to meet, publish their work and present new ideas and techniques. Presenters and attendees will have the opportunity to exchange ideas and learn about recent hardware and software advances, theories, experimental results, and practical applications. The DCC is for all levels of technical experience -- not just for the expert. Not only is the conference technically stimulating, it is a weekend of fun for all who have more than a casual interest in any aspect of amateur digital electronics and communications; introductory sessions are scheduled throughout the conference to introduce new technical topics for both beginners and experts.

Topics at the DCC include, but are not limited to: Software defined radio (SDR); digital voice (D-STAR, P25, WinDRM, FDMDV, G4GUO); digital satellite communications; Global Position System (GPS); precision timing; Automatic Position Reporting System (APRS); short messaging (a mode of APRS); Digital Signal Processing (DSP); HF digital modes; Internet interoperability with Amateur Radio networks; spread spectrum; IEEE 802.11 and other Part 15 license-exempt systems adaptable for Amateur Radio; using TCP/IP networking over Amateur Radio; mesh and peer-to-peer wireless networking; emergency and Homeland Defense backup digital communications; using Linux in Amateur Radio; updates on AX.25, and other wireless networking protocols.

QEX Editor Larry Wolfgang, WR1B, will represent the ARRL at the Conference. He will also be giving a talk "Writing for Publication -- It's Not Rocket Science (Even if You Are Writing About Rocket Science!)." Retired ARRL Chief Technology Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, will also represent the League. Rinaldo will speak on "SDR Outlook."

The DCC provides a separate (and lockable) room for participants to bring and show off their latest projects. Tables and power will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment and display for all to see, learn, and ask questions about, as well as a small sign and/or flyer naming and describing their project.

D-STAR digital voice and data will be the focus of the DCC Friday evening session. Pioneers and leaders in D-STAR digital voice and data technology will be presenting the technical innovations in D-STAR and how it is being used worldwide. In addition to the Friday evening session, ICOM will be at the DCC demonstrating D-STAR radios in the demonstration room, and TAPR's 70 cm and 23 cm D-STAR digital voice and data repeaters (KT7APR) with Internet gateway will be on the air.

Sunday Seminar Speaker Announced

Each year, the DCC hosts an in-depth 4 hour seminar on Sunday. Past seminars have included such topics as Software Defined Radios, Spread Spectrum Design and Theory, RD Design and Deployment, PICmicro MCU Design and Development, Packet Radio Networks with Millions or Billions of Stations and others. Seminars are given by experts in their field -- this year is no different. Phil Harman, VK6APH, will present "Software Radio Through the Looking-Glass."

Harman, licensed for more than 40 years, has worked on leading-edge RF techniques related to receivers and transmitters. His current passion is the development of fully digital HF radios. Harmon co-writes the Software Defined Radio column in the RSGB Radio Communications journal and also co-authored the SDR chapter in the latest RSGB Handbook. He will guide participants through the basics of SDRs right up to the very latest techniques that digitize signals directly at the antenna socket. Using diagrams and a minimum of math, Harmon will cover such subjects as front end design, mixers, I and Q signals, digital up and down conversion, AGC techniques, noise blanking and high efficiency power amplifiers. The presentation will be highly interactive, so be sure to bring along that question that has been puzzling you for so long!

Conference presentations, meetings, and seminars will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel Elk Grove Village, Illinois. It is highly recommended that participants book rooms prior to arriving. A block of rooms at the special DCC room rate of $89.00 single/double is available; this rate is good until the block is all sold out. The hotel provides a complimentary shuttle to and from O'Hare Airport.

Register for the DCC at: www.tapr.org/dcc

4550. Ken Groom ZR5AAD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-23 23:44:18 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4550 Message: 4550

From: k8daa@yahoogroups.com [mailto:k8daa@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of cgregory
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2008 6:47 PM
To: k8daa@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [HARC] Re: Fw: hello from the Sault

Laryn & Ed
This morning Sherry read the Denny`s post on Ken`s blog to Ken. Sherry prints out every message form Kens email and his blog. Then she reads them to Ken each morning. Also this morning the hams & friends from S. Austria got to say their thoughts and wish`s to Ken on the IRLP link. The local hams got do the same on the 147.060 repeater as well. Ken was verry responsive to each one of his friends contacts.. He even tried to speak, and would turn his head toward my hand held radio. Sherry and I where surprised at how he would perk up for the next contact, on the radio. This has ment so much for Ken to hear from some of his close friends. Ken has and will always be an inspreaction to myself and a lot of other s as well. Last night I did not get much sleep, due to thinking how this would affect Ken... But when Ken heard each one of the contacts he would want to hear more. It was a pleasure to do.
So I and Sherry want to thank each one of you for making Kens day and ours a little more cheerful in his time of need. Ken is resting comfortable and needs all of his strength just to survive. please keep Ken , Sherry & Chuck in your prayers. Also a big big thank you to Hospice & their staff for the verry kind way they have delt with Ken Groom (ZR5AAD) and his caregivers. the have been way more than excellent...
Again Thanks to all of Kens friends for making this happen...
As Ken would say Cheers.....
Charlie
N8QEM

4551. Silient Key - Ken Groom ZR5AAD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-24 17:58:11 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4551 Message: 4551

Regrettably I've been asked to share this somber news regarding our dear friend Ken Groom ZR5AAD, Ken passed away today to be with his Lord at 12:50pm.

Once funeral arrangements have been finalized, they will be shared.

Please continue to keep Chuck & Sherry, and all the effected family and friends in your prayers.

4552. Search Manager Course (SARM advertisement) - November 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-24 19:01:24 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4552 Message: 4552
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From: SAR-MI@yahoogroups.com [mailto:SAR-MI@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf
Of Jeffrey Nawrot
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2008 2:49 PM
To: Sar-mi@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [SAR-MI] SARM advertisement - November 2008

Wilderness Search & Rescue
Search Manager Course (SARM)
Sponsored by: Kent County Search and Rescue www.kentcountysar.org
Presented
by: Anthony Marzano, Assistant Director and Chief of Operations Will
County
Illinois EMA Topics Include:
Search Management
Resource Management
Incident Command Issues
Search Planning
Course Meets or Exceeds NFPA & NIMS requirements for Wilderness SAR
Dates /
Times / Pre-Requirements:
Pre Requisite Search and Rescue Operations Lecture:
October 31st 5-10 PM
(Only if you have not taken SAR Op's lecture) Should also have
understanding
of Incident Command System (FEMA IS-100 & IS-200 or MI UIC) Search
Management Class Session 1: Saturday November 1st 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Search
Management Class Session 2: Sunday November 2nd 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Lunch
and
Snacks included in cost!!
Location:
Kent County Sheriffs Department EOC Room
701 Ball Ave NE 49503
http://www.kcraces.net/kcsd <http://www.kcraces.net/kcsd> - Google Map
to location Cost (includes meals
during class):
$70.00
RSVP @ http://www.kentcountysar.org/signup/sarm_nov.php
<http://www.kentcountysar.org/signup/sarm_nov.php>
Lodging and other important information provided with registration
confirmation

4553. QSL Card - Ken Groom ZR5AAD

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-25 14:15:45 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4553 Message: 4553

Hello, reference below, does anyone have a QSL card of Ken that can be scanned, I can scan it if one is found, thanks.

Steve

-----Original Message-----
From: notify@yahoogroups.com [mailto:notify@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bev T.
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2008 9:42 PM
To: Steve Vander Hill
Subject: Ken Groom

Steve,
Bev here from over in Nunica.

It's been years since I last spoke to Ken on the air, but I believe at one time I had his QSL card.

Last year I gave a ham radio demonstration to some elementary students and passed out many of my old cards to the kids. If I had one from Ken, I'm thinking I very likely gave it to one of the students.

Would you know of a way to get a scan of Ken's QSL card? I would like one.

I have read for days your updates concerning Ken and thank you for that.

Bev
KC8JWA

4554. AMSAT Presentations at DCC (Digital Communcations Conference)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-25 14:57:13 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4554 Message: 4554
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The DCC (Digital Communications Conference) is in Chicago on September 26 - 28.

On Saturday, 9/27 at 9 am Tom Clark, K3IO is presenting AMSAT Update

On Saturday, 9/27 at 7 pm Tom Clark, K3IO is the Banquet Speaker

DCC Forum Schedule Available at:
http://www.tapr.org/pdf/DCC_2008_Schedule_Preliminary.pdf (and may be attached)

DCC Presentations Include:

Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, APRS

Phil Harman, VK6APH, Software Defined Radio

Rick Muething, KN6KB, New Soundcard Mode for Winlink

Paul Rinaldo (ARRL), W4RI, SDR

Larry Wolfgang (ARRL) , WR1B, QEX Editor

D-STAR Technical & Introductory Presentations AND D-STAR Friday Night Get Together

Banquet Keynote Speaker, Tom Clark, K3IO, AMSAT

and many more...

Register for the DCC at: www.tapr.org/dcc

Walk-In Registration Welcome!!

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/09/11/10327/?nc=1

ARRL, TAPR Prepare for Digital Communications Conference in Chicago, September 26 - 28

Aficionados of digital communications are gearing up for the 27th annual ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference (DCC) September 26-28 in Chicago, Illinois. The ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference is an international forum for radio amateurs to meet, publish their work and present new ideas and techniques. Presenters and attendees will have the opportunity to exchange ideas and learn about recent hardware and software advances, theories, experimental results, and practical applications. The DCC is for all levels of technical experience -- not just for the expert. Not only is the conference technically stimulating, it is a weekend of fun for all who have more than a casual interest in any aspect of amateur digital electronics and communications; introductory sessions are scheduled throughout the conference to introduce new technical topics for both beginners and experts.

Topics at the DCC include, but are not limited to: Software defined radio (SDR); digital voice (D-STAR, P25, WinDRM, FDMDV, G4GUO); digital satellite communications; Global Position System (GPS); precision timing; Automatic Position Reporting System (APRS); short messaging (a mode of APRS); Digital Signal Processing (DSP); HF digital modes; Internet interoperability with Amateur Radio networks; spread spectrum; IEEE 802.11 and other Part 15 license-exempt systems adaptable for Amateur Radio; using TCP/IP networking over Amateur Radio; mesh and peer-to-peer wireless networking; emergency and Homeland Defense backup digital communications; using Linux in Amateur Radio; updates on AX.25, and other wireless networking protocols.

QEX Editor Larry Wolfgang, WR1B, will represent the ARRL at the Conference. He will also be giving a talk "Writing for Publication -- It's Not Rocket Science (Even if You Are Writing About Rocket Science!)." Retired ARRL Chief Technology Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, will also represent the League. Rinaldo will speak on "SDR Outlook."

The DCC provides a separate (and lockable) room for participants to bring and show off their latest projects. Tables and power will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment and display for all to see, learn, and ask questions about, as well as a small sign and/or flyer naming and describing their project.

D-STAR digital voice and data will be the focus of the DCC Friday evening session. Pioneers and leaders in D-STAR digital voice and data technology will be presenting the technical innovations in D-STAR and how it is being used worldwide. In addition to the Friday evening session, ICOM will be at the DCC demonstrating D-STAR radios in the demonstration room, and TAPR's 70 cm and 23 cm D-STAR digital voice and data repeaters (KT7APR) with Internet gateway will be on the air.

Sunday Seminar Speaker Announced

Each year, the DCC hosts an in-depth 4 hour seminar on Sunday. Past seminars have included such topics as Software Defined Radios, Spread Spectrum Design and Theory, RD Design and Deployment, PICmicro MCU Design and Development, Packet Radio Networks with Millions or Billions of Stations and others. Seminars are given by experts in their field -- this year is no different. Phil Harman, VK6APH, will present "Software Radio Through the Looking-Glass."

Harman, licensed for more than 40 years, has worked on leading-edge RF techniques related to receivers and transmitters. His current passion is the development of fully digital HF radios. Harmon co-writes the Software Defined Radio column in the RSGB Radio Communications journal and also co-authored the SDR chapter in the latest RSGB Handbook. He will guide participants through the basics of SDRs right up to the very latest techniques that digitize signals directly at the antenna socket. Using diagrams and a minimum of math, Harmon will cover such subjects as front end design, mixers, I and Q signals, digital up and down conversion, AGC techniques, noise blanking and high efficiency power amplifiers. The presentation will be highly interactive, so be sure to bring along that question that has been puzzling you for so long!

Conference presentations, meetings, and seminars will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel Elk Grove Village, Illinois. It is highly recommended that participants book rooms prior to arriving. A block of rooms at the special DCC room rate of $89.00 single/double is available; this rate is good until the block is all sold out. The hotel provides a complimentary shuttle to and from O'Hare Airport.

Register for the DCC at: www.tapr.org/dcc

4555. Hiker summons help with ham radio

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-25 19:53:09 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4555 Message: 4555

From: http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/380213_hamradio24.html

Hiker summons help with ham radio
'It's just a stroke of luck that turned out great'

By JACKSON HOLTZ
THE (EVERETT) HERALD

EVERETT -- A series of dots and dashes bouncing off the ionosphere Sunday helped save a hiker stranded on Buck Creek Pass east of Glacier Peak.

The hiker, who broke his leg, used a low-voltage portable radio and Morse code to send out a call to help.

Six hundred miles away, in Bozeman, Mont., Robert Williams was testing his ham radio Sunday when he heard the call signal, "W-7-A-U."

Williams replied and quickly learned, in the dashes and dots, that he was talking with a 62-year-old Corvallis, Ore., man, who had slipped and hurt himself in the high Cascades of Western Washington.

"I just happened to be at the same frequency," Williams, 65, said Monday. "It's just a stroke of luck that turned out great."

Williams called 911 and was connected to Snohomish County search and rescue officials. He spent much of Sunday and Monday relaying information, including GPS coordinates, from the hiker to rescuers.

"It was quite an experience," Williams said. "I'm just glad that he was a ham radio operator and that I was able to talk to him. It made the difference for him."

On Sunday, rescue crews reached the man, who had set up camp on Buck Creek Pass, at about 6,000 feet just west of the Chelan County line.

He was taken to safety Monday on horseback.

The call set in motion one of two mountain rescues Sunday.

A second team of rescuers went up Three Fingers Mountain after a man there fell about 200 feet on a glacier near the summit.

Including the weekend rescues, search and rescue teams this year have now responded to 100 missions, Snohomish County Sheriff's Sgt. Danny Wikstrom said.

Both of the injured men in the weekend rescues were well prepared for the wilderness conditions, he said.

"To have that equipment will save your life," he said.

The man on Three Fingers was hiking with three other people when he fell. His climbing party summoned help, officials said.

On Monday afternoon, he was taken by helicopter off the mountain to Providence Regional Medical Center Everett, sheriff's Lt. Rodney Rochon said.

He wasn't able to walk when he was loaded into the chopper, Rochon said. He apparently had sprained his ankle and knee in the fall.

Bad weather Sunday prevented helicopter rescues of both men. Teams spent a night in snow and frigid conditions in the mountains.

Rescuers on Three Fingers used a pulley system to hoist the man off the glacier and onto the trail, Wikstrom said.

Teams then carried the man to Goat Flats, where he was loaded onto the chopper.

Rescuers on horseback reached the man on Buck Creek Pass on Monday morning.

The trail from Darrington was washed out from recent storms and wasn't passable, so crews approached along the Trinity Trail near Lake Wenatchee, Wikstrom said.

It isn't the first time amateur radio operators have helped out with an emergency situation, said Allen Pitts, a spokesman for the American Radio Relay League in Newington, Conn.

The radios work well when other kinds of communication fail, he said.

Ham radio operators were of paramount importance after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and when a tsunami ravaged Southeast Asia in 2004.

Still, it's rare that Morse code is used to initiate a rescue, he said.

Amateur radio operators used to be required to know Morse code to get a license. That requirement was dropped a few years ago.

Since then, Morse code has actually gained popularity, Pitts said.

"Morse code will get through when no other type of communication will," Snohomish County Hams Club President Grant Hopper said.

Williams, the Montana man, said he was able to understand the injured man's code even when his signal became very weak. Voice communication over the airwaves likely would have become garbled or misunderstood.

The man had a low-voltage radio transmitter, which operates on about as much power as it takes to make a tiny Christmas tree light sparkle.

In the right conditions, radio signals can bounce off the Earth's atmosphere and ricochet thousands of miles.

"A signal like that can skip a long way around the world," Williams said. "You can talk to Europe or Asia given the right conditions."

This is the first time Williams has helped someone in danger using his radio.

The rescue likely wouldn't have been possible if the injured man weren't a competent radio operator, Williams said.

"My guess is that he was just waiting to hear from somebody," he said. "I happened to be the lucky one."

Note: a version of this, written mainlhy for ham radio operators, is at http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/09/23/10348/?nc=1

4556. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hiker summons help with ham radio

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-25 20:09:10 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4555 Message: 4556

Right there is why I will be learning code even though I do not have to
any more. Especially the fact CW can cut through on less power
than a voice modulated signal.

Nice story.

========== Richards - K8JHR ==========

Hank Greeb wrote:

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> Hiker summons help with ham radio

4557. Ken Groom Funeral Arrangements

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-25 21:07:50 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4557 Message: 4557

From: Chuck Krueger
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 1:11 PM
To: Allen Macalleh; Althea Krueger; Annett Miller; Bea Greenfingers; bernddf2yh@gmx.de; Bobby; Brad DeVall; Caleb Zimmerman; Candice Lotriet; Carla Ryan; Cornelius Washington; DAN KRUEGER; Daniele Dykens; Debbie Heiser; dewind@iserv.net; Donnie; Ed Sick; Eddie Ward; Gary Miedema; Guelda Saylor; Heather; ian krueger; Jim Bush; Joan Saints; John and Sue Siedleman; Larry Pratt; Les Cullen; Lola Jackson; Mike Koetje; Penny Clark; Peter Crossley; Peter Venlet; Podge Ponter; Ron & Cindy; Ronald Pratt; Steve Vander Hill; Sue Blackburn; The Ponters; Tombie Pappas; Wolfgang; Woody Smith; YuVonne Ostrowski
Subject: Ken Groom Funeral Arrangements

The funeral arrangements for Ken have been finalized.

The visitation will be on Sunday, between 4 PM and 8 PM at VanZantwick-Bartels-Kammaraad Funeral Home, <http://www.vbkfuneralhome.com/> located at 620 Wahington St. Grand Haven, Mi <http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=620+Washington,+St+Grand+haven+Mi&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=33.29802,77.695313&ie=UTF8&ll=43.061943,-86.224405&spn=0.003747,0.009484&z=17> . (link is a map). It is at the corner of Washington and 7th. Rosary will be said approximately 7pm to 7:20pm.

The service will be held at St. Mary Margaret Catholic Church <http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=St.+Mary+Margaret+Catholic+Church+in+Allendale,+mi&ie=UTF8&ll=42.979284,-85.950508&spn=0.030015,0.075874&z=14&iwloc=A> (link is a map) located in Allendale, Mi. at 10 AM on Monday Sept 29, 2008.

Ken will be interned at Restlawn Cemetery <http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=Restlawn+Cemetery,+Holland,+mi&ie=UTF8&ll=42.798424,-86.060672&spn=0.015052,0.037937&z=15> (link is a map) in Holland, Mi following the service/luncheon.

The following is the official Obituary. A slightly modified one, second paragraph will be missing, will be published in the Holland Sentinal newspaper today.

Death Notice for News Media

For Kenneth William Groom

September 24, 2008

Kenneth William Groom, age 56, of Holland passed away Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at Holland Hospice House. He was born August 23, 1952, in Durbin, Republic of South Africa, to Claude and Phyllis Maud (Lloyd) Groom, and moved here from South Africa 8 years ago.

Ken had been employed in High Level Access Security for Sky Com Inc. in South Africa and had previously been in bank management for Standard Bank and sales manager for Cullen's Satellite all in South Africa. He served in the South African Defense Force, was a proud member of The Republic of South Africa National Shooting Team, a member of St. Mary Margaret Church in Allendale, Holland Amateur Radio Club, EAA Experimental Aircraft and volunteered with the Red Cross (Holland Chapter) as a board member, International Red Cross of South Africa, Ottawa County EOC (Homeland Security) and as a Tulip Time marshal.

Survivors include his loving and caring USA family of friends; Charles, Sherry and Ian Krueger of Holland, Caleb and Amanda Zimmerman of London, Canada and his church family at St. Mary Margaret Church. Also, Ken's extended family in The Republic of South Africa; Candace Lotrict who he treated as a daughter, cousin, Collen Pappas, aunt, Podge Ponter and cousin, Mike Ponter in Virginia Beach, VA.

The Funeral Mass for Ken will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 29, 2008, at St. Mary Margaret Catholic Church in Allendale with Fr. Joseph Dreher as celebrant. A time of visitation with Ken's family will be Sunday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:00 p.m. at VanZantwick Bartels Kammerad in Grand Haven (PLEASE USE NEW EAST ENTRANCE). Interment will be at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Holland. Contributions may be made to the Ken Groom ZR5AAD medical donation account or Hospice House of Holland. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.vbkfuneralhome.com <http://www.vbkfuneralhome.com/> .

VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad

Grand Haven

File: Obit Groom, Ken

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Chuck and Sherry

4558. D-STAR Repeaters On-Line at DCC (Digital Communications Conference)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-26 20:21:04 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4558 Message: 4558
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The TAPR D-STAR Repeaters are on-line at the DCC (Digital Communication Conference):

KT7APR A 1292.0 (-20 MHz)

KT7APR B 441.500 (+5 MHz)

KT7APR 1242.0 DD

Several DCC attendees are monitoring the 70cm repeater. Give us a call today, Friday or tomorrow, Saturday.

If you're at the DCC or in the Chicago area stop by the DCC demonstration room & take a look at the repeaters and the Icom equipment display.

Tonight, Friday at 7 pm is the D-STAR Friday Night Forum. Some of the leading innovators in the D-STAR community will be presenting.

More information about the DCC is available at: http://www.tapr.org/dcc

Thanks to Icom for donating the 23cm D-STAR repeaters & controller and thanks to TX RX for donating the 23cm triplexer to TAPR.

4559. URGENTLY NEED ONE PERSON - Crockery Township, Nunica - Sat. 27th, 4 -8:00pm

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-26 21:29:27 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4559 Message: 4559
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, looking for one person to work with Diane Phillips of the
Emergency Management Division at the Crockery Township Fire Department
Open House in Nunica tomorrow afternoon/night from 4-8:00 p.m.

If you can assist Diane, even for a couple of hours, please contact Bill
Smith directly via 616-638-7760 who will provide you will additional
information, thanks!

Best regards,

Steve Vander Hill

Safety Coordinator

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4560. HAM-TECH 2008 (October 18-20), Hyderabad

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-27 00:42:45 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4560 Message: 4560

A very interesting Hamfest. For details

http://www.niar.org/

73 de n8xx Hg

4561. Directions to Ken's Funeral

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-27 02:18:07 UTC
From: Laryn Lohman
Topic: 4561 Message: 4561

Those wishing to attend Ken's funeral:

Coming in from Holland or Grand Haven on M-45.

Directions: Take M-45 to 68th Street, (Michigan Turn) North on 68th to Cardinal, Turn Left on Cardinal. Church parking lot is on North side off Cardinal. . You can enter from Cardinal or from Brown, which is the street the
Church is on. The address is 11358 Brown Street.

From the East you can turn North (Right) on either Cardinal, or Brown

Chuck, W8GCW

4562. Weaver's Words -- Information for 2009 Division Convention requested

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-27 10:03:20 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4562 Message: 4562

> Please reply directly to n8et@....
>
>
> +++ 2009 Great Lakes Division Convention -- Questions for you +++
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> You are asked to review the following information as soon as possible
> and to reply directly to Bill Kelsey, N8ET by September 30. Short
> time! Some of you may have already gotten an e-mail similar to this
> one directly from N8ET. This version has been slightly revised and
> updated.
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> The Findlay Radio Club is considering sponsoring the 2009 Great Lakes
> Division Convention in the latter part of next year. The Convention
> would be in a non-traditional format, and would not be held in
> conjunction with the Findlay Hamfest. We are trying to minimize costs
> for attendees by doing some non-traditional things. We are looking
> into a low or zero rental cost facility. The start time would be
> mid-morning so that most attendees could drive to Findlay that day
> rather than staying in a hotel. The noontime meal would be quite
> informal, quite possibly a box lunch rather than a sit-down affair. We
> might consider an off-site late afternoon banquet with an interesting
> speaker at a decent (but in-expensive) restaurant. The convention
> would finish early enough so that most people could return home that
> night.
>
> We would probably have two series of sessions of about one hour each
> One series would include the standard ARRL Convention sessions - meet
> the officers, Q&A, ARRL Board, Headquarters, Division, Section
> activities; and programs like new technology, DXing, etc. The second
> series would be aimed at the newer hams in the Division. This would
> give the Convention an "Elmering" theme to provide some of the material
> that always seems to be missing from a typical licensing course. We
> would hope that when a new ham leaves at the end of the day, he or she
> would have a better idea of what Ham Radio has to offer besides the
> local 2 meter repeater. They would have much more information on how
> to do some of the these other activities, like how to set up an HF
> station, how to make a QSO on HF, how to get started on VHF, or digital
> modes, or ATV, or Satellites, or.... You get the idea. The scope of
> the sessions would be broad enough that even the old timers would pick
> up something new.
>
> Before we commit to the work involved running a convention, we would
> like to know if anyone would come to an event like this. If this

> sounds like something you or members of your local club would take a
> day to attend, please let me know (via e-mail at n8et@...) by
> September 30. If we get a good response, we will move forward. If no
> one is interested, we have plenty of other things to do! ;>)
>
> Thanks for your input, and hope to hear from a lot of you!
>
> 73 - Bill - N8ET (n8et@...) - Findlay Radio Club
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> -----
> Tnx, 73,
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> Jim Weaver, K8JE
> Director, Great Lakes Division
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> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

4563. Sweeps!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-30 12:54:43 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4563 Message: 4563

All:

Coming in November are two interesting contests you can learn and enjoy with your participation. Sweeps. That's short for the ARRL November Sweepstakes. There is a CW version on the first weekend, November 1 - 3. The phone version is a couple of weekends later on November 15 - 17.

These are domestic contests where we chase QSOs with the States and Provinces of the US and Canada. They're called Sections in this 'test.

You are invited to find a contesting operation to support. At the Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Council we will activate our club radio shack W8ZHO for each contest.

You say, "I don't know enough about code." It is amazing. You don't have to know code. We will need folks to log, cheer, learn the code, learn how to contest, and help find that elusive last section. Each weekend, too. Contests are interesting ways to play on the radio. And they offer great learning opportunities. You do have to be willing to develop a new radio skill.

Of course, it helps if you have contested before. We can use your help as well. We will be running a Multi-Single, which is shorthand for Multiple operator Single transmitter. A "Clean Sweep" gets you a special mug and bragging rights for a year. We're hoping for the mug. We'll settle for the fun and friendship.

Stop in and get a load of the action. Check the web for the rules. There are also tons of sites offering useful tips. Bring your ideas to the contest station near you and lend a hand.

You can earn your WAS wallpaper in a weekend? Yep.

We hope to see you. And, especially, to work you.

73

Bill, AB8SC
MAARC guy

4564. help needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-09-30 22:04:43 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1081 Message: 4564

hello all this friday Oct 3 2008 is the Spring Lake Homecoming parade the parade starts at 6:00pm We till be meeting at 5:00 pm at the Spring Lake Village Hall EOC We will be blocking streets for the kids and the Homecoming court to pass the whole event takes aprox 30 to 40 mins If you can help contact kc8uny at kc8uny@... or Don kb8odb at kb8odb@... Thanks 73 de kc8uny

4567. DCC (Digital Communications Conference) A Success & Returning to Chicago Next Year

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-04 22:33:14 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4567 Message: 4567

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/10/02/10371/?nc=1

ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference: "Pretty Interesting!"

The main presentation room at the 2008 ARRL/TAPR DCC provided ample seating and tables, as well as power supplies, for laptops. [Larry Wolfgang, WR1B, Photo]

Kermit Carlson, W9XA (left), and Rick Muething, KN6KB, go over the final arrangements just before Muething's presentation on audio/visual equipment. Carlson coordinated the a/v for the DCC. [Larry Wolfgang, WR1B, Photo]

Almost 150 aficionados of digital communications came to Chicago for the 27th annual ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference (DCC) the weekend of September 26-28. This conference is an international forum for radio amateurs to meet, publish their work and present new ideas and techniques. Presenters and attendees had the opportunity to exchange ideas and learn about recent hardware and software advances, theories, experimental results, and practical applications. Not only was the conference technically stimulating, it was a weekend of fun for all who have more than a casual interest in any aspect of amateur digital electronics and communications; introductory sessions were scheduled throughout the conference to introduce new technical topics for both beginners and experts.

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Wolfgang gave his presentation on Friday morning and said he talked with many participants throughout the conference who told him that he had them enthused about writing something for QEX. "It also seemed like almost everyone there was making a point to stop me in the hallways or at mealtimes to tell me how much they are enjoying QEX, and to thank me for the effort I putting into the magazine," he said.

Friday was a full day of technical presentations, including "A Protocol for Multicast Weather Data Distribution over AX25," by Nick Luther, K9NL; "SuitSat-2 Update," by Steve Bible, N7HPR; "EcomScs and GateWayScs AX25 Packet Radio E-Mail," by John Blowsky, KB2SCS, and "Frequency and Other New Initiatives in APRS," by Bob Bruninga, WB4APR. The last presentation of the afternoon was "D-STAR Uncovered," by Peter Loveall, AE5PL.

The DCC provided a separate demonstration room for participants to bring and show off their latest projects. Participants were encouraged to bring their own equipment and display for all to see and learn. Wolfgang said he had some "play time" in this room after all the presentations on Friday. After dinner that evening, he said there was "a string of D-STAR presentations starting at 7 PM and lasting until after 10 PM. These were all very interesting presentations, including the D-RATS messaging software by Dan Smith, KK7DS.

Peter Loveall, AE5PL, presented "D-PRS Update" about ways the D-STAR data links can be used to send and plot APRS position maps or interface to the APRS system. Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC, gave a presentation about DV-Dongle, a PC add-on that allows connection to D-STAR repeaters around the world through your PC and an Internet connection. Pretty interesting!"

In addition to the main technical presentations on Saturday, there was also a full day of introductory sessions, mostly about digital voice and D-STAR.

Also on Saturday, Matt Etttus, N2MJI, gave a report on the Ettus Research USRP2. Tom Clark, K3IO, gave an "AMSAT Update." Paul Wiedemeier, KE5LKY, presented his paper on "Using UDPcast to IP Multicast Data over Packet Radio." Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, gave his "SDR Outlook" that covered the international regulatory front and presented some of the concerns that some world governments have with regard to the flexibility of SDR. Scott Cowling, WA2DFI, gave an "HPSDR (High Performance Software Defined Radio) Update" during which he described the various circuit boards that make up the HPSDR project. He also demonstrated a complete working radio in the demo room. Jerry Shirar, N9XR, presented a paper called "Clocking the Data," concerning the use of an inverter and a crystal to form a Colpitts oscillator.

Victor Poor, W5SMM, gave an update on Winlink 2000. "He reported that there is one Web site, five Common Message Server sites around the world, 150 Radio Message Service Pactor Gateway sites, 800 RMS Packet Gateway sites and over 13,000 registered users," Wolfgang said. "He also mentioned that inactive users are purged from the system from time to time." Rick Muething, KN6KB, described his "WINMOR Soundcard ARQ Mode for Winlink HF Digital Messaging." Wolfgang said that this was a much anticipated presentation: "Rick reported that WINMOR is 3 to 4 months from beta testing. His preliminary comparisons to Pactor 1, 2 and 3 use a simulator. He indicates that WINMOR will have better throughput than Pactor 1 and comparable to, or perhaps a bit better than Pactor 2, but not quite as good as Pactor 3. He indicated that the efficiency is within about 70 percent of Pactor ARQ."

The TAPR Annual Meeting was held after all the presentations on Saturday where the Board of Directors discussed the idea of coming back to the same hotel for next year's DCC. "The local group that supported DCC this year, including Mark Thompson, WB9QZB, and Kermit Carlson, W9XA, did a great job of providing AV support," Wolfgang said. "Ron Steinberg, K9IKZ, who owns a local audio/visual company, provided two large projection screens and projectors, so every presentation was shown on both sides of the room, as well as on a widescreen TV outside the room. The audio was very easy to hear, even if you were in the hall outside the room or in the demonstration room; the set-up was left there from the W9DXCC Convention the previous weekend. They offered to provide the same support for next year, if the DCC returned. So, the decision was made to break with tradition, and return to Chicago next year, September 25-27."

Phil Harman, VK6APH, presented the Sunday morning seminar, "Software Defined Radio Through the Looking Glass." Wolfgang said he found Harman's presentation to be understandable "at my level of knowledge, and he gave a lot of good insight into many of the design decisions that went into the High Performance Software Defined Radio Project. I found his descriptions of how the hardware and software work to be very interesting. The four hours went by quickly."

For more information on the 2008 Digital Communications Conference, please visit TAPR's DCC Web page.

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4568. New O.C.E.C. Trailer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-06 19:49:27 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4568 Message: 4568

Hello, we're looking for someone who has a vehicle that is big enough to haul the new O.C.E.C. trailer during emergencies. The ball is 2 5/16", the wiring harness is a round 7-prong, and the size of pickup truck needed would be a ½ ton or bigger.

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Steve N8UJD

4569. Re: [WestMichiganHams] New O.C.E.C. Trailer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-07 00:13:27 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 4568 Message: 4569

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Date: Monday, October 6, 2008, 3:49 PM

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4570. Any GENERAL ticket classes coming soon in Muskegon MI area?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-07 01:34:50 UTC
From: mapscenes@aol.com
Topic: 4570 Message: 4570

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4571. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Any GENERAL ticket classes coming soon in Muskegon MI area?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-07 03:06:57 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 4570 Message: 4571

Mick, You should contact Mark Derby K8MHZ @ k8mhz@... he is running classes on Monday nights for Tech, General and Extra class classes.

Good luck

W8AMZ

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Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Any GENERAL ticket classes coming soon in Muskegon MI area?
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-07 03:11:19 UTC
From: mapscenes@aol.com
Topic: 4572 Message: 4572

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-07 05:51:44 UTC
From: Tom Nickisch
Topic: 4572 Message: 4573

You are welcome, that's what weare here for.

Tom

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4574. Lakeshore Super Swap - October 18, 2008

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-07 12:57:08 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4574 Message: 4574

Announcement

On October 18, 2008, hundreds of amateur radio operators will come to Holland to attend the sixth annual "Lakeshore Super Swap" meet, hosted by the Holland Amateur Radio Club.

Numerous vendors will be present to sell both new and used communications equipment of all types ranging from the latest manufactured equipment to the parts, tools, and materials used by radio experimenters to build and repair their own equipment.

The event is open to anyone interested in electronics, computers or radio communications, and will likely attract people from throughout the Great Lakes Region.

The Super Swap will take place on October 18, 2008 from 8:00 AM to about noon, at the West Ottawa High School, South Campus, located at 152nd Avenue and Riley Street.

For More Information: See the website at: www.hollandarc.org

4575. American Red Cross - DSHR and HAMS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-09 14:19:57 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4575 Message: 4575

Hello, reference below, please advise me via return email if you would be interested in becoming a part of the American Red Cross Disaster Services Human Resources system. This system is utilized to call out trained volunteers in specific areas for national disasters normally for a three week time frame.

If there are enough interested, we can hold a special training session to get through the required basis American Red Cross training.

Let me know if your interested, thanks!

Steve N8UJD

From: Gerry Dawson [mailto:GDawson@...]
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2008 10:02 AM
To: Steve Vander Hill
Cc: Robert Brooks
Subject: DSHR and HAMS

Steve

Sindee forwarded your e-mail regarding HAMS and the DSHR. I would love to add anyone who is interested to the DSHR. They would have to go through the normal procedures of completing the volunteer application for the chapter, background check, and training. The training would be pretty basic, just Intro to Disaster, available on line, and Fulfilling Our Mission. We could set up a special class for the Fulfilling Our Mission course just for your group if there are more than 6 participants.

If anyone is interested please have them contact Bob Brooks, volunteer coordinator, to begin the process.

Gerry Dawson

Emergency Services Director

American Red Cross of Ottawa County

270 James St.

Holland, MI 49424

616-396-6545

4576. Re: American Red Cross - DSHR and HAMS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-10 03:10:50 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4575 Message: 4576

Hi Steve
If the HAMS are going to go out and do amateur radio I would also recommend that they take DST 101 Intro/Overview and DST 101 RCM. DST 101 Intro/Overview is the Disaster Services Technology overview course that tells about what DST is and it's various activities. The DST 101 RCM is the Disaster Services Technology Response Communications overview course. See the Red Cross DST Neighborhood for the next online/conference call training opportunities.

The DST courses are also available to ANY Red Cross volunteer.

Best Regards,
Rich "Doc" AC8AL

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4577. 50 MHz Sprint, Saturday, 10/18 2300 UTC - Sunday, 10/19 0300 UTC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-10 18:42:25 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4577 Message: 4577

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http://svhfs.org/fall_sprint_rules.htm

4578. any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-11 03:06:22 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4578 Message: 4578

Hi, all.

This is Tom Behler: KB8TYJ.

As some of you may know, I live in Big Rapids. I also am Mecosta County's EC/RO

Anyway, I have recently put up a traditional Windom antenna for HF, and am not quite getting the results I had hoped.

My Windom is a coax-fed 80-meter
Windom. It is fed by RG8U coax, and has a 4-1 balun at the feed point on my tower. The feedpoint and legs are all about 35 feet off the ground. The short leg is 44 feet long, and the longer leg is 88 feet long. I based these lengths on the following formula:

468 divided by 3.550 Megahertz. I then multiplied 132 feet by .66 for the long end, and .33 for the short end. Due to space limitations, 8 feet of the longer leg is hanging down vertically.

My SWR's on the various HF bands are marginal in many cases. Let me give you some readings to show you what I mean:

I took readings at the low end, the center, and the high end, of the following bands, and came up with the following SWR readings:

80 meters:
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40 meters:
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It has been suggested that my problem lies in the fact that i multiplied the 132 foot figure by the wrong factors, when doing my initial calculations.

Perhaps I should have multiplied 132 by .64 and .36. This may mean that my long leg is now roughly 3 feet too long, and my short leg is roughly 3 feet too short.

At this point in my e-mail, I need to add the fact that I am a blind ham, who needs help with antenna projects of this nature. The antenna has been put up and taken down twice already, under rather difficult conditions, and I really am hesitant to have all of that done again by sighted help, unless I'm absolutely sure that any fix will truly correct the problems I am having.

The antenna obviously is usable on most bands, with the auto-tuner in my Kenwood TS480, but I am sure the antenna is not performing optimally.

Can someone tell me if I really need to modify this antenna again to make it work better, and what that modification should be?

Also, is there anything I can do or check from the ground before going to all this trouble?

Thanks for reading this e-mail.

I look forward to any responses someone can provide.

73 from Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI

4579. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-11 04:34:46 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4578 Message: 4579

I am running a 133 ft windom. 41' 6" / 96' 6" with a 4-1 balun. 23' down from the balun is a 1-1 choke. Right now I can get the SWR below 2 and on some bands 1 to 1 The only issue I have is that the best tuning is just below the bottom of the bands. This tells me it is a little long. I am using an MFJ 993 tuner which brings the match below 1.3 to 1 on all bands except 160M. The next time I bring it to the ground I am going to shorten each side a little and hope to get it to tune to the center of the band. It seems that there are many different lengths depending on which web site you look at.

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Here are a couple of links Hopes this helps

http://users.erols.com/k3mt/windom/windom.htm

http://www.gd7jwr.com/page4.html

http://www.g4nsj.co.uk/windom.shtml

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Date: 2008-10-11 04:37:03 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4578 Message: 4580

Forgot to say, I am not an expert by any means.
But I love to build my own antennas.

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4581. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-11 12:04:48 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4578 Message: 4581

Jim:

I think I might have met you when I did the presentation on amateur radio for the blind at the MARC monthly meeting about a year ago.

Anyway, what you're telling me here is that all of this is not an exact science, and that it all depends on exactly where you feed the Windom, and what the lenghts of the legs are on either side of the feed point.

I'll keep your e-mail here for future reference.

I guess my main concern is that if I get someone over here to help tweak things, I certainly don't want to make them worse, and want to be sure I make them better with whatever I do.

Do you know of any e-mail users groups devoted to Windoms, or anyone else I might contact for input on this problem?

Thanks very much, and 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-11 12:05:40 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4578 Message: 4582

Hey, Jim.

Neither am I, which might be why I'm having the issues I'm having. (grin)

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Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2008 12:37 AM
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-11 14:48:05 UTC
From: Tom Behler
Topic: 4578 Message: 4584

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4585. Re: any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-11 16:15:17 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 4578 Message: 4585

Tom-
I am no expert, first off. I have also built and used a few different wire antennas on HF. I do not think your SWR readings are surpising, nor do I feel they show that your antenna is not working optimally. As to 30M being un-tunable, it is often the "black sheep" when it comes to HF antennas, as it is not harmonically related to the other bands. Again- I am not surprised the SWR on 10Mc is higher than all the others. Why are you figuring it is not working well? Do you have another antenna to compare it to? Just curious. Performance is subjective without a comparison antenna of known performance, or field strength measurements.
Another thing I've found is that MANY (read "most") Baluns you buy are of inferior quality.

Not sure any of this is help, but hopefully is food for thought, any way.

Look forward to hearing you on the air!!

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-11 17:29:37 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4578 Message: 4586

I think your feed point is at the wrong spot. My ARRL Antenna Handbook suggests placing the feed point 14 per cent off center, so that a 130 foot windom, has a feed point 47 feet from one end. Sometimes the feed point is moved slightly to accommodate balanced line feeder, and this design, sometimes called the Carolina Windom, uses a portion of the feeder as a vertical radiator, eliminating the problem with the feed line radiating, as
it is intended to do just that.

Common dimensions for the Carolina Windom are 130 feet ling, with the feed point 50 feet from one end, and 83 feet from the other end.

So... I am thinking that your feed point may be off - AND maybe that your overall length may be less than optimal as well. It may be closer to 30 per cent from one end, rather than 33 or 35 percent...

Just my take. I would reconsider the length and feed line situation.

========== Richards K8JHR - Gran Rapids, MI ==========

4587. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-11 18:30:52 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4578 Message: 4587

I think I stated the wrong dimensions on my antenna, the numbers don't add up. Here is another site.

http://www.radioworks.com/ccwcover.html

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4589. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-11 21:51:40 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4578 Message: 4589

I hope to lower mine tomorrow and tweak it a bit.. I will let you know what lengths I wind up with. My antenna is about 35 feet above the ground and runs NW to SE.

----- Original Message -----
From: "T Behler" <tbehler@...>
To: "west michigan hams" <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 10:06 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

> Hi, all.
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> This is Tom Behler: KB8TYJ.
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> As some of you may know, I live in Big Rapids. I also am Mecosta County's
> EC/RO
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> Anyway, I have recently put up a traditional Windom antenna for HF, and am
> not quite getting the results I had hoped.
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> My Windom is a coax-fed 80-meter
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> my tower. The feedpoint and legs are all about 35 feet off the ground.
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4590. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-11 22:10:01 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4578 Message: 4590

Here are the deminsions and the plan that I used. Depending on how high the antenna is, they use a different balun. further down in the text they say when in doubt use a 4-1 balun.

http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=15683

4591. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-12 08:18:19 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4578 Message: 4591

Gee Jim -- I ran the numbers according to that formula, and
came up with an 80-10 meter OCF "Windom" - which is not
really a windom because I think that a "true' windom is a single
wire, like a random wire, that is off center fed "Marconi style"...
but anyway...

I came up with a total length of 123 feet, with 79 on the long
side and 44 feet on the short side (rounded off to whole
numbers.)

Using the formula for a 160 meter antenna, I came up with
166 feet on the long side, and 166 on the short side, for
a total length of 260 feet, with 166 on the long side, and
94 feet on the short side.

The article pictures one measuring 135 feet in length, and
it is 90 feet on the long side, and 45 feet on the short side.

NONE of these measurements seem to coincide with your
antenna measurements as stated in the first post.

Maybe you need to revisit the formula and double check the
lengths to be sure both sides are correct.

Not sure what happens when the lengths are not determed
according to the formula, but are just in direct proportion to
what the formala would call for... but I doubt it would work as
well as cutting the lengths to what the formula calls for, and
not being just in proper proportion.

Happy trails. Hope this is helpful in some way.

========== Richards - K8JHR ==========

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4592. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-12 17:37:18 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4578 Message: 4592

Well I have looked at so many numbers and different plans, now I am getting a little confused. You are right the Original "windom" was a single wire fed aprox 14% off center. The antenna I have built and found plans on the web is many time referred to as a "Carolina Windom". It is off center fed at 33% and uses a 9-1, 6-1, 4-1 balun (depending on what plans you look at) and a portion of the coax is used as a vertical radiator with a choke at 22' down from the balun. Maybe the correct term would be to call it a OFC Multi band dipole. I have found many plans for this antenna and there seems to be many variations. Baluns and lengths also seem to vary.

I guess in the end antennas may be a science but than again when you can find the resonant freq of any object, It could be an antenna. ie the window blind that was in a article in QST.

I am glad to see this discussion. It keeps the brain working. Today I am going to drop my antenna, do a little trimming and see what happens. Hopefully after all this I will have an even better antenna.

Will let you know what happens.

73s Jim

----- Original Message -----
From: Richards
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2008 3:18 AM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

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4594. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-12 21:57:52 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4578 Message: 4594

Well I made some changes. Went to 80' on the long side and 45 on the short. 40M got much better 3.9 to 1.5 however 20 went the other way, from 1.6 to 3.6. Tuner still cleans things up. Wish I had many more hours to play but Will give it a try on the air and see what happens.

4595. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-12 21:15:39 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4578 Message: 4595

When ya gonna try it? Maybe I can find you on the air...

================ K8JHR =================

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4596. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-12 23:29:43 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4578 Message: 4596

How about 8 PM on 14.235?

I reset my tuners memory and it does not do as much tuning within each band. So it appears that even though the swr has changed it is flatter across each band.

Tom: Hope some of this information has helped you.
What kind of tuner are you running?

I will do some more SWR reading and record them so you can compare.

----- Original Message -----
From: Richards
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2008 4:15 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

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4597. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-13 01:07:15 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4578 Message: 4597

Greg:

Sorry for the delay in my response.

Just catching up on e-mail here, since I spent most of the week-end doing the Pennsylvania QSO Party contest.

Actually, you may be right:

I was very surprised as to how well my Windom actually worked during the contest, especially given the absolutely horendous conditions on 40 meters yesterday.

Made 250 contacts, and got all but 4 of the 67 Pennsylvania counties.

Worked 40 and 80 CW and phone.

A real fun contest to be sure, since I grew up in PA and got my first ham license there.

Will continue to work with the antenna, but I was very pleasantly surprised.

73 from Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ, Big Rapids

----- Original Message -----
From: "kc8hxo" <kc8hxo@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2008 12:15 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Re: any Windom experts out there?

Tom-
I am no expert, first off. I have also built and used a few different wire antennas on HF. I do not think your SWR readings are surpising, nor do I feel they show that your antenna is not working optimally. As to 30M being un-tunable, it is often the "black sheep" when it comes to HF antennas, as it is not harmonically related to the other bands. Again- I am not surprised the SWR on 10Mc is higher than all the others. Why are you figuring it is not working well? Do you have another antenna to compare it to? Just curious. Performance is subjective without a comparison antenna of known performance, or field strength measurements.
Another thing I've found is that MANY (read "most") Baluns you buy are of inferior quality.

Not sure any of this is help, but hopefully is food for thought, any way.

Look forward to hearing you on the air!!

73-
Greg Schippers, KC8HXO

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "T Behler" <tbehler@...> wrote:
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4598. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-13 01:09:16 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4578 Message: 4598

I am thinking of re-visiting the length issue for each leg at some point, but it's so hard to get the antenna up and down, given my property situation, that I may have to put that off for a while.

Will keep your thoughts in mind, though, for future reference.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Richards" <jruing@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2008 1:29 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Re: any Windom experts out there?

>I think your feed point is at the wrong spot. My ARRL Antenna Handbook
> suggests placing the feed point 14 per cent off center, so that a 130 foot
> windom, has a feed point 47 feet from one end. Sometimes the feed point
> is moved slightly to accommodate balanced line feeder, and this design,
> sometimes called the Carolina Windom, uses a portion of the feeder as
> a vertical radiator, eliminating the problem with the feed line
> radiating, as
> it is intended to do just that.
>
> Common dimensions for the Carolina Windom are 130 feet ling, with
> the feed point 50 feet from one end, and 83 feet from the other end.
>
> So... I am thinking that your feed point may be off - AND maybe that your
> overall length may be less than optimal as well. It may be closer to 30
> per cent from one end, rather than 33 or 35 percent...
>
> Just my take. I would reconsider the length and feed line situation.
>
> ============= Richards K8JHR - Gran Rapids, MI ===========
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4599. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-13 01:09:47 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4578 Message: 4599

Ok, Jim. ... Thanks!

73 de KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2008 2:30 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

>I think I stated the wrong dimensions on my antenna, the numbers don't add
> up. Here is another site.
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> http://www.radioworks.com/ccwcover.html
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Tom Behler" <tbehler@...>
> To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2008 9:48 AM
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?
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>> Mark:
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>> So, are you saying that the current arrangement I described in my
>> previous
>> e-mail is probably working as well as it will?
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>> Again, mine is 132 feet long--88 on the long end, and 44 on the short
>> end.
>> It is fed with RG8U coax with a 4-1 balun at the feed point.
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>> This is a traditional Windom design that I was given by another fellow
> ham.
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>> Will give the antenna a work-out today and tomorrow on the Pennsylvania
> QSO
>> Party contest.
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>> 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ
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>> ----- Original Message -----
>> From: <k8mhz@...>
>> To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>

>> Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2008 10:17 AM
>> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?
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>> > Hi Tom,
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>> > Here is a link with some info about the antenna you are trying to
>> > build:
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>> > http://users.erols.com/k3mt/windom/windom.htm
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>> > In summary, the antenna is 41 and a half feet on one side and 96 and a
>> > half
>> > feet on the other made from 12AWG wire, fed with 50 ohm coax and
>> > matched
>> > with a 9:1 balun. It covers six bands but 30 is not listed.
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>> > Good luck!
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>> > Mark K8MHZ
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>> > From: "T Behler" <tbehler@...>
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4600. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-13 01:13:25 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4578 Message: 4600

Mark:

See some of my earlier e-mails for the pleasant surprise I got as I used the antenna for the PA QSO Party this week-end.

I know the antenna isn't quite optimal, but it sure did well, given the conditions that existed, especially yesterday.

I would hate to have you come all the way over here from Muskegon just to do some work with the analyzer, so, unless you find yourself in Big Rapids for some reason, I probably wouldn't worry about it. However, I truly appreciate the offer.

Sure wish they made an antenna analyzer that talked! (HI! HI!)

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: <k8mhz@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2008 3:29 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

> Hello Tom,
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> Well, I am certainly no expert on the off center fed antennas but I just
> happened to run across the site I posted and thought I would share it with
> you.
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> Nonetheless, we often put too much faith in SWR readings. Many times they
> have NOTHING to do with antenna efficiency. All SWR readings are really
> good for is to make sure that today's solid state radios won't be harmed
> by
> reflected energy. The topic of SWR, feedline loss and antenna efficiency
> is
> way to complex to master via e-mail.
>
> That being said, Greg's post is one to consider as well.
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> Personally, I prefer to feed a multi-band antenna with balanced line so
> that
> no matter what the SWR readings are at efficiency there will be negligible
> loss therein. If you want to make an attempt to understand all this I
> strongly suggest reading 'Reflections' by Walt Maxwell W2DU.
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> If you are only interested in getting a wire in the air to connect with
> the

> world my feelings are that a few of us should get together with an
> analyzer
> and come out to help you meet your goal.
>
> As Greg mentioned, 30 is an odd duck. If you really want to be hot on 30
> it
> may be best to have a dedicated antenna for that band.
>
> You may also want to investigate building a fan dipole. So many ways to
> skin the same duck makes this craft most enjoyable, in my humble opinion.
>
> Cheers and best of 73
>
> Mark K8MHZ
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Tom Behler" <tbehler@...>
> To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
> Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2008 10:48
> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?
>
>
>> Mark:
>>
>> So, are you saying that the current arrangement I described in my
>> previous
>> e-mail is probably working as well as it will?
>>
>> Again, mine is 132 feet long--88 on the long end, and 44 on the short
>> end.
>> It is fed with RG8U coax with a 4-1 balun at the feed point.
>>
>> This is a traditional Windom design that I was given by another fellow
>> ham.
>>
>> Will give the antenna a work-out today and tomorrow on the Pennsylvania
>> QSO
>> Party contest.
>>
>> 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ
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>> ----- Original Message -----
>> From: <k8mhz@...>
>> To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
>> Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2008 10:17 AM
>> Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?
>>
>>
>>> Hi Tom,
>>>

>>> Here is a link with some info about the antenna you are trying to build:
>>>
>>> http://users.erols.com/k3mt/windom/windom.htm
>>>
>>> In summary, the antenna is 41 and a half feet on one side and 96 and a
>>> half
>>> feet on the other made from 12AWG wire, fed with 50 ohm coax and matched
>>> with a 9:1 balun. It covers six bands but 30 is not listed.
>>>
>>> Good luck!
>>>
>>> 73
>>>
>>> Mark K8MHZ
>>>
>>> ----- Original Message -----
>>> From: "T Behler" <tbehler@...>
>>> To: "west michigan hams" <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
>>> Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 11:06
>>> Subject: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?
>>>
>>>
>>>> Hi, all.
>>>>
>>>> This is Tom Behler: KB8TYJ.
>>>>
>>>> As some of you may know, I live in Big Rapids. I also am Mecosta
>>>> County's
>>>> EC/RO
>>>>
>>>> Anyway, I have recently put up a traditional Windom antenna for HF, and
>>>> am
>>>> not quite getting the results I had hoped.
>>>>
>>>> My Windom is a coax-fed 80-meter
>>>> Windom. It is fed by RG8U coax, and has a 4-1 balun at the feed point
>>>> on
>>>> my tower. The feedpoint and legs are all about 35 feet off the ground.
>>>> The
>>>> short leg is 44 feet long, and the longer leg is 88 feet long. I based
>>>> these lengths on the following formula:
>>>>
>>>> 468 divided by 3.550 Megahertz. I then multiplied 132 feet by .66 for
>>>> the
>>>> long end, and .33 for the short end. Due to space limitations, 8 feet
>>>> of
>>>> the longer leg is hanging down vertically.
>>>>
>>>> My SWR's on the various HF bands are marginal in many cases. Let me
>>>> give

>>>> you some readings to show you what I mean:
>>>>
>>>> I took readings at the low end, the center, and the high end, of the
>>>> following bands, and came up with the following SWR readings:
>>>>
>>>> 80 meters:
>>>> 2.9 2.1 1.1
>>>>
>>>> 40 meters:
>>>> 3.3 3.1 2.3
>>>>
>>>> 20 meters:
>>>> 3.0 2.4 1.7
>>>>
>>>> 15 meters:
>>>> 3.8 3.9 4.8
>>>>
>>>> 10 meters from 28.05 to 28.5(very surprising):
>>>> 5.1 4.7 3.4
>>>>
>>>> 17 meters:
>>>> 1.7 1.8 2.0
>>>>
>>>> 30 meters:
>>>> around 8.1 to 1 throughout--basically untunable.
>>>>
>>>> It has been suggested that my problem lies in the fact that i
>>>> multiplied
>>>> the
>>>> 132 foot figure by the wrong factors, when doing my initial
>>>> calculations.
>>>> Perhaps I should have multiplied 132 by .64 and .36. This may mean
>>>> that
>>>> my
>>>> long leg is now roughly 3 feet too long, and my short leg is roughly 3
>>>> feet
>>>> too short.
>>>>
>>>> At this point in my e-mail, I need to add the fact that I am a blind
>>>> ham,
>>>> who needs help with antenna projects of this nature. The antenna has
>>>> been
>>>> put up and taken down twice already, under rather difficult conditions,
>>>> and
>>>> I really am hesitant to have all of that done again by sighted help,
>>>> unless
>>>> I'm absolutely sure that any fix will truly correct the problems I am
>>>> having.
>>>>
>>>> The antenna obviously is usable on most bands, with the auto-tuner in

>>>> my
>>>> Kenwood TS480, but I am sure the antenna is not performing optimally.
>>>>
>>>> Can someone tell me if I really need to modify this antenna again to
>>>> make
>>>> it
>>>> work better, and what that modification should be?
>>>>
>>>> Also, is there anything I can do or check from the ground before going
>>>> to
>>>> all this trouble?
>>>>
>>>> Thanks for reading this e-mail.
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>>>> I look forward to any responses someone can provide.
>>>>
>>>> 73 from Tom Behler: Kb8TYJ, Big Rapids, MI
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>>>> No virus found in this incoming message.
>>>> Checked by AVG.
>>>> Version: 7.5.524 / Virus Database: 270.8.0/1719 - Release Date:
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4601. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-13 01:14:40 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4578 Message: 4601

Thanks, Jim.

Well, I'm using a 4 - 1 balun, so at least that's right! (grin)

73 de KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2008 6:10 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

> Here are the deminsions and the plan that I used. Depending on how high
> the
> antenna is, they use a different balun. further down in the text they say
> when in doubt use a 4-1 balun.
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> http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=15683
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> Yahoo! Groups Links
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4602. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-13 01:22:38 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4578 Message: 4602

Jim:

I'm reading the mail with interest here.

I'm using the auto-tuner in the TS480, although I have an old MFJ 901B versatuner that I can also use with my talking SWR meter if needed.

Will continue to play around as I get time.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jim KC8PCJ" <kc8pcj@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2008 7:29 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

How about 8 PM on 14.235?

I reset my tuners memory and it does not do as much tuning within each band. So it appears that even though the swr has changed it is flatter across each band.

Tom: Hope some of this information has helped you.
What kind of tuner are you running?

I will do some more SWR reading and record them so you can compare.

----- Original Message -----
From: Richards
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2008 4:15 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

When ya gonna try it? Maybe I can find you on the air...

================ K8JHR =================

Jim KC8PCJ wrote:
> Well I made some changes. Went to 80' on the long side and 45 on the
> short. 40M got much better 3.9 to 1.5 however 20 went the other way,
> from 1.6 to 3.6. Tuner still cleans things up. Wish I had many more
> hours to play but Will give it a try on the air and see what happens.

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4603. Re: [WestMichiganHams] any Windom experts out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-13 04:29:35 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4578 Message: 4603

Aw... shoot. I got busy on a project and did not see your reply.

(project is copying all the old user manuals into PDF format
for Ten-Tec as a favor to them... you cannot make too many
friends...

Sorry. ========== James - K8JHr ==========

Jim KC8PCJ wrote:
> How about 8 PM on 14.235?
>
>

4604. HAMFEST Security

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-13 23:51:35 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4604 Message: 4604

Hello, there is a need for approximately six to eight individuals to act as Security Guards at three to four doors in shifts during Saturday's HAMFEST in Holland.

If you are interested please contact Chuck Rich directly at chucksvideo@... <mailto:chucksvideo@...> .

Hope see everyone Saturday!

4605. Reminder of our Monthly EOC Staff Training, Thurs 10/16/08, 7P, "Crime Scene Preservation

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-14 20:42:27 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4605 Message: 4605

From: bsmith@... [mailto:bsmith@...]
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:20 AM
To: Elushik, Rick; brockj@...; Brouwer, Dave; dave356@...;
Howard Fitzgerald; rafaviator@...; Hoekstra, Marv;
alandbarbk@...; Dave Lamer; Lohman, Laryn; Malarik, Paul; Don
Meyer; Mokma, Ron; Larry Redder; JIM TANIS; Ted VandenBrink;
kb8vee@...; DPhillips@...; Weersing, Dave;
BSmith@...; Steve VanderHill; SINDEE MAXWELL; Bill King; Bok,
John; BThomas@...; CSaddler@...; Gerry Dawson;
Vollink, Josh; Don Stephens; Phil Metten; Rich Brand; Capt. Rick Yonker;
John Fisher; Perry Zimonick; Dahl, Dave; Joe Veldhuis; Mackay, Jason;
Gruppen Bill
Subject: Reminder of our Monthly EOC Staff Training, Thurs 10/16/08, 7P,
"Crime Scene Preservation

EOCVOLUNTEERScowide:

Just a reminder of our Monthly EOC Staff Training, this Thursday
10/16/08, 7:00 PM in the EOC.

This Months Training is the annual Crime Scene Preservation Training.

Thanks

Smitty

4606. Fwd: Preview the 2008 ARRL On-Line Auction NOW!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-14 21:13:04 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4606 Message: 4606

-----Original Message-----
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
Sent: Tue, 14 Oct 2008 12:47 pm
Subject: Preview the 2008 ARRL On-Line Auction NOW!

PREVIEW WEEK STARTS OCTOBER 16, AT 10AM ET

Just what is preview week? You have an entire week before bidding starts to register to bid, and browse through new equipment, vintage equipment, and products & services. You can also tour our virtual Flea Market category from the comfort of your chair and check out the many bargains.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR PASSWORDS AND USER IDS FOR THE ARRL WEB-SITE ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE TO THE ARRL ON-LINE AUCTION WEBSITE. YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER HERE IN ORDER TO BID: www.arrl.org/auction

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The 2008 ARRL On-Line Auction
will open for bidding on October 23rdat 10AM ET.

Bidders will be treated to over 160 items to browse through and bid on, including a vast array of QST Product Review items, new and pre-owned equipment and other goods and services.

Proceeds from our yearly On-Line Auction benefit ARRL education programs including activities to license new hams, strengthen Amateur Radio's emergency service training, offer continuing technical and operating education, as well as creating instructional materials.

This event would not be possible without the generosity of our donors. Our sincere thanks to all who donated items for this year's auction and a special mention to the two organizations below who have chosen the highest level of participation as 2008 ARRL On-Line Auction Golden Gavel Sponsors.

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The ICOM IC-7000 represents the next generation in all-mode HF/VHF/UHF mobile transceivers. DSP at the IF level is the cornerstone of this impressive new multi-bander. In fact, the 7000 employs two DSP chips to work its magic. Imagine having 41 bandwidths available - standard! You can even select sharp or soft filter shape. And variable twin PBT allows you to either narrow the IF passband, or shift the entire passband to eliminate QRM. All the controls are intuitive to use.

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The IC-7000 comes with the HM-151 backlit remote mic, spare fuses, key plug and DC power cable.

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The following are some of the Proteus highlights:
* Full feature ISIS schematic capture with support for hierarchical design, bus pins, configurable bill of materials.
* Netlist based ARES PCB layout with support of up to 16 copper layers, 10nm resolution, any angle component placement, full electrical and physical design rule.
* Basic Simulation.
* Unlimited Shape-based Power Planes.
* Global Shape Based Autorouting.
* Command Driven Interactive Autorouting.
* 3D Board Visualization.
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Weare pleased to report that we have also received a large number of donations from members, staff and others and we’re still receiving donations every day. Starting bids for our auction items range from $5.00 to $9,500. No matter what your price range, there’s something for everyone.
& nbsp;
So please join the fun on October 23. To ensure that you have adequate time to register, browse and bid, the auction site will be opened for previewand registration beginning October 16, 2008 at 10 AM ET at:
www.arrl.org/auction

Until that time, we will continue to work on the site, adding auction items every day.If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact....

ARRL On-Line Auction Coordinator, Deb Jahnke, K1DAJ- email djahnke@...

See you at the Auction!

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4607. WEAVER'S WORDS - Sunspots, where are you?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-15 10:56:53 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4607 Message: 4607

>- Balloting in progress for Vice Director
> - QST Cover Plaque winner from Ohio
> - Red Cross is demanding Intellectual Property agreements
> - A brief poll regarding Red Cross
> - GLD member in October QST
> - This weekend is JOTA
> - Pennsylvania is 29th state to pass antenna support bill
> - Humanitarian Award nominations invited
> - First call for SW Ohio Digital Symposium
> - Online Call Sign history database
> - Tentative schedule
>
> +++ Balloting in progress for Vice Director +++
>
> Voting for Vice Director for the Great Lakes Division is in progress.
> Most Division members appear to have received their ballots; however,
> some may still be waiting for the US Postal Service to deliver theirs.
> Remember, the ballots were mailed by Bulk Mail. Times required for
> delivery of it are erratic.
>
> If you do not receive a ballot by October 31, I encourage you to
> telephone Dave Sumner at 1-860-594-0303 or e-mail him at k1zz@...
> to request a replacement ballot be sent to you by First Class mail.
> Ballots must be received by noon on November 21.
>
> Please review the candidates' backgrounds and vote. Be certain to
> place your ballot inside the "ballot" envelope and seal this in turn in
> the mailing envelope provided with your ballot. Ballots are to be
> mailed to the League's accounting firm, not to Headquarters.
>
> What is the duty of the Vice Director? Article 5 of the ARRL governing
> documents specifies that the Vice Director has the power of
> "succession" (to become Director) in the event the Director becomes
> unable to serve. Otherwise, the Vice Director assists the Director (of
> the President) as requested and agreed.
>
> +++ QST Cover Plaque winner from Ohio +++
>
> Great Lakes Division amateur Jim Weit, KI8BV of Sandusky, OH has been
> named winner of the Cover Plaque Award for September QST. His winning
> article was titled "An All Band HF Dipole Antenna."
>
> Sincere congratulations to Jim for his fine article and the award. QST
> Cover Plaque Awards consist of a plaque of the front plate of the issue
> in which the winning article appeared. Winners are determined by vote

> of the membership.
>
> +++ Red Cross is demanding Intellectual Property agreements +++
>
> Red Cross appears to be expanding its legal agreement demands. This
> time, a few chapters in Ohio are demanding radio amateur volunteers to
> sign away their rights to intellectual property developed while a Red
> Cross volunteer. The local chapters say this is another requirement of
> American Red Cross at the national level.
>
> Signing away ones intellectual rights -- rights to inventions or
> written "product" any of us develop -- is a potentially serious action.
> Many of us sign intellectual property agreements with employers. They
> pay us and deserve to receive the rewards of inventions we develop at
> work and in some instances when we are not at work. But signing away
> our ownership rights for innovations we develop just because we operate
> a radio to help our community in an emergency? This seems to be going
> just a bit overboard.
>
> If you are asked to sign an intellectual rights agreement, I encourage
> you to evaluate the agreement thoroughly before you sign it. Having it
> reviewed by an attorney either on your personal behalf or the behalf of
> your ARES unit or club would be a good idea. Depending on the wording
> of the agreement the agreement just might require you to surrender the
> rights to a "better mousetrap" over to Red Cross if you happen to
> develop one.
>
> ARRL does not recommend you refuse to sign an intellectual property
> agreement with the RC. What we suggest is that you review carefully a
> request by anyone to sign your rights over to them. Personally, I
> would graciously decline to sign any of my rights away if doing this is
> not in my families' or my own best interest.
>
> +++ A brief poll regarding Red Cross +++
>
> The Background:
>
> It has been about a year since the American Red Cross allowed the
> Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ARRL and itself to expire
> without making any effort to renew it. Soon after the Red Cross
> allowed the MOU to expire, RC began to require its volunteers to sign
> an agreement to allow it to perform full background checks on them. As
> the background check is described on Mybackgroundcheck.com, it would
> include manner of living, credit and criminal checks.
>
> Investigators could visit your employer, co-workers, friends and
> neighbors to ask probing questions about you if you agree to the manner
> of living check. Authorizing a credit check give full right to digging
> out any information concerning your financial history.
>

> Puzzling to me is that RC insists background checking be done by a
> private corporation rather than by a law enforcement agency that has
> limitations placed on it by law. RC initially stated it would have
> only criminal background checks done; however, they still demanded
> volunteers sign an agreement that authorized them to do all forms of
> background checking.
>
> Today's Situation:
>
> The situation has changed relatively little in the past year. Even
> though American RC stated it would remove demands that ham volunteers
> automatically agree to credit and manner of living checks, legal review
> of the modified agreement fails to show a meaningful difference from
> the initial demand. After months of attempting to work with RC, we
> still seem to be essentially where we started.
>
> Just one thing has changed. ARRL, through our EmComm officer, and RC
> are engaged in preliminary discussions toward developing a new
> Statement of Understanding (SOU) between the two organizations.
> Traditionally, these statements obligate ARRL and ARES to be available
> to support Red Cross. Any benefit to Amateur Radio would be derived
> from supporting Red Cross.
>
> The Question:
>
> At its July meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors expressed its firm
> position that we will not agree to a new Statement of Understanding
> before RC actually removes its demands for credit checking and manner
> of living checking from background checking agreements. Soon after the
> Board took this position, President Joel Harrison, W5ZN gave a similar
> assurance to all ARRL members in an item that was posted on the ARRL
> web site.
>
> I want to learn what you think about this issue.
>
> What do you believe the Board should do regarding a new SOU between
> ARRL and RC? Should the Board hold to its initial position and not
> approve a new SOU -- not sign a mutual agreement of cooperation with RC
> -- until RC has dropped demands for credit and manner of living
> background? Or, should we sign a new SOU regardless even if the RC
> still demands that hams agree to having credit and manner of living
> checking done? Incidentally, there is no question of the legitimacy of
> RC requiring criminal background checks. We'd prefer these by done
> through police agencies rather than private industry, though.
>
> How to Participate in the Poll:
>
> To participate in the poll, go to the Great Lakes Division web site at
> http://greatlakes.arrl.org. Click on Surveys/Feedback and answer the
> question posted there. If you would like to add comments to your

> answer, go to the Feedback area and type in your thoughts.
>
> The poll will be open for 10 days after this issue of Weaver's Words is
> distributed. Please let me know your opinion.
>
> +++ GLD member in October QST +++
>
> Tom Shaver, KC8NJK was pictured receiving the Lansing, MI, Hometown
> Hero Award on behalf of the Ingham (MI) County ARPSC. Tom Is ECC of
> Ingham County, MI. The award was given in appreciation of ARPSC's work
> following a series of tornadoes and torrential rains in the area.
>
> +++ This weekend is JOTA +++
>
> This weekend is JOTA -- Jamboree on the Air -- for Scouts. This year,
> JOTA celebrates its 51st anniversary. The on-air jamboree follows a 48
> hour schedule beginning 0000 local time on Saturday, October 18,
> continuing through 2400 local time on Sunday, October 19. Nearly
> 500,000 Scouts worldwide are expected to operate on SSB, CW and digital
> -- particularly, PSK-31 -- this year.
>
> Full information on JOTA 2008 can be found at
> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/10/13/10385/?nc=1.
>
> +++ Pennsylvania is 29th state to pass antenna support bill +++
>
> On Wednesday, October 8, Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell (D)
> signed into law a bill that guarantees radio amateurs the right to
> erect antenna support structures. Ohio members are requested to be
> ready to support Ohio House Bill No.563 which will place FCC Rule PRB-1
> into Ohio law. This bill will require all government agencies in the
> state to allow amateurs to erect antenna support structure regardless
> of any current local, township or county ordnances.
>
> What is an antenna support structure? If you haven't guessed, this is a
> "tower" however, do not call them towers to non-hams. Non-amateurs
> automatically think of cell towers when someone refers to a tower.
>
> Ohio hams, please contact Ohio SM Joe Phillips, K8QOE (k8qoe@...)
> to learn how you can support passage of Ohio HB 563. Working together,
> the job can be done. The law is non-partisan, costs nothing and merely
> puts into Ohio statutes the FCC rule that is already accepted as Ohio.
> The difference is that by putting PRB-1 into actual print in Ohio law,
> its existence cannot be "accidentally" overlooked by local officials
> who prefer to ignore it, now
>
> +++ Humanitarian Award nominations invited +++
>
> Nominations are open for the 2008 ARRL International Humanitarian
> Award. The award is conferred upon an amateur or amateurs who

> demonstrate devotion to human welfare, peace and international
> understanding through Amateur Radio. The League established the annual
> prize to recognize Amateur Radio operators who have used ham radio to
> provide extraordinary service to others in times of crisis or disaster.
> The award is described in greater detail at
> http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/awards/humanitarian.html.
>
> +++ First call for SW Ohio Digital Symposium +++
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> This is the first call for the 23rd Annual Southwest Ohio Digital &
> Technical Symposium. The symposium will again be held in Thesken Hall
> of the Miami University Middletown Campus, Middletown, OH. The date is
> January 10, 2009.
>
> Papers to be presented at the symposium are solicited. Topics are wide
> ranging, from "how-to" articles concerning digital modes, to
> construction projects for transceivers. A sampling of what was
> presented last year is on the web at http://www.swohdigi.org. Please
> send your ideas and suggestions to K4ZLE, k4zle@...
>
> The SW Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium is the 2nd longest running
> amateur radio technical symposium in the United States. The event is
> free, except for a nominal cost for an optional catered lunch.
>
> +++ Online Call Sign history database +++
>
> The U.S. Amateur Radio Call Sign History Restoration Project is the
> product of Michael Carroll, N4MC of Woodbridge, Virginia. His
> Operation CQ is to encourage development of a true database of the
> history of Amateur Radio call signs. Michael requests your help in
> this project.
>
> Operation CQ is all about assembling information so that any one of us
> could go to it, search on a legitimate call sign and find who held it
> when. Now that FCC is re-issuing call signs after previous holders of
> them have given them up, wouldn't it be interesting to do this? Who
> was the first person to hold WA8COA or K8PGL or whatever, during what
> years and with what license classes? Ideally, wouldn't it be nice to
> find out who used license 2HT way back when?
>
> For Michael's database to be able to do this, a lot of additional
> information -- history -- needs to be entered into his database. This
> is where you come in. Go to the www.vanityhq.com web site to enter
> your call sign history. In addition to entering information for call
> signs and their holders, one can look up call sign history that has
> already been provided. If you have information on friends or relatives
> who are SKs, you can enter this as well.
>
> Check with Michael at n4mc@... if you have any questions or
> comments for him.

>
> Tentative Schedule:
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> 15 Oct: Delaware ARA Meeting, Delaware, OH - Jim
> 17 Oct: Mason ARC, Mason, OH - Jim
> 19 Oct: Preble ARA, present Certificate of Affiliation, Eaton, OH - SM
> Phillips, Jim
> 28 Oct: Quarterly GLD Teleconference
> 2 Nov: Grant Hamfest, Georgetown, OH - Jim
> 21 Nov: (Noon) Deadline for return of ballots; ballots counted
> 22 Nov: (By end of day) Candidates notified of election results
> 22 Nov: Administration & Finance Committee, Newington, CT - Jim
>
> 2009
>
> 1 Jan: (Noon) New terms of Director and Vice Director begin
> 10 Jan: SW Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium, Miamisburg, OH - Jim
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> 73,
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> Jim
>
> Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> 5065 Bethany Rd.
> Mason, OH 45040
> E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
> ARRL - The Reason Amateur Radio Is!
> Members - The Reason ARRL Is!
>
> ---
> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
> Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
> Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and
> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

4608. Fw: ISS VOICE QSO REMINDER

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-15 22:14:20 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4608 Message: 4608

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: John <yp671@...>
To: frrl@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 5:55:01 PM
Subject: ISS VOICE QSO REMINDER

Richard Garriott is aboard and has already started making random voice QSO's from the ISS. As a reminder do not transmit on the DOWNLINK. It has been reported that many stations are doing this. The DOWNLINK is where you LISTEN ONLY! Transmitting on the downlink does 2 things: 1) QRM's anyone who is listening for their exchange and 2) You can transmit on the downlink until hell freezes over and never get a reply, no one is listening aboard the ISS to the downlink!

Transmit on the UPLINK. The UPLINK is 144.49 FM and the DOWNLINK is 145.80 FM

Most modern radios can be set up for "odd splits"

Those frequencies are at the midpoint of a pass when the ISS is at TCA (Time of Closest Approach). You should correct for doppler shift according to the chart I have uploaded to the files section of the yahoo group in the space folder. Or e-mail me and I'll send it to you.

There are set ups for both rigs that will do 1kHz steps (857D, 2000, 746, etc) and rigs that only do 5kHZ steps (most 2 and dual band mobiles and HT's). You don;t need much of an antenna for the ISS, even the standard rubber duck might work.

The ISS QSL's too so don't forget to claim your card. I'll post that info into the file folder also.

Good Luck, Have Fun and REMEMBER.....LISTEN on the DOWNlink!!

73,

John - AG9D
ARISS OPS

4609. SARAC Hamfest/Swap October 25

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-15 22:25:47 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4609 Message: 4609

1500 Hill St, Petoskey, MI Here's one which doesn't show on the ARRL Hamfest calendar.

It's the "Straits Area Amateur Radio Club's" Swap - at the the Petoskey High School Cafeteria, in Petoskey, Michigan, on Saturday, October 25, 2008, from 8 a.m. till noon. No mention of entry fee.

The Petosky High School is at 1500 Hill St, Petoskey, MI, about 180 miles north of Grand Rapids.

Anyone going?

73 de n8xx Hg

4610. Important Reminder On New Ham Orientation Class in Big Rapids

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-15 23:38:38 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4610 Message: 4610

Important reminder for those interested:

New ham orientation class and potluck Saturday: November 1 at the Big Rapids Department Of Public Safety Building, located at 435 N. Michigan.?-Meet and greet at 8:30 a.m., with class to begin at 9 a.m. Potluck at 3 p.m. at the conclusion of the class. If you?d like to take the class, please RSVP to Steve Cowan (KD8DHZ) by Monday: October 20th.

e-mail:

kd8dhz@... or

doorman444@...,

Phone: (989) 382-9452.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

4611. Fw: ARISS SCHEDULE/INFO UPDATE

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-17 01:09:33 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4611 Message: 4611

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: John <yp671@...>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2008 9:04:00 PM
Subject: ARISS SCHEDULE/INFO UPDATE

Forwarded from ARISS:

All,

It was quite an exciting day for ARISS yesterday with the Expedition 18 crew docking and the start up of Richard Garriott's ham radio activities. Here are some updates and plans for ARISS during Richard's flight.

Richard, W5KWQ, fired up the radio and started SSTV operations just a couple of hours after docking. Richard planned to support a slide show mode using the SpaceCam software and the SSTV interface box at the beginning of his flight, which is what you saw yesterday. A number of the images were sent down using Martin 1, a higher quality but longer transmit SSTV mode. The Russian team, led by Sergey Samburov, RV3DR, had requested testing several high quality image modes during Richard's flight, so don't be surprised if you see Martin 1 or other high resolution SSTV modes during Richard's flight. We have asked Richard to move to the default Robot 36 mode for the time being and to space out the images once every 3 minutes to reduce the radio transmit duty cycle. Richard confirmed that he will support this. He also has transitioned to the VC-H1 as this will allow Richard to use the computer to support his Earth ops and still support SSTV.

We have had a number of image uploads on the Gallery site by hams all around the world. The ARISS team appreciates your volunteer support through all the SSTV images that have been uploaded. A volunteer ARISS team is working 24/7 during Richard's flight to review these images, to understand how the SSTV operations is progressing, and to include some of these images on the Gallery pages. ALL the images you have uploaded have been archived and are being reviewed. Please continue to upload these images as they help the ARISS team analyze and redirect the SSTV operations. You are welome to upload these through the gallery page:

http://www.amsat.com/ARISS_SSTV/

We also have a blog available that provides the latest ARISS information for this expedition. That blog is located at:

http://www.ariss-sstv.blogspot.com/

You can also reach these sites through the ARISS website:

http:/www.ariss.org

Some other information:

SSTV uplink/downlink: Richard is really not supporting SSTV uplinks during his short duration mission. The downlink is on the normal ARISS VHF downlink, 145.80.

General Voice Contacts: Use the regular general voice frequencies. 145.80 downlink. Uplinks are 144.49 in Region 2 (Americas) and 145.20 for Region 1 (Europe, Africa, Middle East) and Region 3 (Australia, Asia). Richard and Mike Fincke, KE5AIT, have been on the air on voice since shortly after docking yesterday.

Sleep Period Activity: We have asked the crew to turn packet on during sleep periods. Our intent is to keep SSTV active during their work day. The rationale for this is that we are having some issues with the software based (SpaceCam) SSTV system occasionally keeping the radio keyed down after an image transmission. And we have a limited set of Russian batteries available during Richard's flight for the VC-H1.

You are witnessing and are a part of history: Some of you have asked why Richard is using his callsign for some QSOs and SSTV contacts instead of the ISS station callsigns. There is a long and proud history that is attached to the Garriotts. This includes ham radio in space and their personal callsigns. 25 years ago, Richard's father, Owen Garriott, W5LFL, initiated the first ham radio contacts from space on the STS-9 SAREX mission. Richard, W5KWQ, is following in his father's footsteps, using the ARISS ham radio system extensively on his first flight. And Richard's callsign is actually his grandfather's original callsign. So you can see that this mission touches 3 generations of ham radio and 2 generations of ham radio in space!

School Contacts: School contacts from this day forward are tentatively scheduled as follows:

Challenger Learning Center Combined Contact #1, telebridge via W6SRJ; on Thu 2008-10-16 16:39 UTC
Howard B. Owens Science Center's Challenger Center (Lanham, MD) Challenger Learning Center of Columbia (Columbia, SC) Verizon Challenger Learning Center at MOSI (Tampa, FL) Brownsburg Challenger Learning Center (Brownsburg, IN)

Budbrooke Primary School, Warwick, England, direct via GB4OBS Fri 2008-10-17 11:05 UTC

Challenger Learning Center Combined Contact #2, telebridge via W6SRJ; on Fri 2008-10-17 15:30 UTC
Indianapolis Challenger Learning Center (Indianapolis, IN) Challenger Learning Center at Paducah (Paducah, KY) Challenger Learning Center

St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)

Austin Liberal Arts and Sciences Academy, Austin, TX, direct via K5LBJ Sun 2008-10-19 13:14 UTC

Pinehurst School, Ashland, Oregon, telebridge via W6SRJ Mon 2008-10-20 15:13 UTC

National Planetarium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, direct via 9M2RPN Tues 2008-10-21 08:30 UTC

Enjoy the ARISS operations. And my thanks to the international ARISS team for their outstanding volunteer support.

73, Frank Bauer, KA3HDO
AMSAT-NA V.P. for Human Spaceflight Programs
ARISS International Chairman

4612. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-17 21:01:28 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 37 Message: 4612

> Greetings Michigan Amateurs:
>
> Michigan held its ARRL 2008 State Convention. And it was a successful
> get-together. The combined efforts of the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club
> and
> the Southwest Amateur Radio Team hosted the Semi-annual convention. In
> addition to the annual Kalamazoo Hamfest, the convention included several
> forums including Contesting, Getting Started with CW, ARES/RACES and NTS,
> QMN
> and MiTN Nets, Packet Radio, and an ARRL Forum. These were followed by a
> luncheon banquet and an excellent talk by Dan Henderson N1ND from ARRL
> Headquarters. Dan's discussion included a few humorous pokes at ourselves
> while showing a serious need to look at how we prepare for the future of
> our
> amateur radio hobby. The Convention ended with an induction ceremony for
> the
> Royal Order of the Wouff Hong. Our next Michigan Convention will be
> planned
> for 2010. Clubs interested in hosting may contact the Section Manager for
> details.
>
> New Club Officers Elected. The Marinette and Menomineee ARC has elected
> new officers for 2009, they are: Pres K8IR; VP: AA9GZ; Treas: WC9E; Sec:
> KD8ESH; and Quartermaster: KG8CX. The following are the new Blossomland
> ARA
> board members: Pres: N8KBG; 1st VP KD8ZB; 2nd VP KF8Z; 3rd VP: K9RON; Sec:
> KC8TSE; Treas: KB8VIM; Trustee: W8JBA; and PIO: N8MS. Our congratulations
> to
> these new club leaders.
>
> We Michiganders are enjoying the peak of the fall colors right now, but
> it
> is a reminder to catch up on all of the undone outdoor antenna work before
> the really cold weather settles in. How well we all know that those
> antennas
> that went up temporarily in the dead of winter seem to perform the best,
> getting frostbite from hanging on the tower in January is a heavy toll for
> that effort. Perhaps we all should check our antennas out now so we may
> enjoy all the more operating time (as we hope for sunspots to really begin
> to
> stick around for more than two days).
>
> Youth News. Jim KS8O reports that K8DAR, the club station of the
> Menominee
> DAR Radio club will be active in the School Club Roundup on October 20 to

> 24.
> They'll be looking for contacts all week. K8DAR is an active station and
> the youngsters from the DAR Radio Club and the YACHT (Young Amateur
> Contest
> Ham Team) team will be actively working other school clubs. Immediate
> plans
> also include operating the forthcoming CQ WWDX Sideband Contest. Check
> out
> their web site at http://www.wd8dx.com/YACHT.html
>
> ASM for Youth Simon KC8ZYD reports progress on the development of a
> Youth
> Web Site for Michigan. Look for the announcement to appear soon. (How is
> that for some pressure Simon?)
>
> October brings Halloween and Amateur Radio's annual opportunity for
> community service in the form of "Spook Patrol". Clubs and ARES/RACES
> organizations have assisted for many years in insuring the security of
> children as they go out for their Trick-or-Treat activities. Our
> additional
> eyes and ears can help protect our children through routine patrolling of
> neighborhoods with a cautious watch for unsafe conditions. Clearly
> marking
> our vehicles will likewise demonstrate to our communities that amateur
> radio
> is present and available to lend a hand. It is not too late to set up a
> similar program in your area if you have not already signed up to
> participate. Remember, we are there to watch and assist by calling for
> professional emergency help if it is needed. We should not promote
> ourselves
> as emergency service providers -- leave that to the pros. Never oversell
> the
> program. That point is important in convincing local officials that ham
> radio can help keep the community safe.
>
> I often harp on the need for good public relations. Having an Official
> Public Information Officer (PIO) in your organization is important for
> doing
> this successfully. Our PIOs receive a rather extensive packet of
> materials
> for guidance and training. This included media contact information,
> examples
> of how to prepare a press release and tips on how to get the best results.
> Let's all make the best of our activities, promote ham radio and show the
> nation what we are doing. EVERY club and ARES/RACES groups should have a
> PIO. Someone in you group may already be doing this without an official
> appointment aor the assistance the ARRL material can provide. Contact
> Jerry
> KD8AYL for information: kd8ayl@...
>

> Station Activity Reports (SARs) for September, 2008: WB9JSR 891, AC8AR
> 387,
> K8LJG 214, K8KV 186, K8AE 133, KC8MLD 128, KD8AAD 112, AB8SY 111, K8AMR
> 80,
> KD8FNN 78, W8RNQ 46, WB8RCR 32, WD8USA 24, AB8WF 21, KD8HPF 16, KC8NTE 11,
> N8UN 10, AC8AL 9, KC8BMV 6, KC8ZBG 6, WA8OOH 5.
>
> Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHRs) for September, 2008: WB8RCR
> 575,
> KC8NTE 404, AC8AR 180, K8MFK 162, WD8USA 150, K8AMR 121, WB9JSR 110,
> KD8FNN
> 106, K8AE 104, AC8AL 101, AB8SY 80, K8KV 80, K8VFZ 75, KD8HPF 33.
>
> September OES reports arrived from K8COP and KC8NTE.
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> Michigan nets reporting for September (in order of traffic count):
> TMMTN,
> QMN, MiTN, MVTN MACS, GLETN, WSSBN, SEMTN, NLEUP, Motor City, NMARES,
> Hiawatha, Kent County ARPSC, Kent County Red Cross, MiARPSC.
>
> Michigan ARES/RACES programs reported 7012 operator-hours for September,
> an
> in-kind contribution of $126,987 to the citizens of our state. The NTS
> team
> contributed 1693 Operator-hours for a $30,660 in-kind contribution to our
> citizens.
>
> All nets are encouraged to report and this especially includes your
> local
> ARES and RACES nets. Here is the way to way everyone know your net is
> alive
> and active. To include your net's monthly activities, contact
> wb8rcr@.... Complete monthly net report details are at
> http://www.mi-nts.org/netreport.php.
>
> PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR. You can access a
> simple reporting form at: http://www.mi-nts.org/PSHR_entry.shtml to
> provide
> your reports to WB8RCR. In all cases, reporting by radiogram is
> encouraged --
> let's keep the NTS busy. Packet messages can be routed to
> wb8rcr@... and wa8efk@... .
>
>
> 73 until next month.
>
> Dale WA8EFK
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> ---

> ARRL Michigan Section
> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
> ---
> This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
> If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
> http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
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> Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from
> being sent to you.
> -- webmaster@...

4613. Thanks for JOTA!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-19 21:12:28 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 4613 Message: 4613

All:

A HUGE thank you to all who helped with the Jamboree On The Air this weekend. We enjoyed good participation from Scouts, their parents, leaders, and hams. It would not have been half the success without your help and support.

Also thanks to the MAARC for providing lunch together with the venue. A big thanks to the Venture Crew who were tremendous assistants.

If you spoke to a kid on the radio this weekend I'm sure you made that kid's day. You sure made my day, too.

Bill, AB8SC

4614. New Ham Orientation Class In Big Rapids; Saturday: November 1--there's still time!

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-25 20:38:11 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4614 Message: 4614
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi, all.

Please don't forget to register for the following class if you are interested.

We have extended the registration deadline up till the time of the class, but it'd be helpful to know who is going to attend, so we know how many copies of class materials to prepare.

In addition to the info below, you'll see an attached narrative about the class itself, topics to be covered, etc. .. The narrative was prepared by Don Macconnel (WA4FRJ)--the main organizer of the class.

Thanks, and 73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Big Rapids

New ham orientation class and potluck Saturday: November 1 at the Big Rapids Department Of Public Safety Building, located at 435 N. Michigan.?-Meet and greet at 8:30 a.m., with class to begin at 9 a.m. Potluck at 3 p.m. at the conclusion of the class. If you?d like to take the class, please RSVP asap to Steve Cowan (KD8DHZ).

e-mail:

kd8dhz@... or

doorman444@...,

Phone: (989) 382-9452.

4615. Re: [WestMichiganHams] American Red Cross - DSHR and HAMS

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-26 00:31:35 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4575 Message: 4615

As I have a regular job and my employer does not give admin leave for this I am unable to be deployed for any length of time- Local efforts only at this point- Unfortunately this is a retired persons game- Sorry I took so long to respond!?DE WD8USA?? ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: Steve Vander Hill <svanderhill@...>
To: Holland Club K8DAA <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>; North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club W8CSO <W8CSO@yahoogroups.com>; OCEC/WMSAR <ocecwmsar@yahoogroups.com>; West Michigan Hams <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: Gerry Dawson <gdawson@...>
Sent: Thu, 9 Oct 2008 10:19 am
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] American Red Cross - DSHR and HAMS

Hello, reference below, please advise me via return email if you would be interested in becoming a part of the American Red Cross Disaster Services Human Resources system.? This system is utilized to call out trained volunteers in specific areas for national disasters normally for a three week time frame.

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If there are enough interested, we can hold a special training session to get through the required basis American Red Cross training.

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Let me know if your interested, thanks!

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Steve N8UJD

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From: Gerry Dawson [mailto:GDawson@...]
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2008 10:02 AM
To: Steve Vander Hill
Cc: Robert Brooks
Subject: DSHR and HAMS

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Steve

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Sindee forwarded your e-mail regarding HAMS and the DSHR.? I would love to add anyone who is interested to the DSHR.? They would have to go through the normal procedures of completing the volunteer application for the chapter, background check, and training. The

training would be pretty basic, just Intro to Disaster, available on line, and Fulfilling Our Mission. We could set up a special class for the Fulfilling Our Mission course just for your group if there are more than 6 participants.

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If anyone is interested please have them contact Bob Brooks, volunteer coordinator, to begin the process.?

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Gerry Dawson

Emergency Services Director

American Red Cross of Ottawa County

270 James St.

Holland, MI 49424

616-396-6545

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4616. Daylight-saving time ends - Sunday, Nov 2

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-27 12:11:21 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4616 Message: 4616

Daylight-saving time ends

Sunday, Nov. 2, marks the semi-annual clock resetting for daylight-saving time. This time-honored tradition in autumn has the majority of the U.S. "falling back" one hour, excepting folks in Hawaii and some parts of Arizona.

This is also an excellent opportunity to replace smoke detector batteries and check the service life date on your carbon monoxide (CO) detector. Many CO detector manufacturers suggest replacing your detectors every five to seven years, depending on brand.

4617. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Daylight-saving time ends - Sunday, Nov 2

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-27 22:30:20 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4616 Message: 4617

Thanks for the reminder, Steve.

They have screwed around with the dates for DST and EST so much recently that I have trouble keeping them straight any more.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Steve Vander Hill" <svanderhill@...>
To: "_All Employment Traditions Employees" <all@...>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2008 8:11 AM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Daylight-saving time ends - Sunday, Nov 2

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4618. Fw: ISS CrossBand Repeater Turned On

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-28 21:19:53 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4618 Message: 4618

----- Forwarded Message ----
From: John <yp671@...>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2008 10:13:54 AM
Subject: ISS CROSSBAND REPEATER

Reports from the ISS indicate that Mike Fincke has turned on the
D-700's crossband repeater function.

The up and down links are:

Crossband FM repeater downlink: 145.80 MHz (Worldwide)
Crossband FM repeater uplink: 437.80 MHz (Worldwide)

You operate as if you are working AO-51. You'll talk "through" the ISS
to others hams on earth.

Have fun,

John - AG9D
ARISS OPS

4619. (no subject)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-29 22:50:00 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4619 Message: 4619

I saw this program this week on PBS & it's very interesting.

Fractal Antennas - NOVA

NOVA's new episode, Hunting the Hidden Dimension
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/fractals/

The episode features Nathan Cohen, amateur radio operator and co-founder of Fractal Antenna Systems, Inc.
http://www.fractenna.com/nca_cohen_bio.html

His interview explains how he first used the deisgn for his amateur radio hobby.

BTW, he attended a NSF summer course for high school seniors in physics and astronomy at the University of Iowa in 1970s. Another professional touched by James Van Allen's work!

W9GB

4620. Fractal Antenna Program on PBS NOVA This Week

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-29 22:52:34 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4620 Message: 4620

I saw this program this week on PBS & it's very interesting.

Fractal Antennas - NOVA

NOVA's new episode, Hunting the Hidden Dimension
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/fractals/

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http://www.fractenna.com/nca_cohen_bio.html

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W9GB

4622. Hybrid Emergency Communication Course Level 2 (ARECC)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-30 02:22:09 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4622 Message: 4622

Good day everyone.
Many of you have taken the Level on ARECC course. Very few have taken the Level 2 and even fewer have taken Level 3 and earned their Honor Roll Certificate.

I will put on a ARRL Hybrid EmComm Level 2 course for anyon that is interested and meets the requirements. The requirements are you must passed the Level 1 course. You should also have a valid amateur radio license.

With a "Hybrid" class, you will receive instruction via a combination of on-line and in-person classroom instruction with your Mentor/Instructor. I am the Primary Certified Mentor and I will be getting a couple of other Certified Mentors (CM) to assist. You are enrolled in the ARRL on-line course and will take the final exam on-line. Yes, you still need to do the required Learning Unit activites but the way we do them is differently.

The Hybrid class is conducted using a combination of classroom instruction, online instruction and some field trips. Instruction and instructional student activities will be managed by my cerfitifed mentoring staff (CM). You would be registered in the online course and have access to the online course throughout the instruction period. You take the final assessment online, eliminating the need for exam sessions and related paper-based documentation. If you do not have a computers then you can often obtain Internet access at a local library to take the final exam. You may also be able to find a friend that will allow you to test at their computer

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Cost: ARRL Member $45. Non-Members: $75

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Some nights the course will be run on the radio and not at the training facility. The facility is to be determined once I know the class size.

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4623. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hybrid Emergency Communication Course Level 2 (ARECC)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-30 02:44:15 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4622 Message: 4623

Hey Doc- How about teaching a level one class using class room teaching and no internet stuff? There are folks here in Kent County that need this class- JB

-----Original Message-----
From: ravennaelectronics <ravennaelectronics@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, 29 Oct 2008 10:22 pm
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Hybrid Emergency Communication Course Level 2 (ARECC)

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4625. skywarn special event

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-30 22:59:44 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4625 Message: 4625
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4626. VHF/UHF Digital Voice Overview at Ft. Wayne Hamfest, Saturday, 11/15 @ Noon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-30 23:30:14 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4626 Message: 4626

VHF/UHF Digital Voice Forum at Ft. Wayne Hamfest, Saturday, November 15th @ Noon in the White Room

The forum will feature a Digital Voice Overview AND a D-STAR discussion.

You can see a preview of the VHF/UHF Digital Voice Video Overview at:
http://www.arvideonews.com/dv/index.html

D-STAR digital voice & data repeaters are already operating in Indianapolis so this will be a great opportunity to learn more about digital voice & D-STAR technology.

Look foward to seeing you at the meeting.

73, Mark, WB9QZB

P.S. - Please forward this announcement to other club newsletters & lists.

4627. Re: [WestMichiganHams] skywarn special event

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-31 02:02:09 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4625 Message: 4627

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73 from tom Behler: Kb8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

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From: <jtlr.fischer@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2008 6:59 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] skywarn special event

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4628. RE: [WestMichiganHams] skywarn special event

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-31 04:54:23 UTC
From: Jeffs lists
Topic: 4625 Message: 4628

Tom, I have put in a request to the GRR Skywarn Team who runs the Skywarn / amateur radio operations at the GRR NWS and organizes the event. I am still waiting for an answer from them. As soon as I get an answer I'll let everyone else know.

Jeff

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of T Behler
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2008 10:02 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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4629. Re: Hybrid Emergency Communication Course Level 2 (ARECC)

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-31 12:41:36 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4622 Message: 4629

Howdy Joe!
I did do a Level 1 here in Muskegon and only 5 students registered.
I will be happy to do another one for Kent County. I know Jeff is
also a CM/CI/CE so we have the minimum requirement for Field
Examiners. The traditional classroom class takes longer and has a
bit more paperwork and preparation and I have no problems with
that.

Talk it over with the powers to be there and let me know.
Email to my ac8al or docstrait email address.
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4630. Re: [WestMichiganHams] skywarn special event

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-10-31 18:12:17 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4625 Message: 4630

Very cool, Jeff. ... I'll help in any way I can.

73 from Tom Behler: KB8TYJ, Mecosta County EC/RO

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jeffs lists" <lists@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2008 12:54 AM
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] skywarn special event

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4631. New ARRL Satellite Book Available

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-01 21:50:11 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4631 Message: 4631
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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4632. RE: [WestMichiganHams] New ARRL Satellite Book Available

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-01 21:51:30 UTC
From: Zach Lassiter
Topic: 4631 Message: 4632
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Thanks for spamming my inbox.

-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Mark Thompson
Sent: Sat 11/1/2008 5:50 PM
To: nimrods@yahoogroups.com; frrl@yahoogroups.com; NS9RC@yahoogroups.com; WeLCARS@yahoogroups.com; K9RN@yahoogroups.com; k9bar@yahoogroups.com; PeoriaARC@yahoogroups.com; ChicagoAmateurRadio@yahoogroups.com
Cc: amateur_radio@yahoogroups.com; MadisonAmateurRadio@yahoogroups.com; amateurradiomilwaukee@yahoogroups.com; IndyHamRadio@yahoogroups.com; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
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4633. FS: Tower/Rotater/HF Bean

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-02 21:40:55 UTC
From: Jim, K8COP
Topic: 4633 Message: 4633

I have a Rohn "BX tower". The base is homemade, tip-over, abt 50 feet. Telex rotater with cable. Wilson 6 element beam. I am selling this equipment for N8UGV who moved up north and does not have room for this stuff.

Contact me direct if you are interested.

Jim, K8COP

4635. SKYWARN Recognition Day Set for December 6

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-02 23:21:06 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4635 Message: 4635

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/10/30/10417/?nc=1

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Each participating NWS office will send out their own QSL card. This card is from the 2007 SKYWARN Recognition Day in Wichita, Kansas.

The 10th Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) Special Event will take place Saturday, December 6, 2008. SRD is co-sponsored by the ARRL and the National Weather Service (NWS) as a way to recognize the commitment made by Amateur Radio operators in helping to keep their communities safe. According to SRD Coordinator David Floyd, N5DBZ, Amateur Radio operators can visit their local participating NWS
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-03 00:28:31 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4635 Message: 4638

Mike is retired as of may of this year
----- Original Message -----
From: k8mhz@...
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, November 02, 2008 7:05 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] SKYWARN Recognition Day Set for December 6

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Cc: amateurradiomilwaukee@yahoogroups.com ; MadisonAmateurRadio@yahoogroups.com ; WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; IndyHamRadio@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, November 02, 2008 07:21
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] SKYWARN Recognition Day Set for December 6

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4639. Re: [WestMichiganHams] SKYWARN Recognition Day Set for December 6

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-03 01:47:58 UTC
From: T Behler
Topic: 4635 Message: 4639

Mark and all:

I have been corresponding with Tom Vandermel, and the new Chief Warning Co-ordination Meteorologist at the Grand Rapids NWS office, and the latest is that Mike Gage has been asked to see if he can set something up, since they have been the key organizers of it before.

So, let's stand by for more details in the weeks ahead.

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> > to
> > do so!
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> > No virus found in this incoming message.
> > Checked by AVG.
> > Version: 7.5.549 / Virus Database: 270.8.5/1758 - Release Date:
> 10/31/2008
> > 8:22 AM
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4643. e-mails

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-04 21:51:03 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4643 Message: 4643

hello all anybody having a problem with too many e-mail replays in your inbox should go into your yahoo group account and change your e-mail from single to daily digest that way you only get one email a day . John kc8uny

4644. RE: [WestMichiganHams] e-mails

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-04 22:09:11 UTC
From: Zach Lassiter
Topic: 4643 Message: 4644
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Or people could use common sense and if they had an email that only pertains to one person, send it directly to that person. But then again, most of us are ARRL Members.

-----Original Message-----
From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com on behalf of jtlr.fischer@...
Sent: Tue 11/4/2008 4:51 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] e-mails

hello all anybody having a problem with too many e-mail replays in your inbox should go into your yahoo group account and change your e-mail from single to daily digest that way you only get one email a day . John kc8uny

4645. Free Tower

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-06 13:39:41 UTC
From: Ross
Topic: 4645 Message: 4645

My son sent me a link he saw on Craigslist for a free tower in Manistee for anyone who wants to remove it. The poster is thinking it is 50 ft. There is a picture on the listing of the tower.

Here is the link: http://nmi.craigslist.org/zip/907393971.html

Ross
N8GMY

4646. [Fwd: [QRP-L] Possibly stolen FT-817 in Fort Worth, TX]

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-11 16:04:39 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4646 Message: 4646

Kinda hard to think that a radio in a pawn shop in Texas would be from Western Michigan, but, this occupies very low bandwidth.

Anyone missing a Yaesu FT-817 S/N 0N150301?

Hg

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: [QRP-L] Possibly stolen FT-817 in Fort Worth, TX
Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2008 15:51:59 -0000
From: scott mcmullen <scottamcmullen@...>
To: qrp-l@...

--- In STXARES@yahoogroups.com, <halm@...> wrote:

Hi Everyone,

One of my Officers found a radio in a pawn shop, the pawner has some suspicious pawns and he is not a licensed radio operator. The radio is a Yaesu FT-817 QRP Transceiver, the serial is 0N150301. All the 0s in the serial are numbers not o as in ocean. Could you ask them to see if one of these radios was stolen during October? We are trying to check with Yaesu to see if they can locate whom they sold the radio to.

Please contact me off line if this might be yours....
Thanks Julie

Julie Garriety
*Crime Analyst *
*FT Worth Police *
817-714-1741 cell
817-922-3434 wk
817-922-3472 fax
*_julie.garriety@...
<mailto:julie.garriety@...>_*

4647. [GRARA] ARRL Sweepstakes this is Whiskey Eight Delta Charlie calling....

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-11 20:31:26 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4647 Message: 4647

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Hey guys, you don't want to miss Saturday Night!*

It's the ARRL Phone Sweepstakes from W8DC, the GRARA Club station at the Red Cross, 1050 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. (1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE).

All hams in the area are cordially invited, members or not. We will gather about 5 p.m. Saturday, and "operate until we drop" - probably around midnight. If you plan to arrive much after 5 p.m., we'll be monitoring the W8DC repeater 147.26+, 94.8 PL. We hope to figure out the "after hours" direct telephone number, and if so, we'll post it at the door of the building.

The club officers call this 'training', _ we call this 'a whole lot of fun!"_

An Extra Class operator will be on duty at all times, so Technicians can get lots of HF practice in the Extra Class bands. Sorry, no code Saturday night, just ole fashioned phone operation and lot's of it. Can anyone match Nate's aggressive techniques from the Michigan QSO Party? Come and see...

We will also be testing-out the two new tri-bander antennas.

See the new web site, http://www.w8dc.org for more information and the sign-up sheet

4648. Hoffmaster Trail Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-12 01:36:35 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 3609 Message: 4648

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Frank Towsley WA7VLH @ towsley711@... phone 231-722-8264 or,
or myself 231-670-1284 or at email below.

Thanks in advance.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

4649. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-12 02:19:36 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3609 Message: 4649

Denny what time sat put me down for the same place as last year John kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: Dennis Harriss
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; MCARES@yahoogroups.com ; mcecsstaff@yahoogroups.com ; W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2008 8:36 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run

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or myself 231-670-1284 or at email below.

Thanks in advance.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

4650. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-12 02:33:54 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 3609 Message: 4650

Sorry.

The Race starts at 10am and we will be done by Noon. We will meet at 9am at the big parking lot which is down the first road to the right after you pass the permit/pay hut.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@arrl.net

----- Original Message -----
From: Dennis Harriss
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; MCARES@yahoogroups.com ; mcecsstaff@yahoogroups.com ; W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2008 20:36
Subject: [Norton AntiSpam] [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run

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Thanks in advance.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

4651. Tower For sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-12 03:15:17 UTC
From: John Hanse
Topic: 4651 Message: 4651

I have a Rohn BX 64 tower for sale. It is on the ground and ready to go.

I am asking 175.00 for it.

John
KC8QDE
616-836-3737

4652. Skywarn Recognitin Day Flyer

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-12 15:43:28 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4652 Message: 4652
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

FYI...see attached flyer (courtesy of Rob Gage of Kent County RACES).

4653. Victims needed for tonight

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-12 18:33:45 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4653 Message: 4653

From: KentCounty CERT [mailto:kccert@...]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 1:03 PM
To: Aaron Ide; Agnes May; Al Chamizo; Alexander Kilvington; Alexanne Stone; Alicia Steele; Andrew Ault; Andrew Gunneson; Andrew Knoll; Andrew Ratke; Andrew Schultz; Andy Roberts; Angi Baugh; Ann Kranenborg; Anna Ward; Anthony Lomonaco; Ava Grover; Barbara (Kate) Heath; Bejamin Palmerlee; Betty Chapin; Betty Kim; Bob Graham; Bradford Schultz; Brian Hindsley; Brian Kolesar; Brooke Borreson; Carole Wheeler; Charles Putney; Chip Kragt; Christie Nelsen; Christine Wojtaszek; Christopher Burgess; Cindy Steensma; Courtney Myers; Craig Marks; Daniel Vandenhoek; Darrell Mortensen; David Everts; David Fast; David Lubbers; David Stein; Dawn Butler; Dawn Cool; Deb Alderink; Deb Hill; Debra Smith; Dennis Gammon; Don Shellenbarger; Donald Regan; Edward Novakowski; Ena St. Germain; Felisha Cotten; Fred Martino; Fumiko VanKirk; Gary Lauff; Gary Minkler; George Schroeder; Gerben Kranenborg; Graham Merrill; Helene Castle; Jacob Christians; James Allore; James Camenga; James Crouch; James Kovach; Jan Snyder; Jayne Courts; Jeff Karr; Jeff Nawrot; Jeffrey Corey; Jeffrey VanderKlipp; Jennifer Burgess; Jennifer DePue; Jennifer VanderVeen; Jim Beaudoin; Jim Leys; Joan Cunningham; Joan Johnston; John Bradley; John Gracki; Jon Spanding; Joseph Benedict; Joseph HOckstra; Joshua Trumpie; Joshua Young; Judith Haglund; Judyth Hakala; Julie Vruggink; Kara Smith-Hornsby; Karl Palma; Kate Dusendang; Kathryn Dennis; Kay O'Connor; Kellysue Hornsby; Kenn Andrus; Kent Jones; Kevin Sehlmeyer; Kevin Sweeney; Kim Karr; Kim Veldheer; Kimberley Barber; Kimberly Rozelle; Kristina King; Lanee Veldkamp; Laurie Ayers; Leslie Kingsley; Leta Brownell; Linda Nawrot; Lisa Segard; Lisa Wolters; Marc Gergen; Mark Curtis; Mark Phleeger; Markus Neuhoff; Matt Rubino; Michael Farah; Michael Gunneson; Michelle Palma; Mike Kuncaitis; Miki Cain; Miriam Carpenter; Nathan Deppe; Nevada Coakley; Nicholas Wetherington; Patricia Baribeau; Patricia Heldt; Patricia Malski; Paul Bodnar; Peter Adamson; Rebekah Haveman; Rick Hodgson; Rick Norman; Robert Barber; Robert Cardwell; Robert Grove; Robert Sacha; Robert Woodhull; Ron Lindblom; Ron Terpstra; Ron Thwing; Ronald MIlls; Ronald Schnepp; Russell Rawn; Ryan Butkus; Ryan Lockhart; Sabrina Stone; Samantha Roelofs; Sarah Baribeau; Sarah Barton; Sharyl Hutchinson; Stacie Triick; Steve Stoneburner; Steve VanderHill; Steven Holey; Sue Yurick; Susan Barthels; Susan Groesser; Suzanne Bratt; Tandalaya Neve; Tanya Steffen; Terrence Groesser; Terry Decker; Terry Leys; Thomas Eldridge; Thomas Gerger; Thomas Gottschalk; Thomas Smith; Tim Keating; Todd Baribeau; Tom Lowary; Vicki Huffman; Vicki Johston; Vincent St. Germain; Warren Jackson; William Putnam
Subject: Victims needed for tonight

Attention all CERT!!!! Due to a group canceling at the last minute we are in desperate need of victims for tonight's final exercise!!!! Please consider helping out with this event. It is important that the current class get a good experience in the final exercise with realistic victims. The class is being held at the fire department training center 1101 Monroe. Victims should be there by 6:45pm. Thank You again for your help at the last minute.

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Kent County CERT
American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids
1050 N Fuller
Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503
kccert@...
(616) 723-0848

4654. HazMat Incident

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-12 18:34:12 UTC
From: Ross
Topic: 4654 Message: 4654

ANTHRAX SCARE AT MICHIGAN

Michigan football practice was delayed nearly two hours late this morning after a player reported finding an unknown white powdery substance on the practice field. Head coach Rich Rodriguez immediately suspended practice while police and federal agents were called to investigate. After a complete analysis, FBI forensic experts determined that the white substance, unknown to the players, was the goal line. Practice was resumed this afternoon after special agents decided the team was unlikely to encounter the substance again.

4655. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-12 20:20:25 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3609 Message: 4655

denny ad two more to your list Roger n8rxc and Phyllis kb8nln will also be comming to help john kc8uny
----- Original Message -----
From: Dennis Harriss
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; MCARES@yahoogroups.com ; mcecsstaff@yahoogroups.com ; W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2008 9:33 PM
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run

Sorry.

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Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

----- Original Message -----
From: Dennis Harriss
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; MCARES@yahoogroups.com ; mcecsstaff@yahoogroups.com ; W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2008 20:36
Subject: [Norton AntiSpam] [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run

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2008. This will take place at Hoffmaster State Park on Pontaluna Rd. After
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Thanks in advance.

Denny N8CTT
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n8ctt@...

4656. Re: [WestMichiganHams] HazMat Incident

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-12 20:32:54 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4654 Message: 4656

does that go for the loins and ford field also i know that the nws has declared ford field a safe place to go in case of a tornado warning they are sure that there will never be a touchdown in that area in the near future
----- Original Message -----
From: Ross
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 1:34 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] HazMat Incident

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4657. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Victims needed for tonight

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-12 22:11:39 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4653 Message: 4657

You could tell us a bit more... inside or outside... ?
How long are we needed...? What to wear...? How many
needed...? What do we do...?

But, especially whether in or out and how long we might
be engaged in the project.

========== K8JHR ==========
Steve Vander Hill wrote:
>
> *From:* KentCounty CERT [mailto:kccert@...]
> *Subject:* Victims needed for tonight
>

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4658. Re: Hoffmaster Trail Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-13 01:01:43 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 3609 Message: 4658

Hey Denny for those that may not have a park sticker, can ride with those that do. Maybe meet at the NSFD on pontaluna and ride from there. I will not know if I can participate until tomorrow. If I do I have a park sticker and can take 3 with me. To if we can use the county MCV we could also meet and ride in it. Just a couple of ideas.

Jim
KC8PCJ

----- Original Message -----
From: Dennis Harriss
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com ; MCARES@yahoogroups.com ; mcecsstaff@yahoogroups.com ; W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2008 8:36 PM
Subject: [MCECS] Hoffmaster Trail Run

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or myself 231-670-1284 or at email below.

Thanks in advance.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

4659. Yaesu mobile power cord 4 sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-13 01:09:24 UTC
From: allen
Topic: 4659 Message: 4659

what we have here is a never been used Yaesu mobile power cord that came with a FT 101EE that I used to own. Don't need it anymore so time to sell! I would like to get 25 bux shipped to your door. Pics on request. Can only accept a USPS M.O. as I DO NOT have a paypal acct.

Thanks,

Allen KD8FXB

4660. VHF/UHF Digital Voice Forum at Ft. Wayne Hamfest, Saturday, 11/15 @ Noon

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-13 19:17:42 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4660 Message: 4660
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

VHF/UHF Digital Voice Forum at Ft. Wayne Hamfest, Saturday, November 15th @ Noon in the White Room

The forum will feature a Digital Voice Overview Video and a discussion of D-STAR afterward.

You can see a preview of the VHF/UHF Digital Voice Video Overview at:
http://www.arvideonews.com/dv/index.html

D-STAR digital voice & data repeaters are already operating in Indianapolis & Lafayette so this will be a great opportunity to learn more about digital voice & D-STAR technology.

Look foward to seeing you at the forum

73, Mark, WB9QZB

P.S. - If you can't make the forum you can learn more about all the digital voice & data modes by joining the Digital Ham Group at:
 http://groups.yahoo.com/group/illinoisdigitalham/
The group had over 3,000 members world-wide and is the only digital group with dozens of Files & Links covering All the Digtal Voice & Data modes.

4661. Fort Wayne Hamfest, Saturday, 11/15 & Sunday, 11/16

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-13 19:18:01 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4661 Message: 4661
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Fort Wayne Hamfest, Saturday, 11/15 & Sunday, 11/16

Hamfest Site
http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/hfmain.htm

Hamfest Forum Schedule
http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/forums.htm

Hamfest Flyer
http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/images/MainFlyer08.pdf

4662. Re: [MCECS] Re: Hoffmaster Trail Run

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-13 22:48:44 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4662 Message: 4662

Sorry, I will not be able to help out. Will be at work.

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: westmichiganhams ; W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com ; MCARES@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 8:01 PM
Subject: [MCECS] Re: Hoffmaster Trail Run

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4663. Follow up: ARRL Sweepstakes this is Whiskey Eight Delta Charlie calling

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-14 19:11:21 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4663 Message: 4663

Update - the direct line to the radio room is 616-456-8088. If you come down to the Red Cross Building, and find that the door is locked (as it probably will be after the 5 p.m. start of the contest), please dial that number and we'll let you in.

The more the merrier! This is a fun session, with some "training" as a bonus!

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4664. ARRL to Offer Self-Study Course on Digital Technology for Emergency Communications

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-14 23:33:51 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4664 Message: 4664

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/11/13/10448/?nc=1
ARRL to Offer Self-Study Course on Digital Technology for Emergency Communications

A sample of what The ARRL Digital Technology for Emergency Communication Course offers.

With digital technology becoming an integral part of Amateur Radio, hams interested in Emergency Communications now have a new tool to help them take advantage of emerging modes such as Packet Radio APRS, Winlink 2000, IRLP, EchoLink and WIRES-II, D-STAR, APCO25, HF sound card modes and Automatic Link Establishment (ALE). The ARRL Digital Technology for Emergency Communications Course http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=1247 will introduce hams to all of the ways Amateur Radio operators are using digital technology as a valuable emergency communications tool.
Written by ARRL Publications Manager and QST Editor Steve Ford, WB8IMY, this self-study CD-ROM will answer such questions as:

* Can you transfer supply lists or personnel assignments between emergency operations sites?

* Can you get critical e-mails to the Internet if a connection goes down?

* Can you relay digital images of damage at specific locations?

* Can you track the locations of emergency personnel and display them on computer maps?

* …and more!

Illustrations, screenshots, Internet links and audio files are used to demonstrate transmission modes and equipment configurations. Bite-sized learning units and interactive knowledge checks make learning interesting and fun!

"This course is a great starting point for anyone interested in the public service applications of digital communications technology," said Ford. The ARRL Digital Technology for Emergency Communications Course is available from the ARRL for only $49.95.

Minimum System Requirements for CD-ROM -- Microsoft Windows Vista/XP/2000/NT/98/95 or Apple OS X; 200 MHz processor; 32 MB RAM; sound card and speakers; 4-speed CD-ROM drive or higher. Requires Web browser -- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0, Mozilla Firefox 2.0, Apple Safari 3.0 or later versions. Some documents require Adobe Reader.
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4665. Hoffmaster Trail Run - Additional Information

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-15 03:19:05 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 4665 Message: 4665

Thanks to all that agreed to help us with this run.

This information is for anyone that will be helping out with the Hoffmaster Trail Run tomorrow.

The Race starts at 10am and will be done by Noon. We will be starting at 9am due to the fact that it will take some time to get to some of the locations.

Talkin will be on the 146.820 Repeater.

For the race we will be using a portable repeater on 147.220 standard PLUS offset. 94.8 PL. This repeater will not be on the air until approximately 9AM.

We have talked with the Park Personel and they will be enforcing the Permit requirements.
Those without State Park permits and that do not want to buy a day permit should meet at the Norton Shores Fire Station on Pontaluna Rd just east of Grand Haven Rd. We have had some people volunteer to give you a ride to the park.

The entrance to the park is just west of the intersection of Pontaluna and Henry, where the road starts to bend. Once inside the park take the first road to the right and that will take you to the big parking lot where we will meet.

See you in the morning.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@...
n8ctt@...

4666. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Additional Information

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-15 05:12:28 UTC
From: Tom Porritt
Topic: 4665 Message: 4666

Denny,
I have a sticker. I will monitor the 82 on the way in and stop at the Fire Station if needed.
Tom

--- On Fri, 11/14/08, Dennis Harriss <n8ctt@...> wrote:

From: Dennis Harriss <n8ctt@...>
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Hoffmaster Trail Run - Additional Information
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, MCARES@yahoogroups.com, mcecsstaff@yahoogroups.com, W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com, W8CSO@yahoogroups.com
Date: Friday, November 14, 2008, 10:19 PM

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The Race starts at 10am and will be done by Noon. We will be starting at 9am due to the fact that it will take some time to get to some of the locations.

Talkin will be on the 146.820 Repeater.

For the race we will be using a portable repeater on 147.220 standard PLUS offset. 94.8 PL. This repeater will not be on the air until approximately 9AM.

We have talked with the Park Personel and they will be enforcing the Permit requirements.
Those without State Park permits and that do not want to buy a day permit should meet at the Norton Shores Fire Station on Pontaluna Rd just east of Grand Haven Rd. We have had some people volunteer to give you a ride to the park.

The entrance to the park is just west of the intersection of Pontaluna and Henry, where the road starts to bend. Once inside the park take the first road to the right and that will take you to the big parking lot where we will meet.

See you in the morning.

Denny N8CTT
n8ctt@comcast. net
n8ctt@...

4667. What Kind of Club are we?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-15 14:59:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4667 Message: 4667

This was originally published in another ham reflector.

I think it's worth pondering by us all......

Thanks to K6JEB for his prose
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"Argue for your limitations, and VOILA! they're yours." - Richard Bach

Regarding World Radio: it will be missed. It was always something I enjoyed reading as a young ham and I've kept my subscription current since getting back into the hobby.

That said, regarding the never ending number of times we STILL hear about the sky falling, err, I mean ham radio coming to a screeching halt (it was just as shrill in 1983 when I became a ham), don't forget the part where:

Kid finally talks parent into driving to ham a meeting (cost=gas+time which parents have so much of in this 'awesome' economy)

Kid and parent get to ham meeting, kid and parent mostly ignored as many hams at meeting are talking another language in their cliques and won't "QRS" to talk to ordinary humans. The few who do approach them haven't actually been on the air for months (years if you don't count repeaters) and often are the people no one else in the club will talk to.

When kids and parents gather the gumption to ask some pertinent questions, kid and parent get all kinds data but no way to discern the useful from the BS. Or they get very expensive answers. Mostly they get opinions or non sequitors. If they're lucky, they'll just be handed a flier with info on the next licensing class.

Meanwhile, almost every corner of the club meeting room has conversations that often contain things like "kids these days are just worthless" or "everyone is just an appliance operator nowadays" or "if it wasn't for cell phones we'd still have a thriving hobby" or "that darned Internet . . ."

Looking around the room, kid and parent get the feeling they don't belong. Especially since the feedback they're getting on so many levels is that they'll never be a 'real' ham (many reasons to choose from: no more CW test, multiple choice exams, because all gear sold these days is junk and anyone who would even buy the stuff shouldn't be allowed on the air, because computers do all the work, etc . . .).

Pleasantries are exchanged. Goodbyes are said, and even though the kid goes off to become an engineer or technician, or a rocket scientist,

their first glimpse of the hobby was filled with cranky, whining, opinionated, long-winded, selfish individuals who put out less welcoming energy than a rabid dog.

There it is. I've said it. If the shoe fits, wear it.

And then, there are the rest (most?) of you who are wonderful, helpful, generous, interesting, good listeners, fun, funny, and always looking for a way to help another person get on the air. You're the person who approaches the kid and the parent and in a friendly way, pulls them away from the cranks and the crazies and perhaps at the club meeting, more likely sometime later; you invite them to your shack and you all have a blast getting on the air.

Parent asks about the workbench where you solder all your kits and not missing a beat, you put a soldering iron in the parent's hand and have them finish up that through-hole kit (which just needed an RCA jack, so it was simple and a good primer for soldering). Meanwhile, kid is on her second contact and now the parent wants on too.

Pretty soon it's nearly midnight and finally they leave, but they're carrying a box of old magazines (including WorldRadio and those old issues of Ham Radio Horizons as well as others), a CW key and sidetone oscillator, HRO catalog so they can start getting an idea of what some gear costs (along with an explanation of how a lot of this stuff can be built for a fraction of the cost and with a hundred times more satisfaction). You lend them a soldering iron, and an easy kit (you had that unbuilt keyer kit sitting in your drawer). They're also carrying with them a list of useful URLs and most importantly, they have come away knowing they can depend on you, at least for now, to help mentor them into this wonderful hobby. And yes, I said THEM.

We used to have 'Elmers'. For me it was one helpful person who really went out of his way to help me out. As a 14 year old, I had no budget. he showed me things like putting together simple circuits from junk box parts. We didn't get stuck on trying to build the greatest Big Gun station ever. Instead we focused on working with what we had, and developing our operating technique, and most of all, a lasting love for ham radio.

He didn't accomplish this by trying to convince me that if I didn't have a ham radio license and there was a natural disaster, that I'd be somehow NOT safe. He didn't sell ham radio to me by making me feel inferior, or too young, or not experienced. He didn't give me some spiel about how a career in electronics begins with a Novice license (although it did for me). He didn't do it any other way than by demonstrating how much fun ham radio can be. When I would get frustrated because I wasn't getting through in a pile-up, he would give me useful pointers instead of a condescending statement or whining about how operators these days just suck. If I asked a question with an "obvious" answer, he wouldn't just give me the answer, but how to arrive at that answer in the future, on my own.

I would argue that we don't have a shortage of motivated, bright, curious and persistent kids. I'd say we have a shortage of good Elmers.

I worry that these days, at least here in the States, we are mass producing hams. Or more accurately, we are licensing them en masse, and we leave the _learning to operate and get on the air_ part to them, however they see fit. And sadly, I see so many single-purpose clubs/organizations who are pushing people to get their license thinking a ham license is somehow akin to a degree or certification. Those same people will get an HT and never learn about the rest of what this huge hobby has to offer.

After having lived in Germany while I was stationed there with the US Army, I don't think the issue is so much ham radio, it's ham radio in America. The clubs I took part in were thriving with people of all ages and walks of life. The interests within any one club spanned numerous facets of ham radio (it's not just EMCOMM, or QRP, or contesting, or traffic handling, or satellites, DXing, etc . . .). At least in the clubs I was in, there were almost as many women involved in the hobby as men.

I was visited this summer by a young ham from South Korea and we spoke at length about the ham club at his college in Seoul (HL0R). He told me that usually they have between forty and sixty members at each meeting. They often meet with another college club in Seoul with the callsign HL0J, so they call those meetings the "Romeo and Juliet" meetings. :) By the way, he wasn't an engineering student, but rather, an economics student.

The sky is NOT falling. But we'd still better get our act together. Let's do what we can to 'water the garden, not the weeds'. We need to think of being "V.E.'s" as also meaning VOLUNTEER ELMERS. Bring your QRP radio to the local school! They'd be glad to have you. If someone tries to convince you otherwise, tell them to step off.

Also, it's not just ham printed periodicals that are dropping off. Newspapers in general have been taking a real hit. And THAT you can 'blame' on the Internet, but the up side is where one big tree falls, many smaller ones pop up: look at all the web sites that we have within ham radio! Now instead of just QST, 73, CQ, World Radio as the main pubs, we now have dozens of web sites (and that's not even counting the myriad personal sites and specialty sites). Hey, you're not going to have a shortage of things to read, that's for sure.

All the same, I will really miss that little ham magazine on newsprint. It was great while it lasted in print. But at least we'll still have it via the web.

72/73
Jack, K6JEB

4668. Hoffmaster Trail Run - Thanks

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-15 20:30:38 UTC
From: Dennis Harriss
Topic: 4668 Message: 4668

Thank you to all who helped out with the Hoffmaster Trail Run this year. As usual it was "chilly", but at least the rain/snow held off until we were done.

Mark K8MHZ Net Control
Frank WA7VLH Took care of the portable repeater
Roger N8RXC
Phyllis KB8NLN
John KC8UNY
John N8YQD
Tom N8YJT
Keith KD8CJX
Jon AB8RD
John WB9JSR

It was a pleasure working with you today and looking forward to working with you in future events.

Denny N8CTT
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n8ctt@...

4669. WEAVER'S WORDS -- Its nearly turkey time

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-16 13:14:27 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4669 Message: 4669

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----- Original Message -----
From: "ARRL GL Division" <memberlist@...>
To: <kb8vee@...>
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2008 7:30 PM
Subject: WEAVER'S WORDS -- Its nearly turkey time

> (Reply to k8je@...)
>
> - Balloting remains open for Vice Director
> - IBM enters BPL picture
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> - Results of poll on SOU and RC background checking
> - SW Ohio Digital Symposium
> - String of dits QRM solved
> - QSL Bureau web site changed
> - Is ARRL worth the dues?
> - Tentative schedule
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> +++ Balloting remains open for Vice Director +++
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> Balloting for Vice Director for the Great Lakes Division remains open
> until November 21. Ballots must be received by the accounting firm
> used by ARRL by noon on this day. If you have not yet voted, please
> review the candidates and vote.
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> If you have not received a ballot by now, I encourage you to telephone
> CEO Dave Sumner, K1ZZ at 1-860-594-0303 or e-mail him at k1zz@...
> to request a replacement ballot be sent to you by First Class mail.
>
> +++ IBM enters BPL picture +++
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> As you may know, IBM has signed on to help International Broadband
> Electric Communications (IBEC) spread BPL throughout rural areas in
> several states. Admittedly, this came as somewhat of a surprise;
> however, it is not necessarily a bad surprise. Keep in mind that
> Amateur Radio's fight is not with BPL, per se. Our fight is against
> interference caused by poorly designed and operated forms of BPL. So
> far, the BPL systems used by IBEC do not operate on frequencies used by
> Amateur Radio.
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> IBM's arrival on the BPL scene has emphasized one thing. This is the
> potential value of ARRL's recent court victory over FCC and its
> ill-conceived rules for BPL. These rules would have given unlicensed
> devices supremacy over licensed operations in many instances.
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> As to the economic viability of BPL in truly rural America we can only
> wait and see. It would be great if IBM can come up with a
> commercially-useful system. What happens on the business side of the
> project is IBM's and IBEC's problem.
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> +++ Your ARRL dues at work for you +++
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> Recently, ARRL staff noticed the FCC had granted an experimental
> license to Digital Aurora Radio Technologies (DART) to operate
> experimental station WE2XRH in three ranges in the HF frequency
> spectrum. Transmissions from WE2XRH were to be as powerful as 100 kW
> and to result in an effective radiated power (ERP) of 660 kW. The
> station location would be in Delta Junction, Alaska.
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> Testing in the HF spectrum would not necessarily cause problems for
> Amateur Radio. However, when it was realized that DART had been
> granted the right to transmit in the upper 100 kHz (7.2-7.3 kHz) of the
> ham 40M band, the planned activity took on a different tone. The 7.0
> kHz-7.3 kHz band is clearly assigned in the US to the Amateur Radio
> service as sole user. Something was terribly wrong.
>
> ARRL swung into action and petitioned FCC to correct its error by
> revoking DART's privileges on 40. Happily, FCC quickly corrected the
> error and moved the DART operations out of the band. No amateur
> frequencies are threatened by Dart's planned tests.
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> +++ Results of poll on SOU and RC background checking +++
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> In the last issue of Words, I outlined the current status of the
> expired Red Cross-ARRL Statement of Understanding (SOU; formerly MOU).
> I also briefly reviewed the situation regarding the background checking
> demands being made by Red Cross. Finally, I asked you to go to the
> Great Lakes Division web site and participate in a single question
> opinion poll on the topic.
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> The question asked in the poll was: "Do you favor ARRL signing a new
> Statement of Understanding with American Red Cross (RC) before RC drops
> its demand that amateurs agree to submit to credit checks and manner of
> living checks? Criminal checks will remain."
>
> The results of the 273 responses to the poll are:
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> Yes = 13 or 5% of respondents (pursue a new SOU without regard to the
> status of RC background checking demands).
>
> No = 260 of 95% or respondents (do not pursue a new SOU before the
> background checking demands are changed).
>
> Thanks to the members who participated. You provided me with useful
> information.

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> +++ SW Ohio Digital Symposium +++
>
> The annual Southwest Ohio Digital & Technical Symposia provide
> considerable information into operating digital modes in a manner that
> is useful to the digi-enlightened as well as those of us who are less
> knowledgeable in these modes. It is essentially inevitable that
> digital operation will become increasingly used in Amateur Radio, just
> as it was inevitable that SSB would come to be the principal form of
> voice communications vs. AM on HF.
>
> Whether one enjoys phone, RTTY or CW, the use of digital modes will
> become increasingly popular in the future. This could be in the form
> of digital phone, PSK 31, Winlink 2K, D-link or other successful
> modes.
>
> The 23rd annual symposium will be held in Thesken Hall on the Miami
> University Middletown Campus, Middletown, OH on January 10, 2009.
> Papers to be presented at the symposium are solicited. Topics are wide
> ranging, from "how-to" articles concerning digital modes, to
> construction projects for transceivers. A sampling of what was
> presented last year is on the web at http://www.swohdigi.org. Please
> contact Jay Slough, K4ZLE (gungho@...) with topics you would
> like to present or to see presented, as well as general comments.
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> +++ String of dits QRM solved +++
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> In a perfect example of inter- and intra-organization cooperation, the
> source of a continuous string of dits transmitted on the 40 meter band
> was located and resolved. The offending signal was reported to HQ by
> an amateur in North Carolina one recent morning. This brought the crew
> into action.
>
> The folks at HQ contacted the FCC's HFDFing station and requested the
> general location of the transmission if the staff there could spare the
> time. The report came back that it was coming from a suburb of
> Columbus, OH.
>
> Ohio Official Observer Coordinator Rick Swaim, KK8O, was notified of
> the problem and volunteered to tackle the task of locating the source
> and getting it turned off. Unfortunately, no one in the vicinity of
> the transmitting site was able to hear the dits the rest of this first
> day. The next morning the signal was readily heard throughout the
> area.
>
> Rick contacted Ohio Assistant Section Manager, Bill Carpenter, AA8EY
> for assistance. Bill lives in the area from which the signal was
> coming. Together, Bill and Rick in their respective cars found the
> source of the dits and were able to turn the transmitter off.
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> No one knows for certain what caused the transmissions. However, the
> owner of the station had left the transmitter on when he left for work.
> He operated CW and uses a set of paddles with a keyer. No one --
> except the pet cat -- was at home when the long series of dits were
> transmitted. This leaves everyone involved believing the cat somehow
> pushed against the paddle to activate the transmitter.
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> With the only suspect in this case being the cat, does this make it a
> possible feline felon? Will we soon have FE1INE join K9DOG on the
> bands?
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> +++ QSL Bureau web site changed +++
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> Our 8th Area Incoming QSL Bureau Manager, Jay Slough, K4ZLE, has been
> doing a tremendous job since he accepted appointment to this position.
> Not only has he been managing the Bureau, but he took over care and
> feeding of its web site. Being Manager is a big job, itself. Doing
> both tasks is . . . well . . . too much. A change was appropriate.
>
> Effective immediately, Great Lakes Division Webmeister Gary Osborne,
> W8XS has accepted responsibility for maintaining the Bureau's web site.
> The site has been moved to
> http://www.greatlakes.arrl.org/gldburo.html. If you do not store this
> link, simply go to the Great Lakes Division web site
> (http://www.greatlakes.arrl.org/index.htm), click on Links in the
> header bar and click on 8th Call QSL Bureau on the link page. Gary and
> Jay will work together to keep the site as up-to-date as practical.
>
> If you have questions concerning DX cards that come in through the
> Bureau you will find a list of Letter Managers and their contact
> information on the site. You will also find hints and rules concerning
> use of the Bureau there as well.
>
> Thanks to Jay and Gary for making this change. Thanks to Jay for
> iron-manning the two tasks up to this time.
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> While I'm at it, I would like to give a big thank you to each of the
> Letter Managers who work so hard with Jay to make the 8th Area buro a
> huge success.
>
> One of the biggest issues I see from my contact with amateurs who
> express dissatisfaction with the Bureau is that they generally have no
> understanding how the Bureau works and what they need to do to use it
> effectively. I encourage all amateurs who DX, whether new or seasoned,
> to review the rules and guidelines of Bureau operation that are found
> on or linked to the 8th Area QSL Bureau site. These discussions
> provide a good summary of what us individual DXers need to do to
> receive cards through the Bureau, and what the Bureau workers can be
> expected to do to make your cards available for you to obtain.
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> The Bureau operates in much the same way as most phases of life. You
> need to put something into it to get something out of it. In this
> instance, each DXer needs to provide self-addressed envelopes and
> postage to the correct person at the Bureau to receive QSLs from the
> Bureau.
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> +++ Is ARRL worth the dues? +++
>
> I occasionally hear complaints that the annual dues for ARRL are simply
> too high. Obviously, as much as I'd like to be able to vote in favor
> of reducing them to $10 or $15 per year, I don't agree with the
> complaint. When one considers what each member receives for the $39
> typical dues, the price is fairly low. Let's take a look at this.
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> I've subscribed (i.e. paid for the magazine) to CQ Magazine for many
> years. It's a nice magazine. The guys and gals associated with it put
> on a few on-air activities and publish a few items to help make Amateur
> Radio more interesting. I generally support what is done by the CQ
> gang; however, when I compare what the CQ $36 annual subscription rate
> with the annual ARRL dues of $39, it is like comparing a small piece of
> mint candy with Forrest Gump's box of chocolates. There is no
> comparison.
>
> With ARRL, one does not subscribe to QST. Instead we receive it as one
> of the benefits of membership. What we do is join ARRL, the
> organization -- an organization that represents Amateur Radio in the
> legislative and regulatory processes at the state, federal and
> international levels; an organization that fights against attacks on
> Amateur Radio frequencies and rights by non-government organizations,
> and fights for the rights and success of our great service; an
> organization that provides technical consultation and evaluation of
> amateur and non-amateur equipment; and organization that helps us learn
> to develop the skills to build certain of our own equipment; an
> organization that developed and supports the most effective, nationwide
> Amateur Radio emergency communications service available; an
> organization that developed and sponsors the most coveted Amateur Radio
> on-air awards in existence; and an organization that publishes some of
> the best electronics manuals and handbooks, and how-to books in the
> field today.
>
> In my opinion, membership in ARRL is a steal at a mere $39 per year.
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> Tentative Schedule:
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> 21 Nov: (Noon) Deadline for return of ballots; ballots counted
> 22 Nov: (By end of day) Candidates notified of election results
> 22 Nov: Administration & Finance Committee, Newington, CT - Jim
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> 2009
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> 1 Jan: (Noon) New terms of Director and Vice Director begin
> 10 Jan: SW Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium, Miamisburg, OH - Jim
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> Jim, K8JE
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> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
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4671. KLM KT34 parts needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-18 00:29:58 UTC
From: n8mus
Topic: 4671 Message: 4671

Help! need one element for KT34A hf beam. Missing front driven element but since each element is basically the same would be happy to get any parts you may have! n8mus@... or 231-828-5520 How much?

73

Jon

4672. 2M Yagi for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-18 01:04:41 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4672 Message: 4672

I have a 2 meter 10 element yagi for sale. $45.00. It is assembled but is on the ground. Anyone interested let me know. Can send picture if you like.

reason for selling
I currently have a 10 el cross yagi up and have no use for the one I am selling.

4673. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-18 22:17:59 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 37 Message: 4673

Greetings Michigan Amateurs:

This month I am going to deviate a little from the usual general news format
to a more directed piece of information. We have an ARRL Section level appointment called the Official Emergency Station (OES). It is defined at: http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/oes.html. Michigan currently has 13 hams appointed to this position. The appointment has been in the Field organization for many years. However, despite several attempts, it has not been successfully promoted.

To better promote the OES functions, the SEC, DECs and I met in 2005 and drafted some added guidelines for the holders of this position. Those were
then attached to the referenced guidelines. They are: "For Michigan Section
Appointees, the following provides additional detail and clarification to the
appointment requirements and qualifications:

"A Station/Club applying for the position of OES shall be capable of operations without a commercial power source for a period of 8 hours. (Applicants will need a verifiable alternative power source whether it is batteries or a generator or other form of alternative power.)

"Appointees shall be capable of transmitting and receiving on applicable bands in line with their function assignment and respective license class. As a minimum, phone operation is required with CW and Digital forms of communications being highly desirable.

"Appointees shall file monthly SAR (Station Activity Reports) with the SM and
the local EC.

"Participate yearly in the Michigan SET.

"Participate yearly in at least 2 Public Service Events

"Appointees shall maintain a normal liaison with one of the recognized NTS Traffic Nets in Michigan (Defined as participation in two nets monthly as reflected both in the SAR and station records.)"

These guides are not intended to be overly strict, but to more clearly define
the basics of the position. The functions and duties of each OES are to be set by agreement between the OES and his local EC. As an example, the OES could serve as the local net's manager, or operate the group's web page, or

be an assigned liaison to a served agency. Like all ARRL Field appointees, each OES is to file a report on a monthly basis.

There are very few OES stations who appear to be active. So here are some of the items to be considered: Is the appointment valid? Shall we consider altering the qualification requirements? Shall we give time for the local ECs to promote the position? Shall we close the position to new appointees and remove the position from service? At the meeting of Michigan ECs Saturday November 13, these options were presented and a consensus was established to establish a 6 month period and allow our ECs across the state
to promote the position with their local organizations. If this meets with success, we will keep the appointment in the organization structure. So this
is a heads up to all interested parties as well as ECs and DECs. This is an
appointment to give recognition to your team members, it need to be utilized.

Back to the news: Dan Romanchik KB6NU has served the hams of the Michigan
Section very well for the past several years as our Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC). Dan has decided it is time to pass the torch and Scott Bicknell W1BIC has accepted the post as our new ACC. Scott's plans for our work with clubs are exciting and I look forward to his getting entrenched with the new post and bringing his plans to all of our Michigan ham clubs. Of course, Dan will remain busy with his blog, the ARROW Club in Ann Arbor, the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum plus a few other ham-related projects. Thanks
Dan, for your efforts and best wishes for continued success.

Station Activity Reports (SARs) for October, 2008: WB9JSR 680, AC8AR 350, K8LJG 227, AB8SY 210, KC8MLD 156, K8KV 151, W8RNQ 150, K8RDN 146, KD8AAD 127,
K8AMR 124, K8AE 88, KD8FNN 72, WB8RCR 57, KD8HPF 47, WD8USA 29, WA8OOH 10, KC8NTE 9, KC8BMV 6, KC8ZGB 3, AB8WF 2, KC8LXS 2, KC8RTW 2.

Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHRs) for October, 2008: KC8NTE 554, WB8RCR 272, WD8USA 169, AC8AR 125, K8AMR 120, W8RIT 112, WB9JSR 110, K8RDN 105, K8AE 100, K8KV 80, AB8SY 80, KJ8O 76, WF5X 70, KE6YRC 70, KD8FNN 69, K8VFZ 67, KD8HPF 51, N8NTC 50, WD8JWM 50, N8ZSA 40, W8BHF 40, KA8PEH 40, K8ABZ 40, AK8I 40, KD8CMD 40, N8LBS 40, KD8GYY 40, KE8UD 40, KE8UM 40, KB8POD
40, N3BEL 40, N8GUZ 40, AB8JR 40, N8USP 30, W8HIU 20, KC8RTW 17.

Michigan ARES/RACES programs reported 5954 operator-hours for September, an
in-kind contribution of $107,832 to the citizens of our state. The NTS team
contributed 5489 Operator-hours for a $99,406 in-kind contribution to our citizens.

October OES reports arrived from KC8NTE.

Michigan nets reporting for September (in order of traffic count): UPN, WSSBN, GLETN, QMN, MiTN, SEMTN, MIVHFTN, NLEUP, Motor City, MACS, MiARPSC, Hiawatha, NMARES, Chelsea ARC, Knet County ARPSC.

All nets are encouraged to report and this especially includes your local ARES and RACES nets. Here is the way to way everyone know your net is alive
and active. To include your net's monthly activities, contact wb8rcr@.... Complete monthly net report details are at http://www.mi-nts.org/netreport.php.

PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR. You can access a simple
reporting form at: http://www.mi-nts.org/PSHR_entry.shtml to provide your reports to John. In all cases, reporting by radiogram is encouraged -- let's
keep the NTS busy. Packet messages can be routed to wb8rcr@...
and wa8efk@... .

73,

Dale WA8EFK

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
wa8efk@...

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4674. Defending the Future of Amateur Radio...NOW

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-19 01:06:29 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4674 Message: 4674

-----Original Message-----
From: ARRL Web site <memberlist@...>
Sent: Fri, 14 Nov 2008 10:34 am
Subject: Defending the Future of Amateur Radio...NOW

ARRL 2009 Spectrum Defense Fund
"QUICK" DONATE NOW: www.arrl.org/defense

November 2008
Dear ARRL Member, ARRL

Recently ARRL CEO Dave Sumner, K1ZZ asked for your support of the vital Spectrum Defense Fund at ARRL. If you have already responded, thank you. If not, here are some of the key reasons why your contribution is so important this year.

As you know, defending and enhancing amateurs' access to the radio spectrum is one of the most important missions of the ARRL.Together we have enjoyed many successes over the years. But despite exponential growth in the variety and number of radio frequency devices in the hands of consumers and businesses, we have managed to protect our bands and to add several new ones.
* Next March we will celebrate the full implementation of one of our greatest victories: the removal of high-powered international broadcasting stations from the heart of the 40-meter band–doubling the size of the worldwide 40-meter band and making this popular band more useful than it's been in 70 years!
* In 2007 the Amateur Radio Service earned its first low-frequency (LF) allocation, 135.7-137.8 kHz. However, here in the United States we must petition the FCC to implement the allocation.
* Our battle to give the Broadband of Power Lines problem the attention it deserves has been going on for six years. Last year the ARRL went to court to challenge the FCC. Guess what – we won! On April 25 the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit confirmed what the ARRL has been saying for years about how the FCC was handling the BPL interference issue: FCC prejudice tainted the rulemaking process. Andin July the Court went one step further, ordering the FCC to pay the ARRL more than $6,000 toward our costs in pursuing the appeal (the check arrived in September). The award affirmed that the ARRL substantially prevailed in its appeal. The Court's decision was a tremendous victory for radio amateurs and other licensed users of the radio spectrum.
It is only through the support of thousands of ARRL members and friends like you that we have managed to come this far. Together we can celebrate all that we have accomplished on the BPL front over the past six years!

But there is more work to do. BPL is still a challenge as we face another round of technical arguments. We must leave no room for these technical issues to be settled on anything other than technical grounds. There's more work to do!

And another WRC(World Radiocommunication Conference) lies ahead in 2011 – and preparations are already underway. Planning for WRC-11 has begun and there are important issues for Amateur Radio.

ARRL staff and volunteers are hard at work on your behalf, teaming up with International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) volunteers from around the globe to build the strongest possible case for Amateur Radio at WRC-11.

Your financial commitment to spectrum defense is vital to our ability to protect your access to radio spectrum. Your contribution of $100, $50 or $25 to the 2009 Spectrum Defense Fund now will provide the financial resources required for us to be vigilant and represent you as we face new challenges.

Sincere 73,

Mary Hobart, K1MMH
Chief Development Officer
P.S. Because you care about Amateur Radio, I hope you'll make the most generous contribution you can before November 30! Remember that your donation by mail, phone on or the web at www.arrl.org/defense is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

P.P.S. Recently the charitable giving provision of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 was renewed for 2008 and 2009. If you are age 70-1/2 this year you may contribute up to $100,000 directly to ARRL from your IRA or Roth IRA and may benefit from tax advantages. Your contribution can be directed to the Spectrum Defense Fund. As always, check with your financial and legal advisors to determine how you might benefit from this renewed opportunity. Thank you!

The national association for AMATEUR RADIO
225 Main Street, Newington, CT06111-1494USA

4675. VHF Homebrew Antenna questions.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-20 19:04:36 UTC
From: Jason B
Topic: 4674 Message: 4675

Hello All,

I have recently acquired another 2meter mobile rig and now I'm looking into putting an antenna on my roof for some home play.

Well, I have lots of questions.

I have been looking at 2 different designs, the J-pole and the Ground Plane. I've been trying to keep simple at the top of the list of requirements. I know a yagi would give a considerable amount of gain, but then the need for rotation and etc. Sticking with omni for simplicity sake. So...

The first design is the old stand-by SO-239 connector plate ground plane.
http://www.hamuniverse.com/2metergp.html

I have also been intrigued by the 300 Ohm Twin Lead J-pole design.
http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=9293
or
http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=5402

I've been mainly interested in the j-pole because I "think" I read somewhere that it could give about a 6db gain (over isotropic I suppose). I don't know how it will stack up versus the ground plane so any insight there would be welcomed. The problem with the j-pole is that I don't have any trees over my house so I have nothing convenient to lasso it to. I've been thinking about putting it inside a PVC pipe setup, but I'm a bit shy on the math to take into account the difference of the velocity factor of Air vs PVC pipe. Does it really matter that much?

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So, there it is...I'd welcome any questions, comments, or criticisms.

Thank you for any insight,

Jason Blakley
KI4VUO

4676. Re: [WestMichiganHams] VHF Homebrew Antenna questions.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-21 00:17:14 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4674 Message: 4676

I have used a j-pole for years. Have made packet contacts through the ISS
with it and a radio shack HTX242.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jason B" <rewire@...>
To: <WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com>; <k8daa@yahoogroups.com>;
<W8ZHO@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2008 2:04 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] VHF Homebrew Antenna questions.

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4677. Re: [WestMichiganHams] VHF Homebrew Antenna questions.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-21 07:01:24 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4674 Message: 4677

Greetings Jason -- I believe, without intending to be critical in any way, you are asking a "boxers vs. briefs" kind of question. Both of these antennas are omni directional vertical radiators and should both work well.

I prefer the ground plane design because I believe it is intuitively a more obvious design and easier to implement. Both are known to work well however. Moreover, I agree with your statement the only way you will know which one works better for you, it at your location, in your circumstances, is to build both and see. Neither one is expensive, and can be made from easily obtainable, inexpensive parts. Let us know how you come out.

Just My take...

Happy trails and 73. ---- Richards - K8JHR ----
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4678. Re: VHF Homebrew Antenna questions.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-22 05:04:40 UTC
From: n8mus
Topic: 4674 Message: 4678

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, Jason B <rewire@...> wrote:
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> Jason Blakley
> KI4VUO
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Jason,

I have a copper J pole out in my garage just sitting there if you want it you can have it. It worked fine for me. I attached a line to it and just pulled it up in a tree and could work repeaters from Holland to Ludington. I just put up a tower and picked up a Ringo Ranger 2 that is really just a Super J-pole design. Seems to work about the same as the J-pole in the tree. I've built alot of J poles and like the 1 to 1 match very broad banded, and they seem to get out as good as any other vertical antenna. If your just hitting local repeaters they have always done the job for me. Anyway I see your in Twin Lake and I am just 3 miles north so let me know if you want it.

73

Jon N8MUS

4679. Weaver's Words -- Election Results Special

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-22 14:25:23 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4679 Message: 4679

[Reply to k8je@...]

+++ KI4LA is re-elected Vice Director +++

To ensure as many members as possible have heard the news, incumbent Vice Director, Gary Johnston, KI4LA of Edgewood, KY has been reelected to his post for another three years in a very close, 3-candidate race. In addition to Gary, the candidates were former Kentucky Section Manager and current Division Legislative Action Chairman John D. Meyers, NB4K of Butler, KY and current Michigan Affiliated Club Coordinator Dan Romanchik, KB6NU of Ann Arbor, MI. Voting in this election ended at noon, November 21. The results of the vote count as reported on the ARRL web site were:

Gary Johnston, KI4LA = 1218
Dan Romanchik = 1205
John Meyers = 1155

Upon learning of the election results, I sent the following message by e-mail to the three candidates:

"Gentlemen,

"Congratulations to Vice Director Johnston for his re-election victory in the just-completed election (the counting machine is still warm as I write this). I look forward to the assistance of Vice Director Johnston during the coming three years as together we strive to further the interests of Amateur Radio, the ARRL and the Great Lakes Division. Congratulations also to Dan and John on their strong campaigns.

"Thanks to the three of you for the deep interest you demonstrated in the ARRL electoral process. It is through spirited competition such as you displayed that ARRL is assured of competent leadership in coming years. I feel confident that each of you will continue your leadership support of the League regardless of the precise form this will take.

"73,"

Thanks to each Division member who voted in the just-completed election. It is votes of members such as you that select each of the 15 directors on the ARRL Board of Directors. The directors determine ARRL policy. Vice directors perform services to support their respective divisions as requested by their director and fill-in for the director as necessary.

Directors and vice directors serve terms three years in length. The terms begin at noon on January 1 following the election. One-third of

the 15 directors and their associated vice directors are elected each year on a staggered basis. Director and vice director elections for the Central, Hudson, New England, Northwestern and Roanoke Divisions will be held in 2009.

Section Managers including Joe Phillips, K8QOE (OH), Dale Williams, WA8EFK (MI) and Jim in contrast serve for terms of two years.

73,

Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director
ARRL Great Lakes Division
5065 Bethany Rd.
Mason, OH 45040
E-mail: k8je@...; Tel.: 513-459-0142
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Members - The Reason ARRL Is!

ARRL Great Lakes Division
Director: James Weaver, K8JE
k8je@...

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Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from being sent to you.
-- webmaster@...

4680. Any Rohn 20G or 25G sections for sale out there?

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-24 20:24:56 UTC
From: Curt
Topic: 4680 Message: 4680

Looking for a few sections to buy. Whatcha got?

Curt, K8AI
Lowell, MI

4681. Garmin GPS 12XL Personal Navigator - For Sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-25 00:34:24 UTC
From: Steve Vander Hill
Topic: 4195 Message: 4681
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hello, I have a used Garmin 12XL GPS for sale; it comes with GPS unit, carrying case (black w/zipper), cigarette lighter plug power cable, lanyard, and owner?s manual. I am selling the unit to purchase a new dual-band HT, if you?re interested in the unit, please let me know. If you want we can arrange for you to play with it a few days to take it for a test drive. No reasonable offer will be refused, thanks.

Below is Garmin?s product description and attached is the Garmin PDF file on the unit.

Description:

When your idea of an outdoor adventure means getting way off the beaten path, you demand the most of yourself and your equipment. And when the time comes to head back to civilization, you'll enjoy the peace of mind that the Garmin? GPS 12XL has to offer.

The GPS 12XL is all about performance. It features a 12 parallel channel receiver for fast satellite aquisition and tight satellite lock ? even under tree cover. More than just an ultra-reliable receiver, the GPS 12XL is loaded with navigation information including 106 map datums and 7 grid formats, plus advanced orienteering features like user datum/UTM/and user grid formats to define your own map parameters. Store your position as one of 500 waypoints or add it to any of 20 routes. The proximity waypoint feature gives advanced warning of nearby hazards, while the position averaging function helps get the best fix possible.

Packed in a rugged case to handle tough conditions, the GPS 12XL uses an ergonomic rocker keypad for easy one-hand operation and features a user-friendly operating system to keep you on the move instead of pushing buttons. Four AA batteries provide up to 24 hours of use, and a variety of accessories can be added like an external antenna and mounting bracket. With the GPS 12XL, getting there won't be half the battle ? it'll be half the fun.

Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
Checked by AVG.
Version: 7.5.524 / Virus Database: 270.7.5/1698 - Release Date: 9/29/2008 7:25 PM

4682. Re: VHF Homebrew Antenna questions.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-25 15:11:10 UTC
From: Jason B
Topic: 4674 Message: 4682

Hello again all,

I just wanted to thank everyone for the interesting conversation and ideas. It never ceases to amaze me how much knowledge there is in our ?little hobby?. I was hoping that my question would stimulate some conversation and it sure did.

Out of the suggestions that I got, I think I?m leaning toward building the twin lead j-pole, and as soon as I can pick up some twin lead and get the time. I was even offered a copper-cactus style j-pole that I think I?m going to get and put up for a more permanent solution, but that?s not going to stop me from building and playing.

Some of the suggestions I got involved just hanging an antenna from the ceiling or taping it to the wall inside the house, unfortunately I practically live in a Faraday-cage. I have an older mobile home, and my cordless phone barely works through the walls. I have a mag-mount 5/8?s wave that I was playing with inside, but I couldn?t even hit the closest repeater with 45 watts. So, I'm definitely looking at the outdoor option.

I?m wondering if anyone in the Muskegon club would be interested in setting up an antenna build night or something at the clubhouse? Maybe along the lines of a pot luck. Bring in any kind of bits or misc parts that you?d be willing to share and donate to the pile. Or, if you don?t have any parts, maybe chip in a couple bucks or something and just play antenna builder for the night. Expertise can be shared, spare parts can be shared, and maybe have a couple of antenna analyzers or something on hand to help tune them up for the folks that don?t regularly have access to such equip? I think the benefits of such an event would be worth it. Plus you?d come away with an antenna or two, if everyone donated some bits to the pile.

Sounds like you guys down in Holland are already brewing something similar. If it wasn?t for the unpredictable weather and my odd work schedule I?d come join you.

Anyway, enough QRM from my keyboard lol.

Thanx for listening and thank you to all that replied.

73
Jason
KI4VUO

4683. jingle bell parade

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-25 21:07:53 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3704 Message: 4683

Hello All Sat Dec 6 2008 is the Grand Haven jingle bell parade the parade starts at 6:00 pm we will meet at 5:00pm at the Grand Haven public safety lot if you can help please dress warm and join us this event last aprox one hour contact Don kb8odb at kb8odb@... or John at kc8uny@...

4684. A few radios and stuff for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-29 00:28:07 UTC
From: Jeffs lists
Topic: 4684 Message: 4684

Thought I would give someone locally the first crack at this stuff as I'm cleaning / clearing stuff out that I'm not using: (Reply OFF LIST to jeff@...)

Icom Dstar 2820H with the GPS and data board.

All Purchased earlier this year:

Radio is 649.00

Data / GPS board is 329.99

Comes with The Programming / data cable And the software to program it from Icom.

I'm selling it all locally for 875.00

Its got maybe 2 total hours transmit time on it. Its an awesome radio, but I just don't use it enough to justify keeping it around.

Alinco DJ596 Dual Band Handheld - 100.00

Garmin Etrex Legend - 70.00

Byonics GPS2 Serial GPS with Power adapter 70.00 Used Once

Panasonic Tough book CF-28 rugged laptop

- DVD Drive

- Floppy Drive

- AC Power Supply

- Battery lasts about an hour

- Comes with Windows XP installed

- Touch Screen

Mobile "base" / lockable docking station additional 50.00 if you want it.

HP450 Mobile Printer with battery - 75.00

Itronix Go-book 250 rugged laptop Has windows XP installed. 100.00

Garmin GPS76 GPS unit 50.00

Note: EMAIL ME OFF LIST if you are interested. I will not respond to emails sent to the mail list (jeff@...). Also cash only, sorry no

checks and pick up only in Wyoming at my work cannot ship and cannot deliver due to work schedule.

4685. Re: [WestMichiganHams] jingle bell parade

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-29 17:26:26 UTC
From: FRANK TOWSLEY
Topic: 3704 Message: 4685

hi jon, i"d be glad to help, see you there// wa7vlh-frank

--- On Tue, 11/25/08, jtlr.fischer@... <jtlr.fischer@...> wrote:
From: jtlr.fischer@... <jtlr.fischer@...>
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] jingle bell parade
To: w8cso@yahoogroups.com, westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com, ocecwmsar@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2008, 4:07 PM

Hello All Sat Dec 6 2008 is the Grand Haven jingle
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Haven public safety lot if you can help please dress warm and join us this event
last aprox one hour contact Don kb8odb at kb8odb@sbcglobal. net or John at kc8uny@arrl. net

4686. NWS-Winter Weather Message

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-29 20:45:19 UTC
From: Jim Miller
Topic: 4686 Message: 4686

WSWGRR

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GRAND RAPIDS MI
332 PM EST SAT NOV 29 2008

...SNOW ON THE WAY FOR SUNDAY AND MONDAY...

.TRAVEL ACROSS LOWER MICHIGAN LATE SUNDAY INTO MONDAY WILL BE
IMPACTED BY A SNOW STORM. LOW PRESSURE MOVING ACROSS NORTHWEST
OHIO WILL BRING SNOW INTO SOUTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN BEGINNING
SUNDAY AFTERNOON. TRAVEL CONDITIONS WILL GET WORSE BY LATE
AFTERNOON AND EVENING AND THE SNOW SHOULD CONTINUE INTO MONDAY
MORNING. ACCUMULATIONS OF 6 INCHES OR MORE ARE POSSIBLE BY MONDAY
MORNING.

332 PM EST SAT NOV 29 2008

Winter Storm Watch... IN EFFECT FROM SUNDAY AFTERNOON THROUGH
MONDAY AFTERNOON...

A WINTER STORM WATCH FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF HEAVY SNOW WILL BEGIN
LATE SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND CONTINUE THROUGH MONDAY AFTERNOON.

EXPECT SNOWY ROADS AND LOWERED VISIBILITY BEGINNING LATE MONDAY
AFTERNOON. CONDITIONS WILL GET WORSE MONDAY NIGHT AS THE SNOW
CONTINUES AND TEMPERATURES DROP BELOW FREEZING.

THE SNOW WILL TAPER OFF TO SNOW SHOWERS BY MONDAY NIGHT. BY THAT
TIME... ACCUMULATIONS OF 6 INCHES OR GREATER ARE POSSIBLE.

A WINTER STORM WATCH MEANS THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT
SNOW...SLEET...OR ICE ACCUMULATIONS THAT MAY IMPACT TRAVEL.
CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE LATEST FORECASTS.

4687. RE: [WestMichiganHams] NWS-Winter Weather Message

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-29 21:24:01 UTC
From: Jeffs lists
Topic: 4686 Message: 4687

Just a note:

Graham Merrill KB8SEW run's some awesome email lists as a service to those of us big into the WX stuff.

Here is a direct link to his lists.

http://www.kb8sew.net/mailman/listinfo

Once again tnx Graham.

4688. Re: NWS-Winter Weather Message

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-30 13:43:51 UTC
From: Jim Miller
Topic: 4686 Message: 4688

Jeff-

Actually that's where I got this info from! hihi

73

Jim - w8jrm

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Jeffs lists" <lists@...>
wrote:
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> Just a note:
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> Graham Merrill KB8SEW run's some awesome email lists as a service to
those
> of us big into the WX stuff.
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> Here is a direct link to his lists.
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> http://www.kb8sew.net/mailman/listinfo
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> Once again tnx Graham.
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4689. Skywarn Recognition Day

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-11-30 21:41:32 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4689 Message: 4689

Hello All
We are still in need of some people for sign up for next weekend. Please go to the link below and sign up. Tom KB8VEE

If you've checked the Skywarn Recognition Day sign-up sheet lately,

http://www.kcraces.net/signup/srd.php

4690. jingle bell parade

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-01 23:11:01 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3704 Message: 4690

Hello all the grand haven jingle bell parade is sat dec 6 2008 the parade starts at 6:00pm anybody interested in helping contact Don kb8odb at kb8odb@... or John kc8uny at kc8uny@... to all that have all ready answered there and anybody that is helping there is a dinner at 4:00 pm in the training room of the grand haven public safety building with the briefing at 5:00 the dinner is sloppyjoes chips . if you dont make the dinner we will meet at 5:00 for the breifing thanks John kc8uny

4691. Jingle Bell Parade .. an evening event with lights and sound

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-02 00:31:40 UTC
From: Don Meyer - KB8ODB
Topic: 4691 Message: 4691

Hello Everyone .. I just wanted to invite you to help out with the Jingle bell parade in Grand Haven. This is one event that offers some interesting experiences, like watching a parade at night , the lights make the floats stand out and the sound and atmosphere with the snow make this an event you don't want to miss . Top that with a BBQ chips and salad at 4:00 before we start it is one of the best events we do in Grand Haven. It gives a chance to test your skills in the cold and at night all in one evening. So dress warm and come out to join us if you can and bring your family to watch the parade this coming Sat evening ..

Thanks to all that have helped out this past year for the events in the Tri-Citys everyone of them went great and could not have happened with out you

73 Don Meyer ☐ KB8ODB

kb8odb@...

4692. 110 VAC Generators for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-02 18:21:38 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4692 Message: 4692

I have two generators for sale. Both are small camping type units, and I've used each of them for Field Day and portable contesting. They are reasonably quiet. I've used them within 10 feet of an operating position without difficulty.

One is a 950 Watt 2 cycle 110 VAC with UST label.
It runs, puts out at least 950 watts.

The other is a 1200 Watt, 2 cycle 110 VAC with ETO label.
I haven't been able to get it to run, I gave up and bought the UST unit when it was on sale.

They originally sold for $99 each, at a local auto parts place. Though they are rated differently, they seem to be identical, both outside and inside, with only minor cosmetic differences. Thus, the non working one could be used for parts in case of difficulties with the working unit.

I will sell both (yes 2 generators) for $40.

If you want only the working unit, I will sell it to you for $60.

Note - the working unit alone is priced more than the two generators. I wish to not have a non working generator on hand, it would be totally useless to me.

Please contact me via return e-mail if interested.

73 de n8xx Hg

4693. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 110 VAC Generators for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-03 10:44:54 UTC
From: duane laponsie
Topic: 4692 Message: 4693
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

i SEE YOU GET UP EARLY AS DO I ;I AM GETTING READY TO GO TO
WORK I WORK IN ZEELAND I WOULD LIKE TO BUY THE GENERATORS.
ARE YOU NEAR HOLLAND ,ZEELAND I COULD PICK THEM UP BY FRIDAY/SATURDAY AS I WORK ALL WEEKEND AND I COULD
SLIP OUT ONE OF THOSE DAYS
OR MABEY IF YOR CLOSE YOU COULD BRING THEM BY THE POWER PLANT ON WASHINGTON,ON FRIDAY.
I WOULD PAY YOU FOR YOURE TIME AND GAS
DUANE, KD8ENN

-----Original Message-----
From: "Hank Greeb" [n8xx@...]
Date: 12/03/2008 05:36 AM
To: "West Michigan Hams" <westmichiganhams@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] 110 VAC Generators for sale

Note: Original message sent as attachment

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4694. Re: [WestMichiganHams] 110 VAC Generators for sale

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-03 10:49:42 UTC
From: duane laponsie
Topic: 4692 Message: 4694
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

SORRY MY CONTACT INFORMATION WAS MISSING
DUANE LAPONSIE
dlaponsie@excite.com
616-218-0305
KD8ENN

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4695. Tektronix 453 osilliscope for parts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-03 13:00:01 UTC
From: Tim Deater
Topic: 4695 Message: 4695
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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4696. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Tektronix 453 osilliscope for parts

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-03 14:39:19 UTC
From: steve Cowan
Topic: 4695 Message: 4696

Hi Tim,

If no one else has expressed a interest in the scope then I would like to take it. There is a member of my club that could help me get it running again.

Thank you and 73
Steve KD8DHZ

Tim Deater <kc8mse@...> wrote:
I have a tektronix 450 scope that I am never going to fix. It was working the day I got it, but the fan was not spinning and something inside, I think one of the high voltage caps cooked. It turns on, but does not get a trace.

For a while I was working with someone on finding the problem, and we had it narrowed down, but I cannot remember what the problem was, or find the contact information any more.

It is a really nice scope, I hope someone out there can use it. I hate to pitch it, but I am tired of looking at it. It is located in Fremont.

Tim
KC8MSE
kc8mse@...

4697. Photos of my 40 foot antenna mast

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-03 22:59:31 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4697 Message: 4697

I promised to send photos of my antenna mast to someone, but lost track of the email requesting it... Please reply if you are the one to whom I promised to send these photos. If not, please disregard same.

Sorry. ========== Richards - K8JHR =========

4699. Intruder Watch reports needed

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-04 17:48:20 UTC
From: n8xx@arrl.org
Topic: 4699 Message: 4699

From the DIAL Radio club, Middletown, Ohio reflector, but of interest to hams in Michigan as well

I can't look up the OO's in Michigan right now, but Carl is a good address.

73 de n8xx Hg

-----Original Message-----
From: Ernie Howard [mailto:erniehjr@...]
Sent: Wednesday, December 03, 2008 10:55 PM
To: Dial List; MVARBB; OH-KY-IN
Subject: [Dial] CW Intruder on 80 meters

Dial Radio Club email list
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ALERT.

All you CW guys take a listen on 80 meters and see if you can hear the intruder. This station is strong here, S-7 to S-9 at 10:30 pm. The station is presently on 3.5285 going strong at 25 words per minute. Each message is about 6 to 7 minutes long and starts with a preamble of "NR" then a number, the time and 1986. The time seems to be off, but does increment properly. Then it goes into 5 character coded groups.

This has been going on every evening since Monday. Earlier the station was on 3.6475.

Could this be Al-Qaeda??? Or just a wayward spy numbers station???

We may never know. Listen and wonder......

Report your observations to the ARRL intruder watch, Chuck Skolaut at cskolaut@...

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Ernie Howard - W8EH
Middletown, Ohio USA
w8eh@...

4700. ARRL/TAPR DCC Reviewed in Fall CQ VHF Magazine

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-05 23:40:18 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4700 Message: 4700
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

The Line of Sight (Message from the Editor) Column on page 4 of the Fall 2008 edition of CQ VHF magazine reviews the recent ARRL/TAPR DCC (Digital Communications Conference) in Chicago.

CQ VHF Editor, Joe Lynch, N6CL recognized TAPR President, Dave, VE3GYQ and TAPR Vice President, Steve, N7HPR for their leadership & the success of the DCC.

Kermit, W9XA & Mark, WB9QZB were recognized as local co-hosts of the ARRL/TAPR DCC coordinating local logistics & publicity.

Ron, K9IKZ was recognized for the fantastic A/V equipment deployed at the DCC as well as at the W9DXCC conference the prior weekend.

Gary Pearce, KN4AQ of Amateur Radio Video News and a former Chicago area native recorded the entire DCC and plans to make available a set of DVDs of the presentations. Although not mentioned in the column, Greg, N9CHA assisted Gary as a cameraman recording the presentations.

Due to the success of this year's DCC it is returning to Chicago again next year, 2009. A factor in this decision was the A/V eqiupment supplied by Ron.

You can learn more about CQ VHF at http://www.cq-vhf.com/

You can learn more about the DCC at http://www.tapr.org/dcc.html

Look foward to seeing many of you at the DCC in 2009.

73, Mark, WB9QZB
Chicago, IL

4701. Skywarn req web site

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-06 03:31:24 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4701 Message: 4701

Check it out

http://www.crh.noaa.gov/hamradio/index.php

4702. spyware software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-07 18:32:50 UTC
From: Jim KC8PCJ
Topic: 4702 Message: 4702

I am looking to replace my spyware software as the current program I an running seems to have slowed down my system. I am running win 2000 pro. Would like suggestions.

thanks JIm
KC8PCJ

4703. Re: [WestMichiganHams] spyware software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-07 18:42:50 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4702 Message: 4703

Jim try spybot Se works real well and it is free kc8uny

----- Original Message -----
From: Jim KC8PCJ
To: Undisclosed-Recipient:;
Sent: Sunday, December 07, 2008 1:32 PM
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] spyware software

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thanks JIm
KC8PCJ

4704. Re: [WestMichiganHams] spyware software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-07 19:14:51 UTC
From: Jason MacKay
Topic: 4702 Message: 4704

Jim, I use AVG it is also free. Jason KC8OVS

--- On Sun, 12/7/08, jtlr.fischer@... <jtlr.fischer@...> wrote:

From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net <jtlr.fischer@...>
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] spyware software
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sunday, December 7, 2008, 1:42 PM

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thanks JIm
KC8PCJ

4706. RE: [WestMichiganHams] spyware software

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-07 21:39:30 UTC
From: Jeffs lists
Topic: 4702 Message: 4706

Ditto on both suggestions

I use :

AVG on all the time (helps keep the nasty bugs away) - FREE

Spybot search and destroy - I run this every few days and I do no run the tea timer thing - FREE

Anvir - task manager - I run this every few days also.. (got this free from giveaway of the day which is a free software thing that gives free registered software once a day for 24 hours per title)

Spyware doctor - Once again I run it every few days.. (this is one I paid for)

Windows washer - This isn't a Spybot program, but it's a good way to get rid of all those "temp" files and remove potentially harmful cookies. (bought it)

Registry Mechanic - this isn't really a Spybot program, but it is something that has saved my bacon a few times. It will make a back up of your registry for you. And it cleans out registry files that are no longer needed / or incorrect in your system. - This is a paid software.

Why is your registry important you might ask when it comes to spyware? Very simple.. Some nasty critters can crawl into it. With or without your permission. Once they are there. It's very difficult to get them out unless you know how to work in the registry. You can screw it up very easily also. (trust me.. I've done it)

I know it sounds like a lot of extra software.. But I spend so much time on my laptop that find it's nice to run it all once a week or so and just do a bit of "cleaning" . Sometimes I just set it to run before I go to bed and leave it go while I sleep so it's done in the morning.

It's also about being careful where you go and such..

Hope this helps

Just my experience and your mileage may very when it comes to it..

Jeff - N8JSN

4707. Tube Tester

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-10 14:13:04 UTC
From: Ross
Topic: 4707 Message: 4707

Is there someone in West Michigan that has a tube tester? I have a 1920 era Sear Radio that quit working and I suspect it is probably one of the tubes.

Or is this anyone who would be willing to do some diagnostics on it?

I saw a tube tester at the Holland swap meet in October, but I didn't pay much attention to it or the person that had it there.

Ross
N8GMY

4709. Digital TV participation

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-10 22:43:11 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4709 Message: 4709

To All Clubs and Hams

From ARRL Headquarters and the Michigan Section Manager.
Special attention: RADIO CLUBS

Earlier this week, the ARRL received a request from the FCC asking that ARRL members provide technical educational assistance to their communities concerning the FCC-mandated digital television (DTV) conversion scheduled for February 17, 2009.

According to ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, Amateur Radio clubs across the country are being asked to develop and implement plans to provide information throughout January and February about the DTV conversion in their areas. The FCC is leaving it up to the clubs to decide how to do this, as local groups understand the communities in ways that the FCC does not. Each community is a little different, Pitts said, so plans carried out by the clubs will vary from community to community. Interested groups should contact their ARRL Section Manager.

Pitts stressed that hams should not make "house calls," sell any equipment or do actual installations; the request is only to distribute technical information and FCC materials. He commented: "As we all know, some folks just never get the message until too late. Materials for presentations, education and many other activities are available online. Beginning early January, FCC staff will contact Section Managers and leaders of interested clubs and, where possible, arrange to meet to share even more information, audio, visual and printed materials, as well as and training aids, with the clubs involved this effort. We know the time is short, but your aid in this now will be appreciated."

Now to the specifics for all Michigan ham clubs:

Please review the full announcement at:
http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/12/10/10499/?nc=1

Discuss the implications for your club. This can be an excellent PR opportunity. Consider your available resources and assemble a team to evaluate your participation. Should your club desire to participate, please prepare the contact information and email it to me before December 27th. wa8efk@...

I will need the following contact information only: Club Name, Club location, Club Contact person's name, call, address, telephone number, and e-mail address. This will be loaded into a spreadsheet and sent to the FCC.

The club will then be contacted by the FCC and set up to receive PR material from the Commission along with handouts and training aids. I will also emphasize, at no time is anyone to enter someone's home or install equipment. That opens the door to too much liability.

This deadline is short, action is needed immediately.

73

Dale WA8EFK

ARRL Michigan Section
Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
wa8efk@...

This message is being sent to you via the ARRL Members Only Web site.
If you do not want to receive further messages, go to the site at:
http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1
Log in with your username and password and change your email options.
Unchecking the "News and information from your Division Director and Section Manager" box will prevent messages such as this one from being sent to you.
-- webmaster@...

4710. 10 meter contest this weekend

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-11 00:27:31 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 4710 Message: 4710

ARRL 10 Meter Contest Means HF Fun for Technicians, Too! (Dec 8, 2008) -- This weekend brings an opportunity for Technician licensees to exercise their HF privileges and have fun at the same time. The ARRL 10 Meter Contest is set to begin at 0000 UTC on Saturday December 13 (this is Friday evening in the US) and runs through 2359 UTC on Sunday, December 14.

4711. Holland Amateur Radio Club General licensing class coming

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-11 00:38:00 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 4711 Message: 4711

For those who live close enough to Holland, the HARC will be offering General Class Class's:

Greetings All:

Upgrading your license to General gives you many benefits:

-additional frequencies to use,
-additional modes to operate,
-a chance to participate in contests and paper chasing,
-more technical skills in setting up your station,
-additional skills in building equipment and antennas.

The Winter class will be led by experienced Amateur Radio Operators. We hope you will join us.

When: Monday, January 5 through the end of February.

Where: the Ken Groom Technical/Training Center 280 E. 8th Ave. Holland Amateur Radio Club

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cost: Fee $20 and book $20

To reserve a seat and to order a book, call:

Ed, KF8EV 616-772-4811
or e-mail kf8ev@... <mailto:kf8ev%40arrl.net>

Tom Bosscher K8TB

4712. Need help launching antenna support lines in trees - Lowell

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-12 19:46:24 UTC
From: Curt
Topic: 4712 Message: 4712

I think I'll need some help getting a couple lines over the top of a couple trees. Any volunteers out there with a bow/arrow launcher, etc.? I'd appreciate it.

Curt, K8AI
Lowell

4713. Sgt.Preston run--Muskegon State Park

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-12 21:50:24 UTC
From: FRANK TOWSLEY
Topic: 4713 Message: 4713

Happy Holidays to all, well it"s that time of the year, time to frolic in the cold white snow and communicate. The run is again at 11.00 am January 1,09 at the state park.Assembly will be at the blockhouse parking lot at 10.15 am for assignments. The freq will be 147.220--94.8 tone. The Co.motorhome will be the location of net control. We would appreciate any and all help for a successful run.Please call 722-8264 if you can particapate.

WA7VLH--Frank

4714. KLM kt34A WTB

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-13 04:24:49 UTC
From: n8mus
Topic: 4714 Message: 4714

Still looking for a KT34A Has anyone got one they would want to part with?

Jon

n8mus@...

4715. WEAVER'S WORDS - Ho, Ho, Ho

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-13 12:52:17 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4715 Message: 4715

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- FCC requests help from hams
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- SW Ohio Digital Symposium - correction
- ARRL Strategic Plan - Member input requested
- Tentative schedule

+++ Former Division Director, ARRL President W4OYI SK +++

It is with great sadness that I report the death of George Wilson, III, W4OYI. George was a resident of Owensboro, KY. A long-time amateur, George previously held numerous ARRL appointments. He was elected Kentucky Section Manager, Vice Director and subsequently Director of the Great Lakes Division. He eventually became the first and only person from the Great Lakes Division to be elected ARRL President by the Board of Directors.

The George S. Wilson, III, W4OYI Award is given biannually at GLD Division conventions in honor of George's service to Amateur Radio. The award recognizes an amateur in this Division for lifetime achievement in Amateur Radio.

George served as ARRL President from January 1992 to July 1995. It was during a trip to Washington, DC on behalf of ARRL that George suffered a near-fatal stroke. A true fighter, he survived the stroke, but was left totally paralyzed on his left side. Although he was unable to maintain an active public life, he was fully alert and kept his great interest in Amateur Radio. He was active in the Owensboro Amateur Radio Club, Owensboro, KY. George died November 25.

Those who knew George knew him as an excellent person and an outstanding ham. I knew him also as a sharing and knowledgeable friend and advisor. He will be missed greatly.

George is survived by Marian, his wife of 51 years, by his children Berry and Jennifer, and by two grandchildren.

+++ Gary Johnston, KI4LA re-elected Vice Director +++

Current Great Lakes Division Vice Director Gary Johnston, KI4LA was re-elected to the Vice Director chair for another three years in a term that will begin at noon, January 1. Gary won a highly-contested race

over Michigan Official Club Coordinator Dan Romanchik, KB6NU and Division Legislative Action Chairman John Meyers, NB4K. Meyers is also former Kentucky SM. Gary edged Dan by a 13-vote margin and John by 63 votes in an election that saw 3578 votes cast. Gary served as Vice Director to former Director George Racer, WB8BGY. Gary served as director for six months after George resigned.

+++ Holy and Happy Holidays +++

Whether you celebrate Christmas or Chanukah or another holy or holiday period, the Director and Vice Director wish you and your families the very best. May you also have a very Happy New Year throughout 2009.

+++ FCC requests help from hams +++

By this time, most ARRL members have heard that the FCC asked the League to help in the coming conversion of analog TV (ATV) to digital TV (DTV). The Commission is concerned there will be problems during this switchover because a number of people may not understand how to connect the converter box or deal with some other aspect of the change. A number of such problems occurred when a trial switch to DTV occurred.

I will not discuss the rights or wrongs, if any, of the coming switchover. It is going to happen. I won't even discuss whether it was right or wrong of FCC to request help through ARRL. This, too, is a done-deal -- they've already asked. What I will discuss is watch-outs I suggest us who lending a hand may want to take to avoid the likelihood Amateur Radio ends up in hot water.

Many of us older hands remember public relations problems that occurred in the 1960s and 1970s when we tried to help with television interference (TVI) that was blamed on amateur transmissions. The answer to the TVI typically was to put a simple filter on the TV set in much the same way the DTV converter will be hooked up. A number of hams went to the length of obtaining these filters and installing them on neighbors' TV sets, trying to be good neighbors.

The problem was that a number of TV sets "went out" soon after filters were installed. Many owners of these sets blamed the hams for these failures -- never mind that the set was quite old and destined to fail soon.

A lesson from this situation soon became apparent. This is, "Though shalt keep thy hands off thy neighbor's TV set." Give them the filter, but have them install it themselves or let them have a TV technician do it.

The same could happen if we attach DTV converters to TVs. With a high percent of the sets that need converters being a few years old, we should not be surprised if a number of them fail shortly after a converter is attached.

The first rule I suggest anyone who helps out with the ATV to DTV project is to stay away from your neighbor's or a stranger's TV.

The second rule I suggest is to be certain that the instructions provided for connecting converters clearly indicates they come from the Federal Communications Commission of the US Government. These are not our instructions. We are relaying them at the request of the Federal Communications Commission of the US Government. Notice I did not merely say "the FCC." Too many people have no idea what the FCC is. In addition, many may not understand even what the Federal Communications Commission but "US Government" should be understood.

What we can take credit for is that we are taking the time and effort to help our fellow citizens. A few ways we can do this are to set up stands in shopping centers and stores where high volumes of people shop, give demos to church, civic and fraternal groups, or operate phone banks in conjunction with TV and radio stations to spread the FCC's instructions. TV stations having much to stake in the changeover and are taking the lead in publicizing "how to's" related to it, local clubs might find them willing allies in helping set up and publicizing demonstrations.

I understand the FCC will provide instructions to distribute to consumers and scripts for use over the telephone. These should clearly indicate the source of the information is the Commission. They merely ask us to volunteer time and in a way serve as parrots to distribute the information.

Provided we amateurs do not fall into the trap of being overly helpful or decide to show first hand how technically elegant we are, there should be very little chance this project will haunt us. Let the glory and problems (if any) go to the FCC.

Let us be fully satisfied to be known as good citizens who help our fellow citizens and our government when this is needed. So, feel free to put up signs stating who you are. Feel free too to talk to people about Amateur Radio and the technical advances we are making ourselves in digital and other communications, but stay away from taking credit for the service you are forwarding from the FCC.

This is my thinking about the project. If you choose to help with it, thanks. If you decide you cannot help, thanks for thinking about it.

+++ Remake of ARRL Internet facilities in progress +++

Some of you may have noticed that the Board of Directors approved a total remake of the League's Internet presence at our last meeting. As we approach the end of this year, the project is coming along nicely. Some improvements are visible. Others remain in the implementation stage and still others are in their relative infancy. We have contracted with Fathom for the project. Fathom provides web engineering for a number of major corporations, including their customer interface.

We expect the project will continue throughout 2009. Progress is going fairly well even though the last hurricane season necessitated Fathom to redirect much of its staff to repairing damage done to major clients in the stricken areas. When completed, the ARRL will be able to provide a number of new and exciting services to members and affiliated clubs.

> +++ Triple Play season to open +++
>
> It has nothing to do with the "hot stove league" or "fantasy baseball"
> or even "Tinker to Evers to Chance," but it should prove to be a lot of
> fun. What is it? It is the new Triple Play WAS Award that has just
> been unveiled by the ARRL. It refers to a new form of Worked All
> States (WAS) that begins January 1 and requires working three new WASs
> -- one each on phone, CW and RTTY/digital. QSOs for the Triple Play
> award must be submitted through Logbook of the World (LoTW) to receive
> credit. Paper QSLs are not accepted for this award.
>
> QSOs for the award must be dated no earlier than January 1, 2009.
> Three sets of confirmed QSOs with each of the 50 US states must be
> presented via LoTW for the award. All bands available to US amateurs
> may be used for the Triple Play with the exception of 60 M.
>
> Further details on the new award may be found at
> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/12/05/10490/?nc=1/
>
> One added major point is that US applicants for the Triple Play award
> must be members of ARRL.
>
> Happy hunting!
>
> (Tinkers to Evers to Chance? This was a phenomenal triple-play
> combination for the Chicago Cubs way back when! I'm showing my age
> even though I didn't know what baseball was while they were still
> playing!)
>
> +++ Cal Darula: Special Assistant to record youth programs +++
>
> Your director has appointed Calvin Darula, K0DXC Special Assistant to
> record youth programs in the Great Lakes Division. Cal moved to
> Southern Ohio from Minnesota where he was Assistant Section Manager for
> Youth. He lives in Jackson, OH where he attends school.
>
> The task Cal has accepted is to contact as many leaders as possible of
> youth programs in this Division during coming weeks. He will prepare a
> report on the activities the many clubs or schools offer to attract,
> educate and encourage young people to become active Amateur Radio
> operators. Section Managers Joe Phillips, K8QOE (Ohio), Dale Williams,
> WA8EFK (Michigan) and Jim Brooks, KY4Z (Kentucky) have agreed to
> facilitate Cal's efforts to contact the club officials.
>

> It is believed that developing the report and sharing it throughout the
> Division may provide valuable insights that will increase still further
> the results of our work to recruit and develop young amateurs. I
> encourage Division members to welcome Cal and to assist him in this
> important project.
>
> After being off-the-air for several weeks because of his move to Ohio,
> Cal is up and running with a full station. In addition to general
> operating, he is active in the ARRL, World Wide Young Contesters, FIST,
> NAQCC and SKCC.
>
> +++ ARRL Loyalty Awards +++
>
> The ARRL appreciates all of its members. Consequently, many years ago
> it set up a program to give special recognition to members who have
> shown particular loyalty to the League by maintaining continuous
> membership for specific lengths of time.
>
> Very nice award certificates are sent automatically to members who have
> had continuous membership for 50, 60, 70, 80 or 90 years. There is no
> charge for the certificates.
>
> Members who wish to have a more elegant award may request a very nice
> plaque. Unfortunately the current state of economics dictates that
> these plaques must be obtained at ARRL's cost to have them made plus
> the cost of shipping. The cost to ARRL for the plaques is $51.95.
> This price is pretty good when one considers that I recently paid
> nearly $35 to have a printed certificate covered with Plexiglas and
> tacked onto a not-extravagant wooden mounting board.
>
> If anyone has held continuous membership for one of the 10-year
> intervals listed above, please contact Mary Hobart, K1MMH --
> k1mmh@... -- or me
> -- k8je@... -- to check on your award. Please note that
> membership must not be interrupted by lapses if one is to be eligible
> for these awards.
>
> +++ SW Ohio Digital Symposium - correction +++
>
> I appear to have attempted to move the location of the SW Ohio Digital
> Symposium in my last e-letter. The correct location for it is Thesken
> Hall on the Miami University Middletown Campus, Middletown, OH as
> usual. The date is January 10, 2009. Thesken Hall is the first major
> building to the right of the drive into the campus. A parking lot is
> across the drive.
>
> The agenda of very interesting presentations at the Symposium has been
> set; however, anyone wishing to set up a demonstration in the exhibit
> area or to publish have a paper included in its published proceedings
> (a CD) is invited to contact Jay Slough, K4ZLE at

> gungho@....
>
> A sampling of what was presented last year is at
> http://www.swohdigi.org. Please send your ideas and suggestions to
> K4ZLE, gungho@...
>
> +++ ARRL Strategic Plan: Member input requested +++
>
> How many of you have heard -- even said -- that the ARRL leadership
> does not ask for the opinions and wishes of League members? Whether
> you have believed these earlier charges -- or not -- the ARRL Board of
> Directors wants your help as it develops a revised Strategic Plan to
> cover the coming several years. Yes, Uncle Hiram wants your input.
>
> The Board of Directors developed the current Strategic Plan of ARRL
> goals and objectives in special session in St. Louis several years ago.
> It was revised in 2006. It is time to revise this plan again to
> consider changes in society and technology that have occurred since the
> 2006 revision. It is intended that day two (Saturday) of the July 2009
> Board will be devoted to working on the new revision. The ARRL
> Executive Committee will tackle drafting revisions beginning in early
> 2009.
>
> All members are requested to contribute thinking to the coming
> revision. The mechanics of doing this are very simple. All one needs
> to do is to go to http://www.arrl.org/members-only/stratplan/. To read
> the current Plan, click on the link "The ARRL Strategic Plan" that is
> just below the opening paragraph on this site. Type your comments into
> the space provided here.
>
> The Strategic Plan is used by the Board and staff to maintain focus
> when establishing and pursuing policy and projects.
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> Tentative Schedule:
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> 2009
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> 1 Jan: (Noon) New terms of Director and Vice Director begin.
> 10 Jan: SW Ohio Digital & Technical Symposium, Thesken Hall, Miami
> U.-Middletown, Middletown, OH - Gary, Jim.
> 15 JAN: A&F Committee, Newington, CT - Jim.
> 16-17 Jan: Board of Directors meeting, Newington - Gary, Jim.
>
> A more complete schedule will appear in the next issue of Words. If
> you wish to have a member of the Division cabinet attend a meeting or
> hamfest/swap this year, please contact me at k8je@....
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> 73,
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> Jim, K8JE

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> ARRL Great Lakes Division
> Director: James Weaver, K8JE
> k8je@...
> ---
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4716. ham in a day class

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-14 22:21:47 UTC
From: jtlr.fischer@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 3887 Message: 4716

This years Noarc ham in a day class will be Jan 17 2009 at the Spring Lake Library starting at 8:30 am to 4:00 pm we will be using the Gordon West Tech manual we will revue the book from 8:30 to 3:00 with a break for lunch the lunch is provided by the noarc club and will be bbq and chips at 3:00 we will start the testing the test fee is 15.00 dollars the books are available at Tool Max or can be ordered from amateur radio supply (www.aesham.com) if interested contact John Fischer at kc8uny@... or 616-402-0665 after 3:00 .

4717. Monthly Michigan Section News Summary

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-17 01:15:25 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 37 Message: 4717

Greetings Michigan Amateurs:

Most everyone has now heard about the request the FCC has made of the radio clubs across the country to assist in the Digital Television Implementation Plan. In an E-mail sent December 10, I announced the plans to Michigan hams.
The results have been quite positive and we are building the list of clubs that have registered their interest. While we all harbor some concerns and must weigh the risks involved, the public relations opportunity is significant. This is an FCC-sponsored event; they are providing the guidelines and materials. We are here for our expertise and familiarity with our local communities. No ham is to install or provide a DTV converter. Several clubs are planning community meetings to offer recommendation from the FCC and answer questions and offer guidelines. The FCC is preparing presentation materials for use at gatherings such as this. Interested clubs must register with their Section Manager wa8efk@... before the deadline, December 27. Following the registration period, the listing of volunteer clubs will be forwarded to the FCC for their follow-up. The Commission will then contact each club and learn of the club's plans and work with them the implement the community contacts. The information requested from each club is as follows: club name, area served, contact person's name, address, phone number and e-mail address. This info should be sent to wa8efk@....
More of the program details are available at http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/12/10/10499/?nc=1.

The Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance held elections on December 10, 2008. The results are: President K8JX, Vice President KB8VOZ, Secretary WD8LGN and Treasurer W8MSK. The Branch County ARC recently held elections for the 2009 Officers at their November meeting. The results of that election are: President W8CSS, Sec'y/Treas KB8VWI, Board of Directors KC8RYF, WV?SS & NS8T.
The Central Michigan ARC elections results are as follows: President KD8HHK, Vice President K8RDN, Secretary KC8QZB, Treasurer WD8BCS, Directors W8ERV, KB8RAD, Under 22 Director KD8BOQ. Our congratulations go to these new leaders.

Was your club's net on the air this past month? Did your net's activity get reported in the Monthly Michigan Section NTS reports? http://www.mi-nts.org/netreport.php If your net is available to handle traffic (and most are), it should be posted here. Take advantage of this opportunity to list yourselves as available for public service and tell the world that your net is among those active in Michigan. Simply put, if you don't report it, it never happened! Well, perhaps that is a slight exaggeration, but many nets and their sponsoring organizations are not getting the PR they deserve. Here is a good method to keep your group visible.

Across our state, our Emergency Managers are providing enthusiastic support
of the ARES/RACES program. As discussed at the recent EC meeting in Lansing,
we are going to be forwarding our state's monthly ARES/RACES reporting data to all EMs beginning in 2009. This information has been reported to the state's Homeland Security/Emergency Management Division for several years. Now, our EMs will see first hand how much actual ARES/RACES volunteer time is
contributed at their local level and across the state each month. Emergency
Coordinator/RACES Radio Officers should be certain to file their monthly FSD
212 reports on time and start off 2009 with record-breaking reporting.

> Station Activity Reports (SARs) for November, 2008: WB9JSR 757, AC8AR
> 357,
> K8LJG 236, AB8SY 213, K8RDN 179, KB8AAD 128, KD8FNN 91, KC8MLD 80, K8AMR
> 78,
> K8AE 60, W8RNQ 55, KD8HPF 49, K8MFK 36, WB8RCR 24, WD8USA 19, KD8JJR 12,
> AC8AL 12, KC8NTE 6, AB8WF 5, WA8OOH 3, KC8BMV 2, KC8LXS 2.
>
> Public Service Honor Roll Reports (PSHRs) PSHRs for November, 2008:
> WB8RCR
> 267, AC8AR 210, K8RDN 175, KC8NTE 169, K8MFK 141, WB9JSR 125, K8AMR 121,
> WD8USA 104, K8AE 98, AB8SY 80, KD8FNN 73, AC8AL 64, KD8HPF 51.
>
> Michigan ARES/RACES programs reported 2803 operator-hours for November,
> an
> in-kind contribution of $50,761 to the citizens of our state. The NTS
> team
> contributed 2412 Operator-hours for a $43,690 in-kind contribution to our
> citizens.
>
> November OES reports arrived from KC8NTE, N8HA, and N8ZSA.
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> Michigan nets reporting for November (in order of traffic count): MiVHF,
> MiTN, QMN, TMMTN, UPN, WSSBN, SEMTN, NLEUP, Motor City, MACS, NMARES,
> Hiawatha, Kent County Red Cross, Chelsea ARC Net.
>
> All nets are encouraged to report and this especially includes your

> local
> ARES and RACES nets. Here is the way to way everyone know your net is
> alive
> and active. To include your net's monthly activities, contact
> wb8rcr@.... Complete monthly net report details are at
> http://www.mi-nts.org/netreport.php.
>
> PSHRs and SARs should be filed monthly with WB8RCR. You can access a
> simple reporting form at: http://www.mi-nts.org/PSHR_entry.shtml to
> provide
> your reports to John. In all cases, reporting by radiogram is
> encouraged --
> let's keep the NTS busy. Packet messages can be routed to
> wb8rcr@... and wa8efk@... .
>
> As always at this time of year, Judy and I send our very best greetings
> to
> you and your families. Enjoy these holidays. May this season bring
> renewed
> hope and happiness to everyone.
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> 73,
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> Dale WA8EFK
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> ---
> ARRL Michigan Section
> Section Manager: Dale R. Williams, WA8EFK
> wa8efk@...
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4718. Ten Tec Triton vfo WTB

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-17 04:09:41 UTC
From: n8mus
Topic: 4718 Message: 4718

Looking for VFO and any other Accessories for Triton 4 Series Ten Tec rig.

Thanks

Jon n8mus@...

4719. Winter Storm Watch

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-17 16:28:55 UTC
From: Jeffs lists
Topic: 4719 Message: 4719

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4720. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Storm Watch

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-18 03:21:45 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4719 Message: 4720

Perhaps a snowfall net event? JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Jeffs lists <lists@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, 17 Dec 2008 11:28 am
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Storm Watch

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4721. RE: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Storm Watch

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-18 03:37:16 UTC
From: Jeffs lists
Topic: 4719 Message: 4721

How about Friday on the 5.27 Joe? Will you be around to run it?

From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of wd8usa@...
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2008 10:22 PM
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Storm Watch

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<http://toolbar.aol.com/aolradio/download.html?ncid=emlweusdown00000013> Listening Now!

4722. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Storm Watch

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-18 03:41:38 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4719 Message: 4722

Yep! With the projected heavy snow fall I ain't going any where! JB

-----Original Message-----
From: Jeffs lists <lists@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, 17 Dec 2008 10:37 pm
Subject: RE: [WestMichiganHams] Winter Storm Watch

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4723. Snow fall net. Friday 12/19/2008 6:00 PM 145.27/R

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-18 04:00:09 UTC
From: Jeffs lists
Topic: 4719 Message: 4723
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

So everyone.. Pass the word. Snowfall Net on 145.27/r Friday night 6:00 PM. Lets give the NWS a bunch of solid reports of what this storm does to the area.

If for some reason you cannot make it. Call the 800#. (which I can’t seem to find right now)

How to measure snow from http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grr/coop/howto/measuresnow/

How to Measure Snow

The following procedures were developed from previous National Weather Service procedures and input from a broad array of expertise from climatologists, snow specialists, weather observers, and data users. Some of the materials have been extracted from "The Snow Booklet" by Nolan J. Doesken and Arthur Judson, CSU, 1996).

It is essential for all observers to understand the importance of taking standard measurements in the prescribed consistent manner. Inconsistent observing and reporting methods result in incompatible data which can result in profoundly incorrect differences between stations and observers.

Each season before the first snows come: Review these instructions for measuring snow. It is easy to forget what needs to be measured, especially in those parts of the country where snow falls infrequently.

· At the beginning of each snowfall/freezing season, remove the funnel and inner measuring tube of the eight-inch manual rain gauge to expose the 8-inch diameter overflow can so that it can more accurately catch frozen precipitation.

· Put your snowboard(s) out and mark their location with a flag or some other indicator so they can be found after a new snowfall. They should be located in the vicinity of your station in an open location (not under trees, obstructions, or on the north side of structures in the shadows).

· Check your gauge to make sure there are no leaks. If there are leaks, take appropriate action.

· Once your equipment has been readied for winter you are prepared for taking snowfall measurements.

Observers should determine three values when reporting solid precipitation. They are:

1. Measure and record the snowfall (snow, ice pellets) since the previous snowfall observation

2. Determine the depth of snow on the ground at the normal observation time

3. Measure and record the water equivalent of snowfall since the previous day's observation

Measure and record the greatest amount of snowfall that has accumulated on your snowboard (wooden deck or ground if board is not available) since the previous snowfall observation. This measurement should be taken minimally once-a-day (but can be taken up to four times a day, see note below) and should reflect the greatest accumulation of new snow observed (in inches and tenths, for example, 3.9 inches) since the last snowfall observation. If you are not available to watch snow accumulation at all times of the day and night, use your best estimate, based on a measurement of snowfall at the scheduled time of observation along with knowledge of what took place during the past 24 hours. If you are not present to witness the greatest snow accumulation, input may be obtained from other people who were near the station during the snow event. If your observation is not based on a measurement, record in your remarks that the "snow amount based on estimate".

Remember, you want to report the greatest accumulation since the last observation. If snowfall occurred several times during the period, and each snowfall melted either completely or in part before the next snowfall, record the total of the greatest snowdepths of each event and enter in your remarks "snowfall melted during the OBS period". For example, three separate snow squalls affect your station during your 24 hour reporting day, say 3.0, 2.2, and 1.5 inches. The snow from each event melts off before the next accumulation and no snow is on the ground at your scheduled time of observation. The total snowfall for that reporting 24-hour day is the sum of the three separate snow squalls, 6.7 inches, even though the snow depth on your board at observation time was zero. Snow often melts as it lands. If snow continually melts as it lands, and the accumulation never reaches 0.1 inches on your measuring surface, snowfall should be recorded as a trace (T) and record in your remarks that the "snow melted as it landed".

It is essential to measure snowfall (and snow depth) in locations where the effects of blowing and drifting are minimized. Finding a good location where snow accumulates uniformly simplifies all other aspects of the observation and reduces the numerous opportunities for error. In open areas where windblown snow cannot be avoided, several measurements may often be necessary to obtain an average depth and they should not include the largest drifts. In heavily forested locations, try and find an exposed clearing in the trees. Measurements beneath trees are inaccurate since large amounts of snow can accumulate on trees and never reach the ground.

If your daily schedule permits, you may wish to make a snowfall observation every 6-hours, beginning with your regularly scheduled time of observation. This is the procedure followed by NOAA's National Weather Service Forecast Offices. Follow the same rules for a once-a-day observation, but the snow accumulation reported will be the greatest for the previous six hours instead of 24 hours. If you take your observations at this frequency, make sure that you clear your snowboard (or other measuring surface) no more than once every 6 hours. Record the frequency of observations during the day in the comments section of your report. Never sum more than four, six-hourly observations to determine your 24 hour snowfall total. If you use more than four observations, it would falsely increase snowfall totals.

Freezing rain (glaze ice) should never be reported as snowfall. This precipitation type is liquid precipitation and should be reported as such.

1. Determine the total depth of snow, ice pellets, or ice on the ground. This observation is taken once-a-day at the scheduled time of observation with a measuring stick. It is taken by measuring the total depth of snow on exposed ground at a permanently-mounted snow stake or by taking the average of several depth readings at or near the normal point of observation with a measuring stick. When using a measuring stick, make sure the stick is

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-18 07:38:23 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 37 Message: 4724

The ARRL site says the FCC is using this to

"usher in a new era of advanced wireless services
such as the widespread deployment of wireless broadband."

What does this mean?

================ K8JHR ================================

Tom VanderMel KB8VEE wrote:
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-18 12:02:18 UTC
From: Tom VanderMel KB8VEE
Topic: 4719 Message: 4725
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-18 16:34:17 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4719 Message: 4726

You may also pass the information along on the Michigan VHF Traffic Net and the QMN Net. Both have a NWS Liaison that will pick up the traffic and report it to the NWS.

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Tom VanderMel KB8VEE" <kb8vee@...> wrote:
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-19 03:06:00 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4727 Message: 4727

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Space Bulletin 009 ARLS009
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington, CT December 18, 2008
To all radio amateurs

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The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) team is currently celebrating the silver anniversary -- 25 years -- of Amateur Radio operations from space. According to ARISS International Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, the crew on the International Space Station (ISS) has configured the radio to support cross-band repeater operations. They have also supported some SSTV downlinks and participated in a special test of 9600 baud packet radio operations on the simplex frequency of 145.825 MHz. After December 19, Bauer said he expects the ISS ham radio system to be on the 145.825 MHz frequency supporting 1200 baud packet. If PCSAT is configured during the week, he said double hop APRS is possible.

"During the week of December 21-26, we plan to support the cross-band repeater mode with a twist," Bauer said. "Our intent is to configure the radio for 145.99 MHz uplink -- including CTCSS tone of 67.0 and 437.80 MHz down. This will be performed in low power mode. We should also note that an extra-vehicular activity (EVA) is planned for that week -- Expedition 18 Commander Mike Fincke, KE5AIT, and Flight Engineer Yury Lonchakov, RA3DT, plan to perform a spacewalk on December 22. As per standard procedure, the ISS ham radio system will be turned off for the EVA."

Bauer said that from December 28-January 3, the cross-band repeater will be reconfigured for what he called "a special experiment. This will be a test of our L-Band uplink capability, which, to date, has not been proven out. Plan for an uplink of 1269.65 MHz and a downlink on the standard frequency of 145.80 MHz, using low power," he said. "Given the substantial cable losses of the L-band system, we hope some 'big guns' are able to penetrate through, keep up with

Doppler and make the connection."

A special certificate is being developed for those who communicate with the ISS from November 30, 2008 to January 15, 2009. This certificate will be awarded to those who have had two-way communications with the ISS on voice, packet (APRS) or through the voice repeater. Those who hear the ISS from space in any of the ARISS operations modes -- voice, SSTV, school contact, voice repeater or digital - will also be eligible to receive a certificate.

To receive the certificate, Bauer said to note the ARISS mode of operation (such as SSTV, voice or school) on your QSL and whether the contact was one-way (receive only) or two-way. "You should send your self-addressed, stamped envelope to the normal ARISS QSL volunteer distributor in your area of the world," he explained. "On the outside of the QSL envelope, please include the words '25th Anniversary Certificate.' Make sure your envelope is big enough to accept an 8.5 x 11 inch certificate and includes the proper postage."

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"We will be sending your certificate to the volunteer distributors in bulk after the event is over," Bauer said. "This saves workload and money. So do not expect to see it until 1-2 months after the event closes on January 15." Bauer reminded hams that due to ISS flight requirements related to spacewalks and vehicle activity, the radio onboard the ISS may be off for some portion of this schedule. School contacts and general QSO opportunities by the crew will also preempt this schedule for short periods of time. "But remember that if you hear these," he said, "you still qualify for a commemorative certificate. Enjoy the ARISS ops on ISS!"
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4728. Snowfall Net Sunday Dec 21 6:00 PM Local

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Date: 2008-12-20 00:52:28 UTC
From: Jeffs lists
Topic: 4728 Message: 4728

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Report snow depth to the nearest whole inch, rounding up when one-half inch increments are reached (example 0.4 inches gets reported as a trace (T), 3.5 inches gets reported as 4 inches). Frequently, in hilly or mountainous terrain, you will be faced with the situation where no snow is observed on south-facing slopes while snow, possibly deep, remains in shaded or north-facing areas. Under these circumstances, you should use good judgment to visually average and then measure snow depths in exposed areas within several hundred yards surrounding the weather

station. For example, if half the exposed ground is bare and half is covered with six inches of snow, the snow depth should be entered as the average of the two readings, or three inches. When in your judgment, less than 50% of the exposed ground is covered by snow, even though the covered areas have a significant depth, the snow depth should be recorded as a trace (T). When no snow or ice is on the ground in exposed areas (snow may be present in surrounding forested or otherwise protected areas), record a "0".

When strong winds have blown the snow, take several measurements where the snow was least affected by drifting and average them. If most exposed areas are either blown free of snow while others have drifts, again try to combine visual averaging with measurements to make your estimate.

2. Measuring the water equivalent of snowfall since the previous day's observation. This measurement is taken once-a-day at your specified time of observation. Melt the contents of your gauge (by bringing it inside your home or adding a measured amount of warm water) and then pour the liquid

into the funnel and smaller inner measuring tube and measure the amount to the nearest .01 inch (use NWS provided measuring stick) just as you use for measuring rainfall. Do not measure the melted precipitation directly in the large 8-inch outer cylinder. Make sure the inner measuring tube can't fall over when pouring the liquid back into it. If the melted water equivalent (including any added warm water) exceeds two inches and cannot fit into the measuring tube all at one time, then empty the full measuring tube and pour the remaining liquid from the large 8-inch outer cylinder into the emptied measuring tube. Then, add and record the water equivalent of the multiple measurements.

If you added warm water to the gauge to melt the snow, make sure you accurately measure the amount of warm water added before pouring it into the gauge. Then, when you take your liquid measurement, subtract the amount of warm water added from the total liquid measurement to get your final liquid water equivalent of the snowfall.

As winds increase, gauges collect less and less of the precipitation that actually falls. Generally speaking, the stronger the wind and the drier the snow, the less is captured in the gauge. If you notice that less snow is in the gauge than accumulated on the ground, you should first empty any existing snow from inside the 8-inch cylinder, then use it to take a snow sample, sometimes referred to as "take a core" or "cut a biscuit" from your snow board with the 8-inch overflow can. Melt the biscuit of snow, pour the liquid into the small measuring tube to measure the water equivalent.

4729. : [HARC] Winter General Class classes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-20 02:10:46 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 4729 Message: 4729

The Ken Groom, ZR5AAD Technical/Training Center will be warm on Monday nights this Winter. We have enough students signed up for the General licensing class to warrant heating the house. We do have room for more if anyone wants to share the learning experience.

The class begins January 5 at a little after 7:00 pm. The fee is $20 and $20 for the book if you need it. Let me know if you wish to be added to the list and need a book. Besides heat, coffee and cookies are always available too.

Now, if you want a real learning experience just read on:

If there is enough interest, I will start a new beginner code class in January. My classes are fun and you WILL learn the code in a simple format. This
is a no-pressure class and we know how to make it fun. I have NEVER had a failure in all the years I have taught morse code, as long as the basic criteria
of the class is followed. The class will require a class meeting once a week and at least an hour a day practice.
Ask anyone who has attended my classes, and you will get a testimony of how easy it is to learn the code
There is NO charge for these classes.
If you can't learn the code in my classes - the full cost will be refunded....!!!!

Contact Chuck, W8GCW or
Ed, KF8EV at:
616-772-4811
kf8ev@... <mailto:kf8ev%40arrl.net>

Both classes will be held on Monday nights.

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4730. Something to do on a snowy Sunday...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-21 16:30:36 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 4730 Message: 4730

I assume many of you are just taking it easy today. I was going through some of my bookmarks, and I would like to pass on some links that are to the Air Force Space Radar. If you have never heard of this, take some time to see what good some of your tax money does. How about a transmitter on 216 megs, with over 6 Billion watts ERP? Pointed straight up. Any satellite over the earth that is not in a geo-synchronous orbit has to fly over this site. By listening to the Doppler signal the Air Force keeps track of the satellites.

Links:

http://www.k4gfg.us/navspasur/index.html

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naval_Space_Surveillance_System

http://spaceweather.com/

Real Time Audio monitoring at:
http://wowzaweb.streamguys.com/~spaceweather/

And Google up navspasur

I'm seriously thinking of buying a 220 MHz receive converter next spring and listening to this thing.

Have fun in the snow !

tom k8tb

4731. Re: Snowfall Net Sunday Dec 21 6:00 PM Local

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-21 18:23:59 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4728 Message: 4731

Howdy Jeff
The 800 number is 1-800-647-3836 for the NWS GRR office.
I have called in numerous reports that I have taken here and that I have picked up on various traffic nets.

Please, as Jeff asks, send in the reports. The NWS really does need and use them.

Best Regards,
Rich "Doc" AC8AL
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4732. RE: SPAMWARNING [WestMichiganHams] Re: Snowfall Net Sunday Dec 21 6:00 PM Local

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-21 18:34:23 UTC
From: Zach Lassiter
Topic: 4728 Message: 4732

There's a reason they don't put that number on their website..... it's a private number that they don't want untrained people calling.

Putting it out in public like this is just plain stupid, idiotic and CB operator behavior.

Thanks,

Zachary Lassiter

http://www.thezach.net <http://www.thezach.net/>

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From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of ravennaelectronics
Sent: Sunday, December 21, 2008 1:24 PM
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4733. Re: SPAMWARNING [WestMichiganHams] Re: Snowfall Net Sunday Dec 21 6:00 PM Local

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-21 18:47:22 UTC
From: stapeljb79@aol.com
Topic: 4728 Message: 4733

Could somebody please excuse Zach from this group. I would very much appreciate it.

Jeff Stapel
W8SWX

In a message dated 12/21/2008 1:34:46 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, zach@... writes:

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Thanks,
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Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-21 18:47:25 UTC
From: Jeffs lists
Topic: 4728 Message: 4734

Tnx doc, I'll make a point to post it on the local ham forums, craigslist
and put it out on the Diesel Digit while I'm driving my Big Mack around
over the next week or 2!

Catch ya on the flip-flop

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Date: 2008-12-22 01:32:27 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4728 Message: 4737

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> > precipitation.
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> > other indicator so they can be found after a new snowfall. They
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> > located in the vicinity of your station in an open location (not
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> > trees, obstructions, or on the north side of structures in the
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> > . Check your gauge to make sure there are no leaks. If there are
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> > 3. Measure and record the water equivalent of snowfall since the
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> > once-a-day (but can be taken up to four times a day, see note
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> > 2.2, and 1.5 inches. The snow from each event melts off before
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> next
> > accumulation and no snow is on the ground at your scheduled time
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> > exposed ground at a permanently-mounted snow stake or by taking
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> > of several depth readings at or near the normal point of
> observation with a
> > measuring stick. When using a measuring stick, make sure the
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> is pushed
> > vertically into the snow until the bottom of the stick rests on
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> ground.
> > Do not mistake an ice layer or crusted snow as "ground". The
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> > should reflect the average depth of snow, ice pellets, and glaze
> ice on the
> > ground at your usual measurement site (not disturbed by human
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> > Measurements from rooftops, paved areas, and the like should not
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> > Note: Even though the depth of hail (usually associated with
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> > Report snow depth to the nearest whole inch, rounding up when one-
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> > terrain, you will be faced with the situation where no snow is
> observed on
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> > north-facing areas. Under these circumstances, you should use
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> judgment
> > to visually average and then measure snow depths in exposed areas
> within
> > several hundred yards surrounding the weather
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> > station. For example, if half the exposed ground is bare and half
> is covered
> > with six inches of snow, the snow depth should be entered as the
> average of
> > the two readings, or three inches. When in your judgment, less
than
> 50% of
> > the exposed ground is covered by snow, even though the covered
> areas have a
> > significant depth, the snow depth should be recorded as a trace
> (T). When no
> > snow or ice is on the ground in exposed areas (snow may be
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> in
> > surrounding forested or otherwise protected areas), record a "0".
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> > When strong winds have blown the snow, take several measurements
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> > are either blown free of snow while others have drifts, again try
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> > 2. Measuring the water equivalent of snowfall since the previous
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> > into the funnel and smaller inner measuring tube and measure the
> amount to
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> > measuring rainfall. Do not measure the melted precipitation
> directly in the
> > large 8-inch outer cylinder. Make sure the inner measuring tube
> can't fall
> > over when pouring the liquid back into it. If the melted water
> equivalent
> > (including any added warm water) exceeds two inches and cannot
fit
> into the
> > measuring tube all at one time, then empty the full measuring
tube
> and pour
> > the remaining liquid from the large 8-inch outer cylinder into
the
> emptied
> > measuring tube. Then, add and record the water equivalent of the
> multiple
> > measurements.
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> > If you added warm water to the gauge to melt the snow, make sure
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> > accurately measure the amount of warm water added before pouring
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> into the
> > gauge. Then, when you take your liquid measurement, subtract the
> amount of
> > warm water added from the total liquid measurement to get your
> final liquid
> > water equivalent of the snowfall.
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> > As winds increase, gauges collect less and less of the
> precipitation that
> > actually falls. Generally speaking, the stronger the wind and the
> drier the
> > snow, the less is captured in the gauge. If you notice that less
> snow is in
> > the gauge than accumulated on the ground, you should first empty
any

> > existing snow from inside the 8-inch cylinder, then use it to
take
> a snow
> > sample, sometimes referred to as "take a core" or "cut a biscuit"
> from your
> > snow board with the 8-inch overflow can. Melt the biscuit of
snow,
> pour the
> > liquid into the small measuring tube to measure the water
> equivalent.
> >
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4738. SPAMWARNING [WestMichiganHams] Re: Snowfall Net Sunday Dec 21 6:00 PM Local

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-22 01:37:37 UTC
From: ravennaelectronics
Topic: 4728 Message: 4738

Please put your call sign after your name when you post. You earned
that license so be proud of it! You have accomplished something that
many have tried and failed at.

Have a good day Zach, KC8OFR

From
Rich "Doc" AC8AL

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "Zach Lassiter" <zach@...>
wrote:
>
> There's a reason they don't put that number on their website.....
it's a
> private number that they don't want untrained people calling.
>
>
>
> Putting it out in public like this is just plain stupid, idiotic
and CB
> operator behavior.
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>
> Thanks,
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>
>
> Zachary Lassiter
>
> http://www.thezach.net <http://www.thezach.net/>
>
> zach@...
>
>
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> From: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> [mailto:WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of
> ravennaelectronics
> Sent: Sunday, December 21, 2008 1:24 PM
> To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> Subject: SPAMWARNING [WestMichiganHams] Re: Snowfall Net Sunday Dec
21
> 6:00 PM Local

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>
>
> Howdy Jeff
> The 800 number is 1-800-[PRIVATE NUMBER] for the NWS GRR office.
> I have called in numerous reports that I have taken here and that I
> have picked up on various traffic nets.
>
> Please, as Jeff asks, send in the reports. The NWS really does need
> and use them.
>
> Best Regards,
> Rich "Doc" AC8AL
> --- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
> <mailto:WestMichiganHams%40yahoogroups.com> , "Jeffs lists"
<lists@>
> wrote:
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> >
> >
> > So everyone.. Pass the word. Snowfall Net on 145.27/r Sunday Dec
> 21 6:00
> > PM. Lets give the NWS a bunch of solid reports of what this storm
> does to
> > the area.
> >
> > If for some reason you cannot make it. Call the 800#. (which I
> can't seem to
> > find right now)
> >
> > How to measure snow from
> > <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/grr/coop/howto/measuresnow/>
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> > How to Measure Snow
> >
> > The following procedures were developed from previous National
> Weather
> > Service procedures and input from a broad array of expertise from
> > climatologists, snow specialists, weather observers, and data
> users. Some of
> > the materials have been extracted from "The Snow Booklet" by
Nolan
> J.
> > Doesken and Arthur Judson, CSU, 1996).
> >
> > It is essential for all observers to understand the importance of
> taking
> > standard measurements in the prescribed consistent manner.
> Inconsistent

> > observing and reporting methods result in incompatible data which
> can result
> > in profoundly incorrect differences between stations and
observers.
> >
> > Each season before the first snows come: Review these
instructions
> for
> > measuring snow. It is easy to forget what needs to be measured,
> especially
> > in those parts of the country where snow falls infrequently.
> >
> > . At the beginning of each snowfall/freezing season, remove the
> funnel and
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4739. Sn*wfall net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-22 19:43:53 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4739 Message: 4739

I didn't check into the sn*wfall nets, but should I have done so?

I didn't check in because I didn't have a way of converting the depth of sn*w to the amount of water. Yes, I could have "guessed" and used "approximately 10" of sn*w equals 1" of water" but I figured that fudged data wouldn't really be of use.

The next time it was so windy that the sn*w varied from almost zero to >12" in drifts. How does one get an accurate reading if the sn*w depth is so variable? There was no place in the >2 acres of front lawn where there weren't either drifts, or it was obvious that the wind had moved much of the sn*w. And, again I didn't have a way to determine the amount of water in the sn*w.

Advice, please

73 de n8xx Hg

4740. Snow Fall Net 6:00 PM Monday Night

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-22 21:20:32 UTC
From: Jeffs lists
Topic: 4740 Message: 4740

We will hold a snowfall net this week Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We will not send email notifications of these nets out every day though.

We will be on the Lowell Repeater 145.27/r.

At this point anytime were in a warning situation or the day after a warning situation we'll do our best to have a net going. If you're interested in helping as an NCS with this please contact Joe WD8USA on the 5.27 or email him at wd8usa@... and he can help answer NCS questions.

Would be nice if we could "rotate" the NCS duties around R5 & R6.

Jeff Nawrot- N8JSN

Region 6 Assistant EC

jnawrot@...

4741. Prelim Announcement, 2009 Michigan QSO Party, April 18

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-22 23:12:11 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4741 Message: 4741

Preliminary announcement of the 2009 Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club, from 1600Z,Saturday April 18 until 0400Z, Sunday, April 19. (That's Noon to midnight, Saturday, April 18, Local time) Stations may operate the full 12 hours. Phone and CW on 80/40/20/15/10 meters. Single-op, multi-op, and mobile categories. Work stations once per band and mode. MI-to-MI QSOs allowed. Work portables and mobiles again as they change county, state or province. Exchange QSO number and location (county for MI stations, state/province or "DX" for others). Suggested frequencies: CW-3545, 7045, 14045, 21045, 28045; Phone-3825, 7200, 14250, 21300, 28450. One point per phone QSO, two points per CW QSO. Count multipliers once per mode. Multipliers are MI counties for all entries, plus states & provinces for MI entries only. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers. Mail logs no later than 30 days after the contest to: Mad River Radio Club, c/o Dave Pruett, 2727 Harris Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or via e-mail to logs@.... For full rules, along with free logging software, log and summary sheets, see http://www.miqp.org

Note that the web site doesn't have the 2009 info, but it should be revised in early 2009.

72/73 de n8xx Hg

4742. Re: [WestMichiganHams] Sn*wfall net

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-23 02:59:01 UTC
From: wd8usa@aol.com
Topic: 4739 Message: 4742

Just take a reading from several different locations? where it is?less prone to drifting and average it out to a general reading- You do not have to give water equivelants- Just a storm event total and the total inches on the ground- DE WD8USA?? ...-.-

-----Original Message-----
From: Hank Greeb <n8xx@...>
To: WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, 22 Dec 2008 2:43 pm
Subject: [WestMichiganHams] Sn*wfall net

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Advice, please

73 de n8xx Hg

4743. [WestMichiganHams] Re: Snowfall Net Sunday Dec 21 6:00 PM Local

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-23 22:00:48 UTC
From: kc8hxo
Topic: 4728 Message: 4743

Maybe we coud even trim the un-needed text from our posts.? (those of us who receive it as a "digest" form, and especially those on dial-up would greatly appreciate it! (see below for an example).

Thanks!
Greg, KC8HXO

--- In WestMichiganHams@yahoogroups.com, "ravennaelectronics" <ravennaelectronics@...> wrote:
>
> Please put your call sign after your name when you post. You earned
> that license so be proud of it! You have accomplished something that
> many have tried and failed at.
>
> Have a good day Zach, KC8OFR
>
> From
> Rich "Doc" AC8AL
>----------SNIPPED----------

4744. New Year's Eve, Feb New Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-23 23:59:26 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 4744 Message: 4744

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NEW HAMS DINNER! All Hams, keep open Saturday, February 21, for the annual New Hams Dinner. This is a traditional Get out of the Cabin gathering to have a good time, and make a special welcome to those who have acquired a ham ticket in the past year, and hams that have moved into the area. For those hams, dinner is on us. Dinner is at Fire Mountain Buffet, 3725 Alpine Ave NW (Hwy M-37), Comstock Park, MI 49321. Map: http://tinyurl.com/6ulo2d There is a back entrance off 4 Mile Rd just west of Alpine Ave. In order to avoid the Saturday night crowd, dinner will be at 2PM to 3:30, so skip lunch and come hungry. Cost is $14.50 which includes meal, drink, and gratuity.

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73 Jack NY8D

4745. For those with zoning problemmes

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-25 18:13:04 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4745 Message: 4745

Next time you see your friendly, or not so friendly zoning
administrator, here's a web site to cite:

http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/services/amateur.html

It puts the FCC's imprimatur on ARES, RACES, SKYWARN, HEART, and NTS,
with links to additional URLs.

It might be a nice summary article to include in any application for a
zoning permit. I would urge any applicant to join one of those
organizations, because supporting public service is a good thing, and,
subsequently, I would consider using this web page to show that such
public service is federally recognized.

72/73 es Merry Christmas and Hapy Gnu Yaer de n8xx Hg

4746. CQ VHF Fall 2008 Editorial Reviews ARRL/TAPR DCC in Chicago

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-29 00:20:55 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4746 Message: 4746
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

CQ VHF Fall 2008 Line of Sight Editorial Reviews ARRL/TAPR DCC in Chicago

http://www.cq-vhf.com/Editorial%20Fall08.pdf

4747. SW Ohio Digital Symposium, January 10, 2009

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-29 01:12:47 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4747 Message: 4747

Southwest Ohio Digital Symposium, January 10, 2009

http://www.swohdigi.org/

4748. New Year's Eve, Friday GRARA meeting, New Hams Dinner

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-29 19:16:49 UTC
From: Jack Amelar
Topic: 4748 Message: 4748

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (GRARA) January meeting is this Friday, January 2. 6:30PM gathering, 7PM meeting, American Red Cross Building, Fuller Ave north of the I-196 expressway. Alol are welcome http://www.w8dc.org 147.26-(94.8Hz)

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4749. GRARA Friday, January 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-30 04:28:01 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4749 Message: 4749

Come one, come all, to the next meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association, Friday, January 2, 2009. We will start gather at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Besides the usual hum-drum, boring stuff of a meeting, we will have an exciting discussion of the ARRL RTTY Roundup, which starts the next day (Saturday) at 1 p.m., and runs through 7 p.m. Sunday. We plan to activate W8DC for that event!

And, even more exciting, Mike, W8DER, is bringing his state of the art FLEX-5000 rig for "show and tell." This rig is essentially a front end and final amplifier, with all the signals generated at baseband via an on board computer. For ARRL members, there's a nice writeup of the Flex-5000 in the July 2008 issue of QST.

After the meeting, there will be ham sandwiches, sodas.

Come on out for an interesting, educational, and entertaining evening!

4750. GRARA Friday, January 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-30 04:29:56 UTC
From: Hank Greeb
Topic: 4749 Message: 4750

I forgot to post the location of the GRARA meeting:

American Red Cross Building,
1050 Fuller Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(1/2 Block South of Leonard on Fuller NE

4751. Re: [WestMichiganHams] GRARA Friday, January 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-30 18:49:58 UTC
From: Richards
Topic: 4749 Message: 4751

"ham" sandwiches...? How could you...?

Are you cannibals...? :-)

========== Richards -K8JHR ==========

Hank Greeb wrote:

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4752. ARRL RTTY (Digital Modes) Round-Up Rules, January 3 1800 Z - Sunday, January 4 2400 UTC

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-31 01:23:01 UTC
From: Mark Thompson
Topic: 4752 Message: 4752

http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2009/rtty.html
2009 ARRL RTTY Round-Up Rules
General Rules
1. Object: Amateurs worldwide contact and exchange QSO information with other amateurs using digital modes (Baudot RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR, PSK31, and Packet—attended operation only) on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. Any station may work any other station. Stations may be worked once per band, regardless of mode.
2. Date and Contest Period: First full weekend of January, but never on January 1. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 2400 UTC Sunday (January 3-4, 2009).
1. 2.1. Operate no more than 24 hours.
2. 2.2. The six hours of off time must be taken in no more than two blocks.
3. Entry Categories:
1. 3.1. Single Operator:
1. 3.1.1. Low Power.
2. 3.1.2. High Power.
2. 3.2. Multioperator, Single Transmitter:
1. 3.2.1 Power.
1. 3.2.1.1. Low Power
2. 3.2.1.2. High Power
2. 3.2.2. Stations are allowed only one transmitted signal at any given time.
3. 3.2.3. Includes those single operators that use any form of spotting assistance such as from nets or packet.
4. 3.2.4. Includes those that receive assistance with logging or relief operators, etc.
5. 3.2.5. Limited to 6 band changes (maximum) in any clock hour.
6. 3.2.6. The clock hour is from zero through 59 minutes.
7. 3.2.7. Band changes are defined so that, for example, a change from 20 meters 15 meters and then back to 20 meters constitutes two band changes.
4. Exchange:
1. 4.1. United States: Signal report and State.
2. 4.2. Canada: Signal report and Province.
3. 4.3. DX: Signal report and consecutive serial number, starting with 001.
5. Scoring:
1. 5.1. QSO Points: Count one point for each completed QSO.
2. 5.2. Multipliers: Each US state (except KH6 and KL7) plus the District of Columbia (DC), Canadian provinces/territories: NB (VE1, 9), NS (VE1), QC (VE2), ON (VE3), MB (VE4), SK (VE5), AB (VE6), BC (VE7), NWT (VE8), NF (VO1), LB (VO2), NU (VYØ), YT (VY1), PEI (VY2) and each DXCC country. KH6 and KL7 count only as separate DXCC entities.
1. 5.2.1. Count only once (not once per band).
2. 5.2.2. The US and Canada do not count as DXCC entities.
6. Reporting:
1. 6.1. All entries are must be postmarked or emailed by 2359 UTC Monday, February 2, 2009.
2. 6.2. Entries in electronic format may be submitted to RTTYRU@... or submitted on 3.5” diskette to RTTY Round-Up, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.
3. 6.3. All logs that are created electronically are required to submit their electronic

log file in Cabrillo file format. A print out of an electronically generated log is not an acceptable substitute. A hand-written log that is later entered into a logging or other electronic program is considered an electronically generated log and must meet electronic file requirements.
4. 6.4. The Cabrillo entries include the header and the complete QSO list.
5. 6.5. Submissions may be made using the web applet at www.b4h.net/cabforms
6. 6.6. Hand-logged entries may be submitted to RTTY Round-Up, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.
7. Miscellaneous:
1. 7.1. Packet radio contacts made through digipeaters or gateways are not permitted.
2. 7.2. All ARRL Contest rules and forms may be downloaded from the ARRL Contest web page at: http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms or obtained from the Contest Branch by sending an SASE with 2 units of postage.
3. 7.3. For contest information contact contests@... or (860) 594-0232
8. Awards:
1. 8.1 Certificates will be awarded to:
1. 8.1.1. Top high power and low power Single Operator and Multioperator scorers in each ARRL/RAC Section.
2. 8.1.2. Top high power and low power Single Operator and Multioperator scorers in each DXCC country (other than W/VE).
2. 8.2. Plaques, if sponsored, will be awarded to the top scoring low and high power entrant in each category overall, each ARRL Division, and Canada.
1. 8.2.1. Unsponsored plaques may be purchased from the ARRL.
9. Other: See “General Rules for All ARRL Contests” and “General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands below 30 MHz (HF)” November 2001 QST.

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4753. The times, they're a changing, and frequency also...

Yahoo group: WestMichiganHams (2006 — 2008)
Date: 2008-12-31 16:13:24 UTC
From: K8TB
Topic: 4753 Message: 4753

Interesting note:

"After seventy years of broadcasting Canada's official time,
NRC's shortwave station CHU will move the transmission frequency
for the 7335 kHz transmitter to 7850 kHz.
The change goes into effect on 01 January 2009 at 00:00 UTC.

Link at http://inms-ienm.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/main_e.html

We also have a leap second right then..

tom K8TB